

# Reception Centre

1950s – 1990s

## Details

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A Reception Centre was an institution designed to provide short term 'care' for children before they were sent to a longer-term placement (typically a foster Home). Children in reception centres often went through a process of 'classification' before being placed. The term came into use around the 1950s. Children would return to a reception centre after a foster care or institutional placement broke down.

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