

ANNUAL
REPORT

2019



CiNI
Children in Northern Ireland

VISION

Children in Northern Ireland's vision is to make Northern Ireland a society where all **children** are **valued**, are treated **fairly** and are able to **flourish**.

MISSION

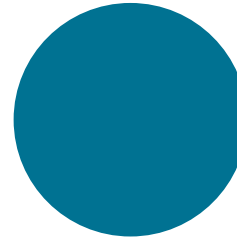
To put

children

at the centre of

policy

making in
Northern Ireland.



We will achieve our **vision** and **mission** through our



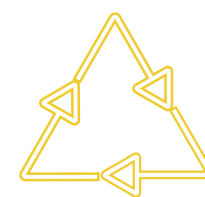
Influencing



Learning



Collaboration



Sustainability



Effectiveness

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Chair & CEO Report

As a multitude of issues crowd our organisations and our nation, finding common ground can seem almost impossible. It can be so easy to miss the voices of those who need our help.

Yet our experience over this past year has reminded us once again that listening to the voices of children, young people and parents can be the dynamic act that sparks change.

It's values that will unite us. Ensuring that all children are able to flourish and that parents receive the support in their parenting journey, is just a few of our values.

This year we heard directly from children, young people and parents about how high the stakes are for all of us when we fail to provide the support needed. Our holiday hunger projects are needed more than ever and the repercussions of childhood hunger are profound and long-lasting for both children and their parents. It is for all of us to convince elected politicians to make legislative changes without further delay.

Of course, change is happening, albeit slower than we would hope. With your help, we can all unite around our single, bold vision where Northern Ireland is a society where all children are valued, are treated fairly and are able to flourish.

What's next? Over the next 12 months we will continue to invest in working in partnership with everyone who wants to improve outcomes for children, young people and their families. We are following this path wherever it takes us and creating ways to ensure help is there for children, young people and parents whenever they need it. Together with our partners we want to see a dramatic acceleration of our impact.

Thank you so much for lending your voice and your support to us during the year and making life better for all children, young people and their parents. We have accomplished so much together over the past year and we are thrilled to share some of those highlights with you in this report. Thank you for your support.



Marie Cavanagh
Chair



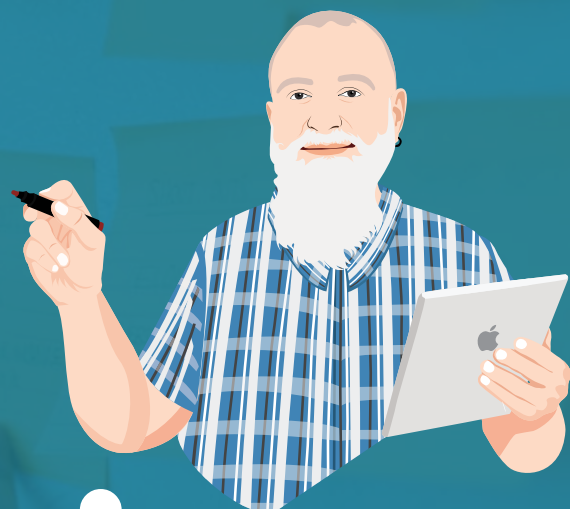
Pauline Leeson
Chief Executive

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Child Protection Level 2

📅 09/05/2018

"Felt the training had a lot of personal knowledge and experience which was refreshingly useful."



Learning and Development

WORKSHOPS

261

TOTAL TRAINED

4,447

We support the development of a strong professional community of practice across the voluntary and community sector to work effectively with children and young people.

This year we have delivered 261 workshops and trained a total of 4,447 professionals.

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Child Protection Level 1

📅 18/04/18

"The training was amazing, Ciarán was great at explaining everything. I will definitely be booking onto more training."



Supervision for Supervisors (2 Day)

📅 19/10/2018

"Easily the best supervision training I've had, I particularly enjoyed the conversations between participants and tutor, really helped with the learning. Also learning about individuals and myself has made me look at supervision totally differently."

Child Protection Level 2

📅 25/06/2018

"Facilitator of course very good, engaged with questions and discussion very well."

