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Headline Data – April 2022

Child Protection & Welfare

- 21,541 cases open to social work at the end of April 2022, 188 (1%) fewer than March 2022 (21,729) and the third consecutive monthly decrease.
- 79% (16,910) of cases open to social work had an allocated social worker.
- 4,631 (21%) cases awaiting allocation of a social worker, 137 (3%) more than March 2022 (4,494).
- Seven areas account for 70% (3,255) of cases awaiting allocation: Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (589), followed by Louth/Meath (526), Cork (515), Waterford/Wexford (496), Dublin North (400), Dublin South East/ Wicklow (375) and Dublin South Central (354).
- 7% (328) of cases awaiting allocation at the end of April 2022 were categorised as high priority, 33 (9%) fewer than March 2022 (361) and the fewest number since February 2021 (260).

Cases awaiting allocation include cases held on duty, unallocated child protection and welfare cases including children in care.

Cases of Retrospective Abuse

- 1,541 cases open to social work at the end of April 2022, 22 fewer than March 2022 (1,563) and 177 (13%) more than April 2021 (1,364).
- 58% (899) of cases of retrospective abuse open to social work had an allocated social worker, up from 54% at the end of March 2022.
- 642 cases awaiting allocation at the end of April 2022, 78 (11%) fewer than March 2022 (720) and 122 (23%) more than April 2021 (520).
- Six areas account for 67% (429) of all cases awaiting allocation: Midwest (107) followed by Dublin North City (76), Cork (69), Galway/Roscommon (63), Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (61) and Donegal (53).

Children in Care

- 5,869 children in care at the end of April 2022; nine more than March 2022 (5,860) and 39 fewer children in care than the same time last year (5,908).
- 814 (14%) children in care at the end of April 2022 were in placements with private providers, nine (1%) fewer than March 2022 (823).
- 88% (5,175) of children in care at the end of April 2022 had an allocated social worker; down one percentage point from March 2022.
- A total of 694 children were awaiting an allocated social worker, 56 (9%) more than March 2022 (638).

Child Protection Notification System (CPNS)

- 995 children listed as “active” at the end of April 2022; 24 more than March 2022 (971).
- There were 70 (8%) more children “active” at the end of April 2022 than April 2021 (925).
- All children listed as “active” at the end of April 2022 had an allocated social worker.

Children’s Services Regulation

- 4,113 early years services on the register at the end of April 2022, five fewer than March 2022 (4,118). There were 71 (2%) fewer services on the register at the end of April 2022 than April 2021 (4,184).
- 210 inspections of early years services done in April 2022, eight fewer than March 2022 (218). This brings to 852 the number of inspections for the first four months of 2022, 203 (31%) more than the same period in 2021 (649). *Number of inspections for early 2021 impacted due to the closure of services under the Covid-19 restrictions.*
- 1,866 children on the register for home education at the end of April 2022, nine more than March 2022 (1,857) and 80 (4%) more than April 2021 (1,786).
- 1,698 children on a waiting list for assessment at the end of April 2022, 51 (3%) fewer than March 2022 (1,749), the third consecutive monthly decrease and the fewest number since August 2021 (1,712).

Tusla Education Support Services

Service activity for 2020/2021 impacted by the closure of schools (Covid-19)

- 1,004 referrals screened by senior educational welfare services in April 2022, 105 (12%) more than March 2022 (899) and 496 (98%) more than April 2021 (508). Brings to 4,955 the number of referrals screened for the eight months Sept 2021 – April 2022, 1,141 (30%) more than Sept 2020 – Apr 2021 (3,814).
- 3,529 referrals on a waiting list for educational welfare services at the end of April 2022, 508 (17%) more than March 2022 (3,021) and 1,642 (87%) more than April 2021 (1,887).
- 244 new individual children worked with in April 2022, 122 (33%) fewer than March 2022 (366) and 25 (9%) fewer than April 2021 (269). Brings to 2,473 the number of new individual children worked with for the eight months Sept 2021 – Apr 2022, 428 (21%) more than Sept 2020 – Apr 2021 (2,045).

