

# Danbury Receiving Home

1976 – 1980

## Details

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Danbury Family Receiving Home, run by the government, opened in 1976. It provided temporary accommodation to children who were wards of state or supervised in other ways by the Social Welfare Department. The Home became Danbury Family Group Home in 1980.

A married woman, known as a Receiving Home Keeper, managed Danbury with the assistance of her husband, who was in paid employment outside the Home. In return, they received free accommodation.

The Home provided accommodation for new wards of the state or children on remand from the courts until the Department found a more permanent placement for them. The Home also took in children requiring temporary accommodation under the *Domestic Service Assistance Act* and in transit between homes.

The Department changed the name in the early 1980s to Danbury Family Group Home, apparently to emphasise its domestic environment and the fact that some children stayed in the Home longer if they got on well with the Receiving Home Keeper.

## More info

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### Chronology

- **Danbury Receiving Home (1976 – 1980)**
  - Danbury Family Group Home (c. 1981 - c. 1987)

### Related Entries

#### Run by

- [Child Welfare Division \(c. 1953 - 1980\)](#)

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