Child Protection Level 1

📅 05/09/2018

"Very very good training and trainer! Glad I came." "Excellent, interactive training!"

Therapeutic Crisis Intervention

📅 06/11/2018

"Brilliant course and useful in my workplace. Love all the real life examples given."

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Child Protection Level 1

📅 15/05/2019

"Great course. Facilitator delivered the course so that it was easy to follow and understand".



Therapeutic Crisis Intervention

📅 06/11/2018

"My practice will definitely be improved by my participation in this course. I've been given more ideas and structure for dealing with challenging behaviours and crisis situations."

Child Protection Refresher

📅 16/11/2018

"Today was extremely valuable as it revisited a lot of areas I have understood before but gave me a renewed sense of their importance. I enjoyed the interactive style of this session and gave me some points to improve my current work practise."

Supervision for Supervisors (2 Day)

📅 19/10/2018

"As always Ciaran Traynor training is excellent. Clearly a lot of knowledge, experience and expertise. Delivered in a professional yet fun and dynamic way. Im feeling enthused to implement the learning! Thank you."

Child Protection Level 2

📅 11/06/2018

"Excellent Trainer and venue."

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Child Protection Refresher

📅 16/11/18

"It was surprise to attend a refresher child protection course and find it so informative and engaging . It was great!"

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ACES, CiNI

📅 12/12/18

"I really enjoyed the training, it was very informative and useful"
"Excellent training, well presented and engaging."

Designated Officer

📅 26/03/2018

"Ciaran was an excellent course co-ordinator. He really brought the fun factor & made it really interesting. Didn't feel bored once! Was engaged & interested all day."

📅 08/03/2019

"Excellent and engaging delivery."



Quotes about Associates



CATHERINE BAXTER

Child Protection Level 2

📅 26/02/2019

"Catherine was a very good trainer, clear, concise with great knowledge and experience to support training, thanks."

Supervision

📅 21/02/2019 BCM

"Many thanks to Karen, a very knowledgeable and interactive trainer."



KAREN McELHILL

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MUSTAPHA BEN HASSINE

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Child Protection Level 2

📅 05/02/2019

"Great training, Mustapha was extremely knowledgeable and really helped develop learning and understanding."



JOHN HUNSDALE

Management Committee Child Protection

📅 10/10/18 CiNI

"Thank you, I didn't expect to learn from this, but it was excellent, and your delivery & compassion really made an impact."



LORRAINE THOMPSON

Supervision

📅 09/11/18 BCP The Bytes Project

"I found the facilitator excellent and I really enjoyed the training."



JOHN O'GRADY

WRAP

25/05/2018

"I loved the training, John us highly skilled and an amazing communicator adapting the learning to make it relevant to each one of us. The craic was good and I felt very comfortable and empowered to discuss and ask questions."



FGM – A Child Protection Issue

22/01/2019

"Very Informative and important session, thanks."



DAWN RICHARDSON



Think Family

We were delighted to receive funding from the Health and Social Care Board to implement the Family Model within the community and voluntary sector.

The Family Model provides clinicians and managers with a brief, accessible and practical approach that supports collaborative ways of working with individuals and their families in which one or more members experience mental illness, including parents with substance use problems.

We started with a Training of Trainers programme which culminated in an event over two days on 3rd and 4th September 2018 in Belfast. The training of trainers course involved 25 participants representing 13 organisations.

During the 8-month period we have engaged with and trained 152 staff from right across the community and voluntary sector.



FEEDBACK

"Really interesting and relevant topic and helps practitioners have courage to raise awareness and approach such a sensitive topic."



A new way of looking at an existing issue and new ideas."



Very beneficial and simple model to use."