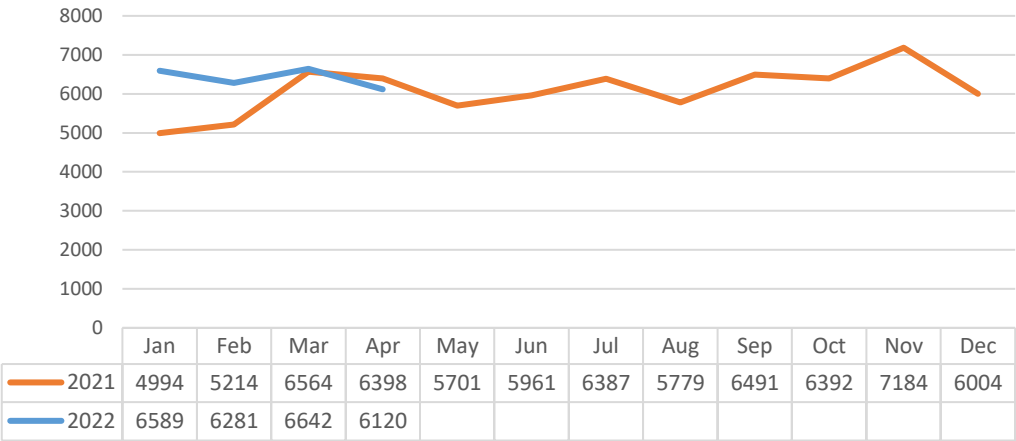
Child Protection and Welfare

Referrals¹

- **6,120 referrals** in April 2022, 522 (8%) fewer than March 2022 (6,642) and 278 (4%) fewer than April 2021 (6,398). This brings to at least 25,632 the number of referrals for the first four months of 2022, 2,462 (11%) more than the same period in 2021 (23,170).

It should be noted that the data presented for 2021 has been updated to reflect final validated figures for 2021. Data for 2022 is based on referrals logged on NCCIS at the time the data was extracted for reporting. Referrals logged after the date the data was extracted are not included, nor are figures updated until annual validation is complete.

Referrals



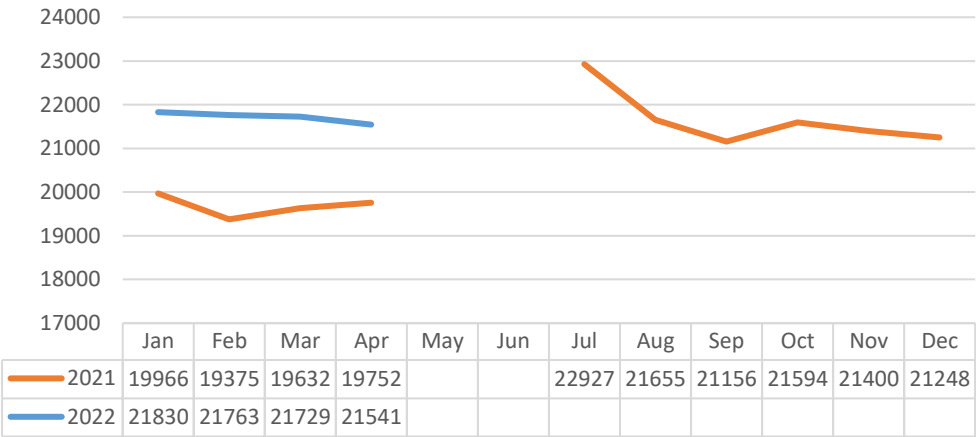
Open Cases

- **21,541 cases open to social work** at the end of April 2022, 188 (1%) fewer than March 2022 (21,729) and the third consecutive monthly decrease. *Note: open cases include, all cases held on duty, allocated and unallocated child protection and welfare cases including children in care*
- Open cases are up 1,789 (9%) on April 2021 (19,752).

The data presented on cases is based on the status of cases on the National Child Care Information System (NCCIS) at month end.

Data for May and June 2021 is not available due to the impact of the cyber attack. The data on open cases is based on the time actions are recorded on NCCIS, hence data during the period when the system was not available is not meaningful (pages 4 -7).

