

Better Care, Better Services

STANDARDS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN PROTECTION AND CARE

- Standard 1** **Assessing the wellbeing of the child¹**
The Department for Child Protection has a process of clarifying information to determine if a child or young person's wellbeing needs to be safeguarded or promoted.
- Standard 2** **Protection and safety of children and young people**
The Department for Child Protection investigates issues of concern relating to the protection and safety of children and young people and takes protective action where required.
- Standard 3** **Safety for children and young people in care**
Children and young people have safe relationships and living arrangements.
- Standard 4** **Responding to the needs of children, young people and families**
Services effectively respond to the needs of the children and young people in their care.
- Standard 5** **Planning with children, young people, their families and carers**
Children, young people and families participate in the planning and decision-making for matters that impact on their lives and future.
- Standard 6** **Children and young people in placement**
Children and young people are raised in stable and secure environments where their social, emotional, psychological and developmental needs are met.
- Standard 7** **Accountability and governance**
Services are diligent and accountable.
- Standard 8** **Carers and staff recruitment, training, assessment and support**
Children and young people receive a quality service delivered by well trained and supported carers and staff.
- Standard 9** **Complaints and disputes**
Children, young people and families are free to raise and have resolved any complaints or disputes with regard to the service provider.

¹ Standards 1 and 2 apply exclusively to the protection and safety functions of the Department for Child Protection.