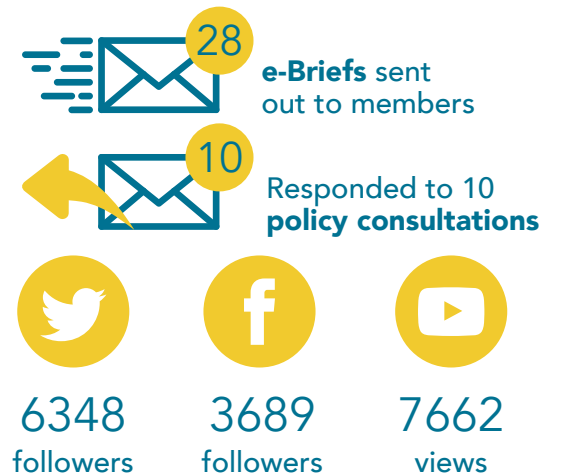
Influencing and Collaboration

We engage in advocacy and policy initiatives to ensure that children and parents are at the heart of policy making.

ENGAGEMENT & COLLABORATION WITH:

- » Joint Forum
- » Department of Health
- » Department of Justice
- » Children & Young People's Strategic Partnership
- » All Party Group on Children and Young People
- » Children's Future Food Inquiry
- » Westminster
- » Safeguarding Board Northern Ireland
- » Education Authority
- » All Political Parties
- » Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission

CHILD POLICY INFORMATION SERVICE



Research

Children in Northern Ireland carried out research with parents to find out how long their children are spending using screens and what their biggest concerns were around screen time.

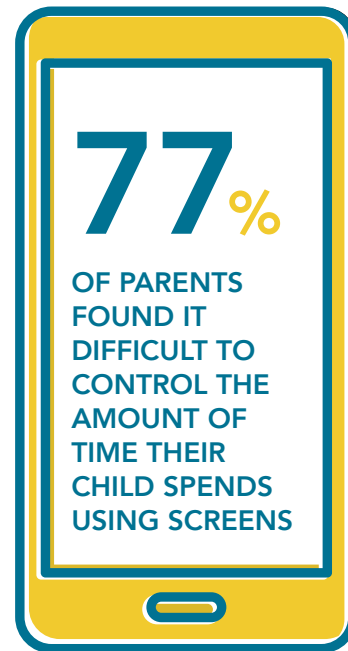
The report, **Virtual Lives**, found that 63% of parents had a concern regarding their child's screen use. 77% said they would like their children to spend a little less or a lot less using screens, while 82% said they would like more guidance on the issue.

The research also revealed that children are spending on average 11 to 34 hours per week using screens.

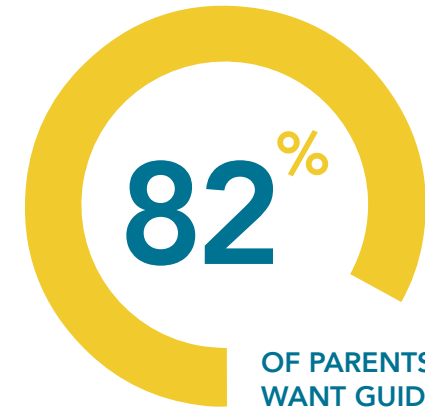
77% of parents found it difficult to control the amount of screen time with parents worrying about the negative impact upon their child's health, well-being and social interaction.

There is a difference in types of screens being used by boys and girls. Girls are more likely to use smart phones and tablets, with boys more likely to use games consoles.

The survey of 112 parents which gave data for 186 children aged 4 to 15 years old showed that 82% of parents wanted guidance to be issued to help them make informed decisions regarding their child's use of screens.



11-34
HOURS PER WEEK USING SCREENS



OF PARENTS WANT GUIDANCE ON HOW MUCH SCREEN TIME IS ACCEPTABLE FOR THEIR CHILD



The report can be downloaded from here:
www.ci-ni.org.uk/virtual-lives



Holiday Hunger

Our mission:

No child should go hungry during school holidays in Northern Ireland.

Our campaign:

To end Holiday Hunger in Northern Ireland by ensuring all children and young people get the healthy food they need and deserve every single day of the year.

Our impact:

Thanks to this work and our community partners, fewer children faced hunger during school holidays this year. Our focus is on more than just providing food but also by providing physical activities and education during school holidays. We are building a sustainable solution to ensure children are empowered, for generations to come. That means families on low income know where to find help for their children during school holidays; and families have the support they need during these stressful times.