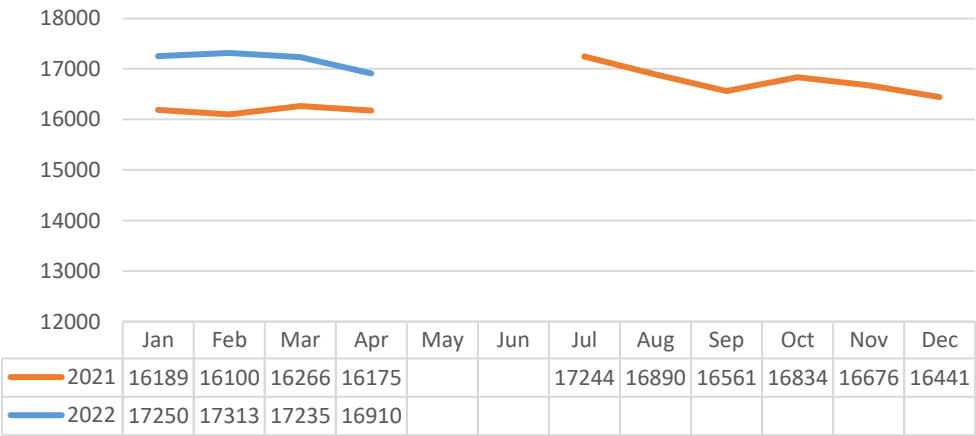
Number of Open Cases



Allocated Cases

- **16,910 open cases allocated** to a social worker at the end of April 2022, 325 (2%) fewer than March 2022 (17,235). Allocated cases are up 735 (5%) from April 2021 (16,175)
- Allocated cases account for 79% of open cases, no change from March 2022

