

**Ms Ann Ryan,
Head of Programme, Children's Services,
Health and Information and Quality Authority,
Head Office: Unit 1301,
City Gate,
Mahon,
Co. Cork**

9th March 2020

RE: Voluntary Consent for Admission to Care.

Dear Ms Ryan,

Further to your correspondence of 20th February regarding issues around Voluntary Consent for the placement of children in care, I can confirm the all areas have now carried out their reviews and as of today the majority of cases identified as requiring action are up to date and in compliance with the guidelines.

Given the variations from area to area, remedial actions to bring cases into compliance with the recommendations were put into action plans, where necessary, on an individual area basis rather than nationally. We would of course be happy to compile a national summary of the numbers reviewed and requiring action at the time of review should you require. In terms of outstanding actions arising from Area action plans, a number of areas are still in the process of updating Voluntary Consent Agreements (VCAs) with the remainder now compliant with the guidance. The following represents a summary broken down by Area of actions outstanding as of today.

Region	Area	Outstanding Cases requiring update	Action Plan in Place/ Description	Target Completion Date
West	Sligo/Leitrim	3	Yes - Actively pursuing updated VCAs	TBC
West	Galway/Roscommon	61	Yes - All outstanding VCA to be renewed and VC Orders reviewed by PSW & TLs	End Q2
South	Cork	21 (inc 6 Respite cases)	Yes – Actively pursuing updated VCAs	TBC
South	CKST	1	[REDACTED]	TBC
South	Waterford Wexford	32 (inc 25 Respite cases)	Yes – Actively pursuing updated VCAs	End April 2020



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Should you require any further information or assurances please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jim Gibson'.

Jim Gibson,
Chief Operations Officer
Tusla – *Child & Family Agency*