864
Attendees



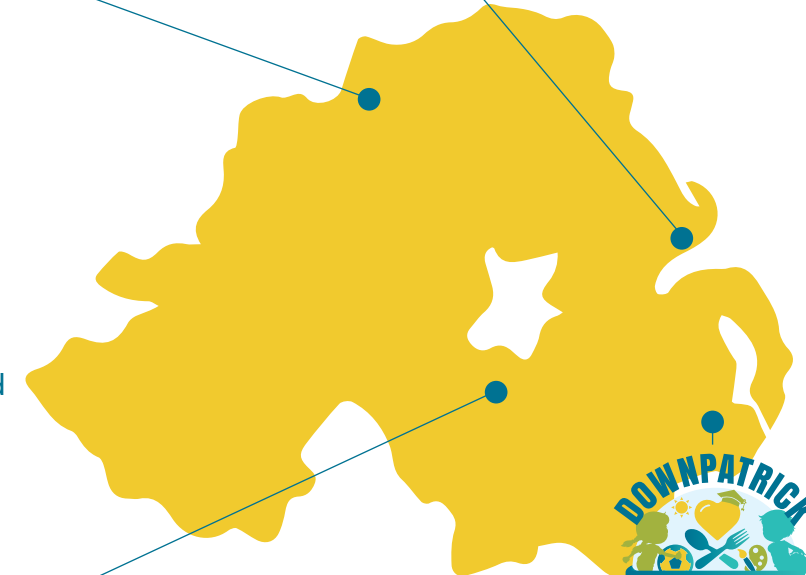
2574
Meals served



1445
Attendees



1445
Meals served



864
Attendees



2574
Meals served



3594
Attendees



3594
Meals served



What the parents said:

It makes my children **happy**.
The contact with other children.
They learn new games.

It provides activities, food (healthy eating) and few hours of fun
away from screens.

Greatly it helps my children to interact and builds up their **confidence**, plus it gives me quality time with my other daughter at home.

Takes the **pressure off** finding money for food and activities.



Children's Future Food Inquiry



The power of the voice of children, young people and their parents cannot be underestimated. That is why Children in Northern Ireland were delighted to be part of the Children's Future Food Inquiry.

Young Food Ambassadors – including two from Portadown – helped develop the Inquiry's final report and the **#Right2Food Charter**, which calls for a new, independent Children's Food Watchdog to lead the charge on tackling children's food insecurity in the UK.

One in three (4.1 million) children live

in poverty in the UK, with an estimated 2.5 million living in food insecure households.

The Children's Future Food Inquiry is the first attempt to directly and systematically seek the views of children and young people living in poverty across the UK.

The #Right2Food Charter included in the report presents the Inquiry's young 'Food Ambassadors' (aged between 10 and 18 years) own recommendations for loosening the grip of food poverty on children in the UK and improving their access to enough nutritious food.

The Charter can be downloaded here:

<https://foodfoundation.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Right2Food-Charter.pdf>

The full report can be downloaded here: <https://foodfoundation.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Childrens-Future-Food-Inquiry-report.pdf>

What the children said:

We liked lunch because we all **ate together** with our friends.



I **learnt a lot** in Mini Medics. I want to be a doctor.

Art was **fun** & different.

I **liked cooking** because everyone got a go and I liked having lunch.

Southern Area

Locality Planning Groups 2018-19

LOCALITY PLANNING GROUP



36
Meetings



407
Practitioners



43
Community Groups

TRAINING



151
Practitioners

ARMAGH YOUTH PROVIDERS



8
Meetings



8
Practitioners



16
Ch/Young People



OUR JOURNEY THROUGH DISABILITY PROJECT



12
Meetings



65
Parents/carers



105
Practitioners

RESILIENCE SCREENINGS



121
Practitioners



29
Community
Groups

EVENTS



6
Ch/Young
People



35
Practitioners



59
Parents/
carers



PORTADOWN GETS ACTIVE



293
Ch/Young
People



45
Practitioners



153
Parents/
carers



148
Peer
Mentors

INTERAGENCY MEETINGS



8
Ch/Young
People



90
Practitioners



4
Parents/
carers



4
Community
Groups

PRESENTATIONS (DELIVERED)