Number of Allocated Cases

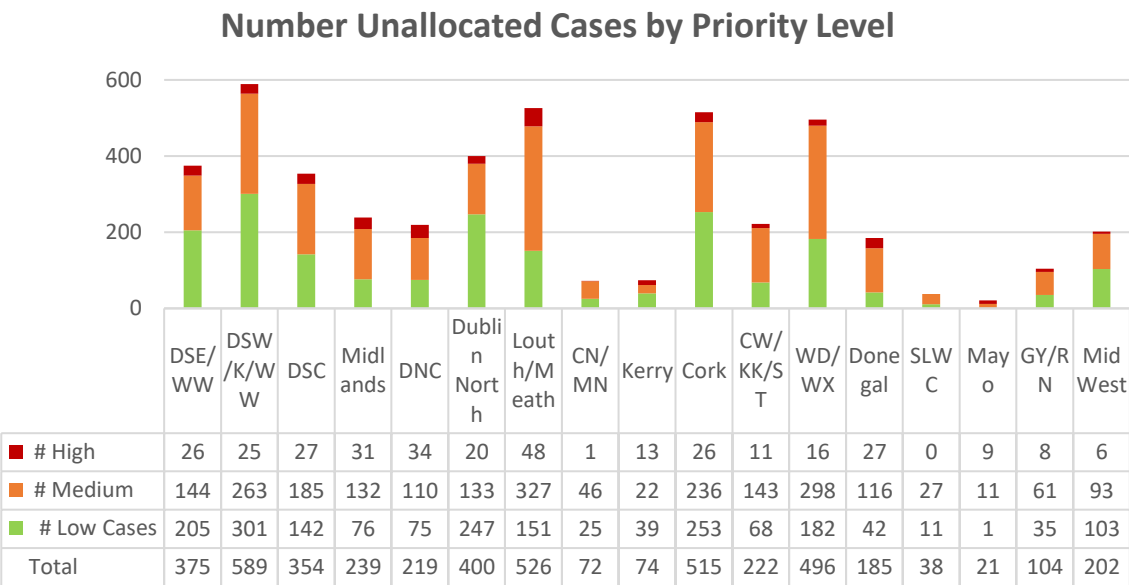
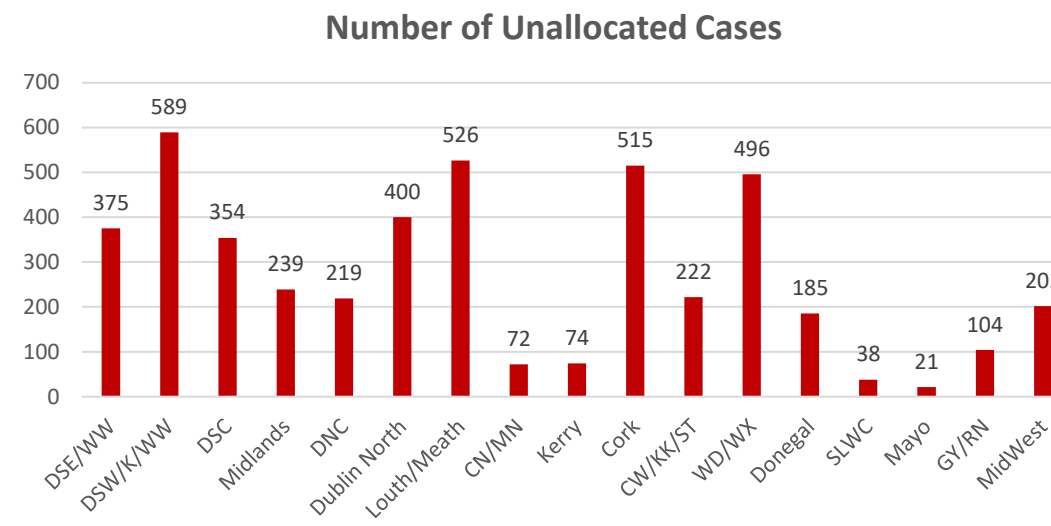
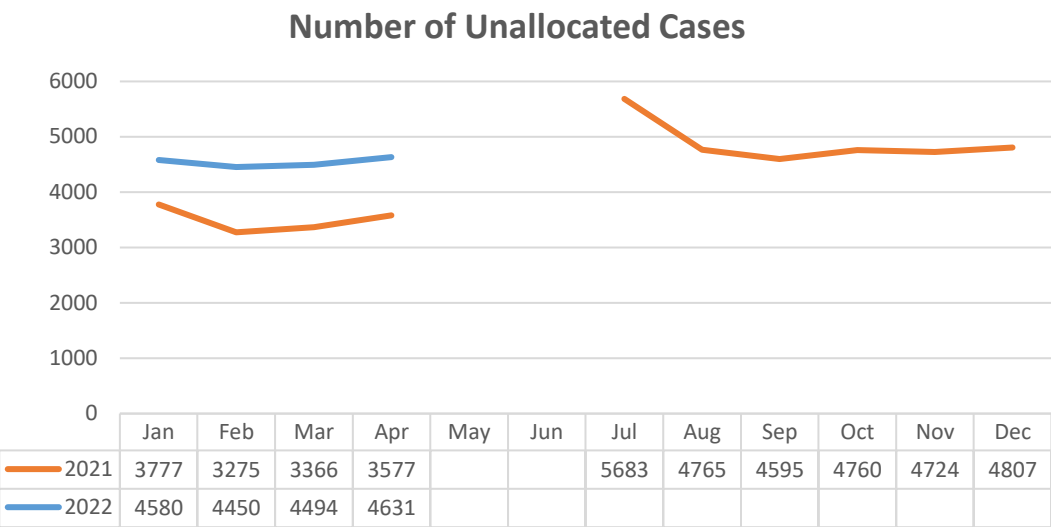


¹ Referrals include referrals meeting the eligibility criteria for child protection and welfare services, multiple reports of the same concern and referrals not meeting the eligibility criteria for child protection and welfare services. Referrals not meeting the eligibility criteria for child protection and welfare include: a request for diversion to another agency; a report in which there are no reasonable grounds for concern or no harm identified to a child indicated; a report that does not warrant a Tusla child protection and welfare led intervention (these could be children who need additional supports to stop problems or difficulties worsening but social work led intervention is not required and diversion to Prevention Partnership and Family Support is considered). This was clarified in guidance issued to staff in October 2019. Prior to October 2019, only referrals meeting the eligibility criteria for child protection and welfare services were counted, with the exception of a small number of areas.

