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“Children’s social care is among the public sector’s most challenging issues. Councils have to make life-changing decisions based on what is best for each child in need of care, and the budget it can afford. Services are now scrutinised by the public, politicians, and regulatory boards more than ever, which requires immediate action when services are not provided to a high enough standard.”

– Lewis Cone, B2B Analyst

### This report looks at the following areas:

- What are the key determinants driving the industry?
- Was the market affected by the recession and how has it recovered since? Have there been any structural changes as a consequence?
- How has the government influenced and shaped the development of the sector?
- What are the key issues the UK industry needs to address to improve efficiency and performance?
- What does the future hold for the UK children’s social care industry?

Every local authority (LA) must protect and promote the welfare of children in need in its area. To do this, they must work with families to provide support services that will enable children to be raised in their own families. In Northern Ireland, Health and Social Care Trusts (HSCTs) have a duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of children in need in their area.

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From May 2016, Ofsted will begin a new form of inspection jointly with the Care Quality

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