39
Practitioners



2
Community
Groups

PRESENTATIONS TO LPG GROUPS



281
Practitioners



15
Community
Groups

FYI INFORMATION BULLETIN



Practitioners, Community
Groups, parents, carers
*Average 22 activities/ progs
advertised
Sent to 548 contacts

IN 2018/2019, WE ENGAGED WITH

1,292
PRACTITIONERS

471
CHILDREN &
YOUNG PEOPLE

94
COMMUNITY
ASSOCIATIONS

276
PARENTS/
CARERS

2,133 TOTAL
(*Excluding FYI numbers)



THE CYPSP IS A MULTIAGENCY STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP, CONSISTING OF THE LEADERSHIP OF ALL KEY AGENCIES ACROSS STATUTORY, VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTORS WHO HAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR IMPROVING OUTCOMES FOR ALL CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN NI.

CiNI is a core member of CYPSP and 2018/19 facilitated the recruitment of new voluntary and community sector representatives to the five Outcomes groups.

The engagement of voluntary and community organisations in the work of CYPSP is critical to its success. The area based planning infrastructure supported by CYPSP is set out in the next table:-

Group	Level	Membership	Focus
CYPSP	Regional Level (Northern Ireland)	Partnership of senior regional leaders across all sectors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early intervention • Integrated planning and commissioning • Informed by/and inform individual organisational business, corporate and community plans • Participation and co-design • Improving outcomes for children and young people
Outcomes Groups	Sub-regional level (co-terminus with HSC Trust)	Partnership of senior Trust level leaders across all sectors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early intervention • Building preventative places • Improving outcomes for children and young people
Locality Planning Groups	Locality (neighborhood/ locality)	Practitioners and front line managers from across the statutory, voluntary and community Sectors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early intervention • Building preventative places • Improving outcomes for children and young people



CYPSP
Children & Young People's Strategic Partnership

HSCB has a statutory requirement to produce a Children's Services Plan. Work was carried out in 2018/19 to develop a new CSP Plan. The new CYPSP plan covers the period 2019/21 and can be accessed at <http://www.cypsp.org/download/documents/CYPSP-Action-Plan-2019-2021.pdf>

This is the third CYPSP Children and Young People's Plan. The initial CYPSP plan covered the period 2011-2014. The second substantive plan covered the period 2014-2017 and was reviewed and extended annually to cover the period to March 2019.

The CYPSP supports vulnerable families through a Northern Ireland wide early intervention infrastructure. The CYPSP partners are committed to supporting this model.

The model consists of the Family Support Hubs, the Locality Planning Groups and the network of early intervention services.

The Partnership supports 24 Locality Planning Groups and 29 Family Support

Hubs. HSCB has allocated 100K to each Outcomes Groups to support the commissioning of early intervention services. This funding is intended to be seen as the basis for co-funding with other agencies.

The Hubs held a regional conference in March 2019 and an annual report card and details of the annual member's survey are on the CYPSP website. A further investment in Hubs from DoH in 2018/19 was indicative of their importance in delivering early intervention family support.

In 2018/19 Locality Planning Groups supported over 2000 screenings of the Resilience documentary to support the regional focus on Adverse Childhood Experiences.

The partnership supported eight regional planning groups for vulnerable young people in 2018/19. Two of the groups, Young Carers and Think Family completed their work in 2018/19 and were stood down.

Task and Finish Group	Chair for 2018/19	Links	Focus
Regional ACEs Reference Group	Kieran Downey	5 Nations ACEs Group	Adverse Childhood Experiences and Trauma Informed Practice
Holiday Hunger Group	Pauline Leeson/Ellen Finlay	UK Holiday Hunger work	<p>Campaign about ending Holiday Hunger in Northern Ireland by ensuring all children and young people get the healthy food they need and deserve every single day of the year</p> <p>This programme was an opportunity for a partnership approach to address the growing concern of Holiday Hunger during school closure periods in Northern Ireland</p>
Locality Planning Groups	Michelle Tennyson and Pat Ward	SEN in Early Years	The purpose of the Group will be to develop and strengthen multi-agency partnerships in the delivery of high quality, integrated Early Year's SEN provision and support across Northern Ireland

The partnership continues to support a multi-agency information system to improve the use of data in planning and commissioning. CYPSP has developed a multi-agency information system to support integrated planning based on Outcomes Based Accountability.