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Cases Awaiting Allocation of a Social Worker











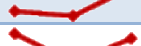







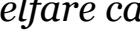
- Cases awaiting allocation include cases held on duty, unallocated child protection and welfare cases including children in care*
- **4,631 cases awaiting allocation of a social worker** at the end of April 2022, 137 (3%) more than March 2022 (4,494). Second consecutive increase after two consecutive decreases.
 - Cases awaiting allocation are up 29% (1,054) from April 2021 (3,577).
 - Cases awaiting allocation account for 21% of open cases (21,541), no change from March 2022.
 - 65% (3,021) of cases awaiting allocation at the end of April 2022 were “active on duty”. *This means that actions were undertaken by dedicated duty teams or rotating social workers on a duty roster to progress the protection and welfare of the cases. Examples of actions undertaken include telephone calls relating to the concern, visits to see children, completing initial assessments and child in care reviews or care plans.*
 - Highest number of cases awaiting allocation reported by Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (589), followed by Louth/Meath (526), Cork (515), Waterford/Wexford (496), Dublin North (400), Dublin South East/Wicklow (375) and Dublin South Central (354). These seven areas account for 70% (3,255) of cases awaiting allocation.
 - 328 cases awaiting allocation at the end of April 2022 were categorised as high priority, 33 (9%) fewer than March 2022 (361) and the fewest number since February 2021 (260).
 - High priority cases account for 7% of cases awaiting allocation.
 - 51% (2,347) of cases awaiting allocation were categorised at medium priority while the remaining 42% (1,956) were low priority.
 - Highest number of high priority cases reported by Louth/Meath (48) followed by Dublin North City (34), Midlands (31), Dublin South Central (27) and Donegal (27). These five areas account for 51% (167) of all high priority cases awaiting.



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Cases Awaiting Allocation

- 8 areas reported a decrease in unallocated cases from March 2022.
- Largest decrease reported by Midlands (down 137; 36%), followed by Dublin South Central (55; down 13%) and Dublin North (down 46; 10%). Largest increase reported by Waterford/Wexford (up 111; 29%), followed by Cork (up 107; 26%) and Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (up 82; 16%).
- All but five areas (Dublin South Central, Midwest, Dublin North, Galway/Roscommon and Midlands) had more cases awaiting allocation at the end of April 2022 than at the same time last year.
- Largest increases reported by Cork (up 304; 144%), followed by Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (up 263; 81%), Louth/Meath (up 235; 81%), Waterford/Wexford (up 203; 69%) and Dublin South East/Wicklow (up 151; 67%). Largest decreases reported by Dublin South Central (down 194; -35%), Midwest (down 99; -33%) and Dublin North (down 76; -16%).
- Nationally 21% of open cases were unallocated at the end of April 2022. Eight areas reported a percentage equal to or higher than the national average of 21%. Highest percentage (36%) reported by Louth/Meath followed by Dublin South East/Wicklow (34%) and Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (34%). Lowest percentage reported by Mayo (4%), followed by Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan (11%) and Galway/Roscommon (11%).

Area	Apr-21 # Unallocated	Apr-21 % Unallocated	Feb-22 # Unallocated	Mar-22 # Unallocated	Apr-22 # Unallocated	Apr-22 % Unallocated	Feb-Apr 	Apr-22 v Apr-21	% Δ	Apr 22 v Mar-22	% Δ2
DSE/WW	224	26%	291	324	375	34%		151	67%	51	16%
DSW/K/WW	326	23%	478	507	589	34%		263	81%	82	16%
DSC	548	38%	460	409	354	28%		-194	-35%	-55	-13%
Midlands	257	18%	293	376	239	13%		-18	-7%	-137	-36%
DNC	124	8%	196	204	219	12%		95	77%	15	7%
Dublin North	476	20%	293	446	400	16%		-76	-16%	-46	-10%
Louth/Meath	291	22%	591	526	526	36%		235	81%	0	0%
CN/MN	39	7%	69	95	72	12%		33	85%	-23	-24%
Kerry	49	10%	61	64	74	14%		25	51%	10	16%
Cork	211	10%	429	408	515	23%		304	144%	107	26%
CW/KK/ST	142	18%	196	192	222	25%		80	56%	30	16%
WD/WX	293	19%	525	385	496	29%		203	69%	111	29%
Donegal	145	22%	167	195	185	25%		40	28%	-10	-5%
SLWC	17	6%	58	40	38	11%		21	124%	-2	-5%
Mayo	10	3%	25	22	21	4%		11	110%	-1	-5%
GY/RN	124	11%	94	78	104	11%		-20	-16%	26	33%
MidWest	301	21%	224	223	202	15%		-99	-33%	-21	-9%
TOTAL	3,577	18%	4450	4494	4631	21%		1054	29%	137	3%

