

Their documentation on this in general has been accepted by the Department of Education and specifically incorporated in individual courses. This is matched by a commitment to the principle that the main tool in child care work is the person of the worker and that the basis of the psycho therapeutic interventions is not a technique 'from out there or from a book' but the human relationships built up in which and through which such caring and therapy may take place. It is after all, the ABSENCE of such real meaningful human relationships which has brought the child into residential care. The training courses seek to maintain the balance between professional knowledge and skills and its incorporation into the person of the worker in such a way as to increase his or hers ability to generate sophisticated relationships with the children.

Question Three.

The majority of referrals came through Statutory Agencies - primarily the social workers in each Regional Health Board, secondarily through the Courts and the Department of Justice. Apart from legal and insurance requirements, such Government Agencies tend not to exert a direct influence on the style of caring and education. The only exception to this is the Special Secure School and Caring Unit for delinquent boys. The Minister^{is} empowered to direct a boy as the result of court proceedings to the school and to direct the school to admit the boy.