The information team has supported the Family Support Hubs and Locality Planning to develop report cards to reflect the significant impact of their work.

In 2018/19 the CYPSP worked with Tusla to support them in the development of their information Hub.

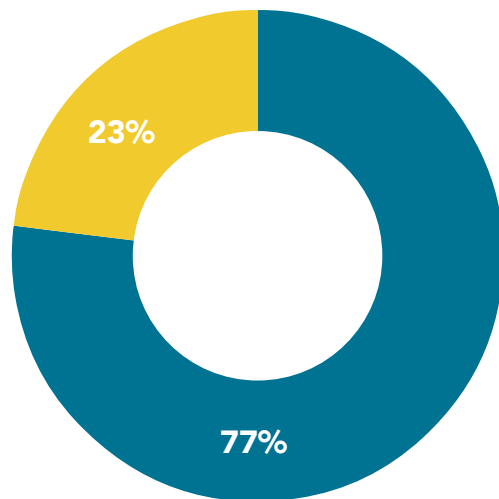
Finances

Statement of Financial Activities

INCOME

for the
year ended
31st March 2019

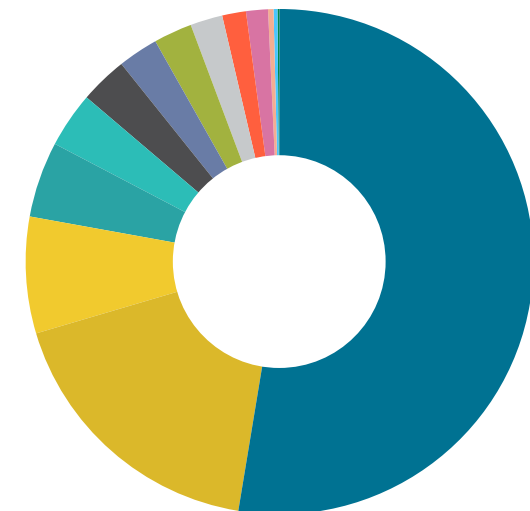
INCOME	AMOUNT
● Grants	£409,509
● Other Income	£122,613
Total Funds	£532,121



EXPENSES

for the
year ended
31st March
2019

EXPENSE	AMOUNT
● Salaries, Pensions & Social Security	£255,237
● Legal, Professional & Trainers	£86,457
● Property Rent & Upkeep	£36,146
● Project Materials	£23,549
● Publications & Promotion	£17,215
● Stationery, Printing & Postage	£14,730
● Room Hire & Catering	£12,460
● Travel Expenses	£11,879
● Utilities	£9,984
● Sundries & Other	£7,345
● IT Expenses	£6,763
● Training & Recruitment	£1,677
● Admin & Finance Support	£1,213
● Subscriptions	£623
Total Expense	£485,280
Net Income	£46,840



CiNI Staff & Board of Directors 2018/19

STAFF

Pauline Leeson CBE	<i>Chief Executive</i>
Ciaran Traynor	<i>Learning & Development Officer</i>
Ellen Finlay	<i>Policy Officer</i>
Roger Gowdy	<i>Finance & Office Manager</i>
Jenny Groves	<i>Children's Services Training Co-ordinator</i>
Darren Curtis	<i>Locality Development Officer</i>
Kerry O'Hagan	<i>Locality Development Officer (pt) maternity leave</i>
Joanne Patterson	<i>Locality Development Officer (pt) maternity cover</i>

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Marie Cavanagh	<i>Chairperson</i>
Jo Marley	<i>Vice Chairperson</i>
Donnie Sweeney	<i>Treasurer</i>
Brendan Whittle	<i>Director (resigned March 2019)</i>
Joy Poots	<i>Director</i>
Alison Beattie	<i>Director</i>
John Hunsdale	<i>Director</i>
Muriel Bailey	<i>Director (resigned December 2018)</i>



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