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Conclusion This report shows that there is a significant burden placed on the ED by children brought under Section 12 for a place of safety. In most cases the children were in good health and the hospital was not an appropriate environment for them. In this study there were higher numbers of children requiring a place of safety during the economic recession. The fall in numbers may reflect the recent improvement in the economy. A prospective study is planned to look at all section 12s in our department with a view to appropriate planning of services and provision of care.