

UN CRC	Ratification Date	Care-Related Concluding Observations
CRC/C/GBR/CO/5	16 Dec 1991	<p>F.Family environment and alternative care (arts. 5, 9-11, 18 (paras. 1 and 2), 20-21, 25 and 27 (para. 4))</p> <p>Family environment</p> <p>50. The Committee acknowledges that there are good practices in the State party and the devolved administrations in providing childcare to those who need it. However, the Committee is concerned about the negative effect of the high cost of childcare on children and their family environment.</p> <p>51. The Committee recommends that the State party and the devolved governments conduct a rigorous child rights impact assessment of the recent reduction of funding for childcare and family support and adjust the family support policy in order to make childcare services available to all those who need it.</p> <p>Children deprived of a family environment</p> <p>52. The Committee is concerned about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The increase in the number of children in care in England, Wales and Northern Ireland and the high rate of children in care in Scotland; (b) Cases where early intervention measures have not been carried out in a timely manner, parents have not been provided with adequate family support and the best interests of the child have not been properly assessed in the decision of taking a child into care. Children have reportedly been removed from their biological families owing to the family's economic situation or because a foster family may provide a more beneficial environment for the child; (c) The frequent changes of social workers for children in care, and children often experiencing more than two family placements in a year, which negatively affects all aspects of their life; (d) Children placed at a distance from their biological families, which prevents them from keeping in contact, and siblings being separated from each other without proper reason;

		<p>(e) The practice of children being placed in secure accommodation in Northern Ireland;</p> <p>(f) Children leaving foster care or residential care not receiving proper support and counselling, including on their future plans, and often having to live far away from their former carers;</p> <p>(g) The adoption procedure in Northern Ireland remaining outdated and not in line with the Convention.</p> <p>53. Drawing the State party's attention to the Guidelines for the Alternative Care of Children (General Assembly resolution 64/142, annex), the Committee emphasizes that conditions directly and uniquely attributable to poverty should never be the sole justification for removing a child from parental care. The Committee recommends that the State party:</p> <p>(a) Intensify its efforts to render appropriate assistance to parents and legal guardians, including informal kinship carers, in the performance of their child-rearing responsibilities;</p> <p>(b) Ensure that the removal of children from their families is always subject to thorough investigation, is in accordance with the best interests of the child and is only used as a measure of last resort;</p> <p>(c) Wherever possible, find a placement for the child that will facilitate contact with his or her biological parents and siblings;</p> <p>(d) Ensure that secure accommodation in Northern Ireland is only used as a measure of last resort and for the shortest possible period of time, address the reasons for repeated or lengthy stays in such accommodation and develop alternatives to secure accommodation;</p> <p>(e) Take all measures necessary to provide stability for children in care, including efforts to retain social workers and to avoid unnecessary changes in placement;</p> <p>(f) Inform and consult with children from an early stage on plans for their care and transition and provide sufficient support for care leavers, including for accommodation, employment or further education;</p>
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OPSC to CRC	Ratification Date	Care-Related Concluding Observations
	20 Feb 2009	
OPAC to CRC	Ratification Date	Care-Related Concluding Observations
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ICCPR	Ratification Date	Care-Related Concluding Observations
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ICESCR	Ratification Date	Care-Related Concluding Observations
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CEDAW	Ratification Date	Care-Related Concluding Observations
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CRPD	Ratification Date	Care-Related Concluding Observations
CRPD/C/GBR/CO/1	8 June 2008	<p>3 October 2017</p> <p>http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CRPD%2fC%2fGBR%2fCO%2f1&Lang=en</p> <p>III. Principal areas of concern and recommendations</p> <p>B. Specific rights (arts. 5-30)</p> <p>Children with disabilities (art. 7)</p> <p>20.The Committee is concerned about:</p> <p>(a)The lack of a policy framework addressing the poverty of many families with children with disabilities;</p> <p>...</p> <p>(d)The absence of a general statutory duty upon public authorities to ensure adequate childcare for children with disabilities;</p>

		<p>21. The Committee recommends that the State party, in close consultation with organizations representing children with disabilities, develop and implement policies aimed at:</p> <p>(a) Eliminating the higher level of poverty among families with children with disabilities;</p> <p>...</p> <p>(d) Securing sufficient and disability-sensitive childcare as a statutory duty across the State party;</p> <p>Freedom from exploitation, violence and abuse (art. 16)</p> <p>38. The Committee is concerned about abuse, ill-treatment, sexual violence and exploitation of women, children, intersex persons and elderly persons with disabilities, and the insufficient measures to prevent all forms of exploitation, violence and abuse against persons with disabilities. It is also concerned at reports of cases of disability hate crime, in the absence of consistent data collection and differences in legal provisions for sentencing different types of hate crime, particularly in England and Wales.</p> <p>39. The Committee recommends that the State party, in close collaboration with organizations of persons with disabilities, and in line with target 16.3 of the Sustainable Development Goals:</p> <p>(a) Establish measures to ensure equal access to justice and to safeguard persons with disabilities, particularly women, children, intersex persons and elderly persons with disabilities from abuse, ill-treatment, sexual violence and exploitation;</p> <p>(b) Define comprehensively the offence of disability hate crime, and ensure appropriate prosecutions and convictions;</p> <p>(c) Ensure that all facilities and programmes designed to serve persons with disabilities are effectively monitored by independent authorities, in accordance with article 16 (3) of the Convention.</p>
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UPR	Date of Consideration	Link to Page
	24 May 2012	http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/UPR/Pages/GBSession13.aspx
Hague Intercountry Adoption	Ratified Date	Link to Country Profile
	27-II-2003	https://assets.hcch.net/upload/wop/adop2015cp_usr.pdf

Acronyms and Abbreviations:

CEDAW Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

CRC	Convention on the Rights of the Child/Committee on the Rights of the Child
CRPD	Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
ICCPR	International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights
ICESCR	International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
OPAC to CRC	Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Involvement of Children in Armed Conflict
OPSC to CRC	Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography
UN	United Nations
UPR	Universal Periodic Review