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**NICCY's statutory powers are limited by the excepted status of immigration. NICCY is precluded from dealing with matters regarding the immigration status of children and young people living in NI. However, NICCY's remit does include public bodies in NI which are responsible for the delivery of services to migrant children.**

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