Cases awaiting allocation include cases held on duty, unallocated child protection and welfare cases including children in care

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Summary Tables

Referrals				Open Cases			Allocated Cases			Unallocated Cases		
Area	Mar-22	Apr-22	Δ	Mar-22	Apr-22	Δ2	Mar-22	Apr-22	Δ3	Mar-22	Apr-22	Δ4
DSE/WW	240	257	17	1,100	1,104	4	776	729	-47	324	375	51
DSW/K/WW	667	613	-54	1,729	1,737	8	1,222	1,148	-74	507	589	82
DSC	491	450	-41	1,353	1,247	-106	944	893	-51	409	354	-55
Midlands	624	594	-30	1,773	1,789	16	1,397	1,550	153	376	239	-137
DNC	342	258	-84	1,859	1,844	-15	1,655	1,625	-30	204	219	15
Dublin North	584	495	-89	2,541	2,483	-58	2,095	2,083	-12	446	400	-46
Louth/Meath	540	476	-64	1,525	1,463	-62	999	937	-62	526	526	0
CN/MN	210	167	-43	617	577	-40	522	505	-17	95	72	-23
Kerry	224	204	-20	519	518	-1	455	444	-11	64	74	10
Cork	603	612	9	2,170	2,283	113	1,762	1,768	6	408	515	107
CW/KK/ST	311	320	9	911	905	-6	719	683	-36	192	222	30
WD/WX	494	421	-73	1,780	1,712	-68	1,395	1,216	-179	385	496	111
Donegal	177	201	24	710	751	41	515	566	51	195	185	-10
SLWC	119	143	24	358	360	2	318	322	4	40	38	-2
Mayo	124	134	10	508	489	-19	486	468	-18	22	21	-1
GY/RN	394	336	-58	966	942	-24	888	838	-50	78	104	26
MidWest	498	439	-59	1,310	1,337	27	1,087	1,135	48	223	202	-21
Total	6642	6120	-522	21,729	21,541	-188	17,235	16,910	-325	4494	4631	137

High Priority				Medium Priority			Low Priority		
Area	Awaiting Mar-22	Awaiting Apr-22	Δ	Awaiting Mar-22	Awaiting Apr-22	Δ 2	Awaiting Mar-22	Awaiting Apr-22	Δ 3
DSE/WW	23	26	3	110	144	34	191	205	14
DSW/K/WW	26	25	-1	232	263	31	249	301	52
DSC	30	27	-3	195	185	-10	184	142	-42
Midlands	31	31	0	200	132	-68	145	76	-69
DNC	15	34	19	91	110	19	98	75	-23
Dublin North	30	20	-10	148	133	-15	268	247	-21
Louth/Meath	63	48	-15	313	327	14	150	151	1
CN/MN	3	1	-2	46	46	0	46	25	-21
Kerry	21	13	-8	26	22	-4	17	39	22
Cork	30	26	-4	218	236	18	160	253	93
CW/KK/ST	5	11	6	135	143	8	52	68	16
WD/WX	14	16	2	241	298	57	130	182	52
Donegal	44	27	-17	113	116	3	38	42	4
SLWC	0	0	0	28	27	-1	12	11	-1
Mayo	4	9	5	11	11	0	7	1	-6
GY/RN	12	8	-4	35	61	26	31	35	4
MidWest	10	6	-4	125	93	-32	88	103	15
TOTAL	361	328	-33	2267	2347	80	1866	1956	90

Retrospective Cases of Abuse

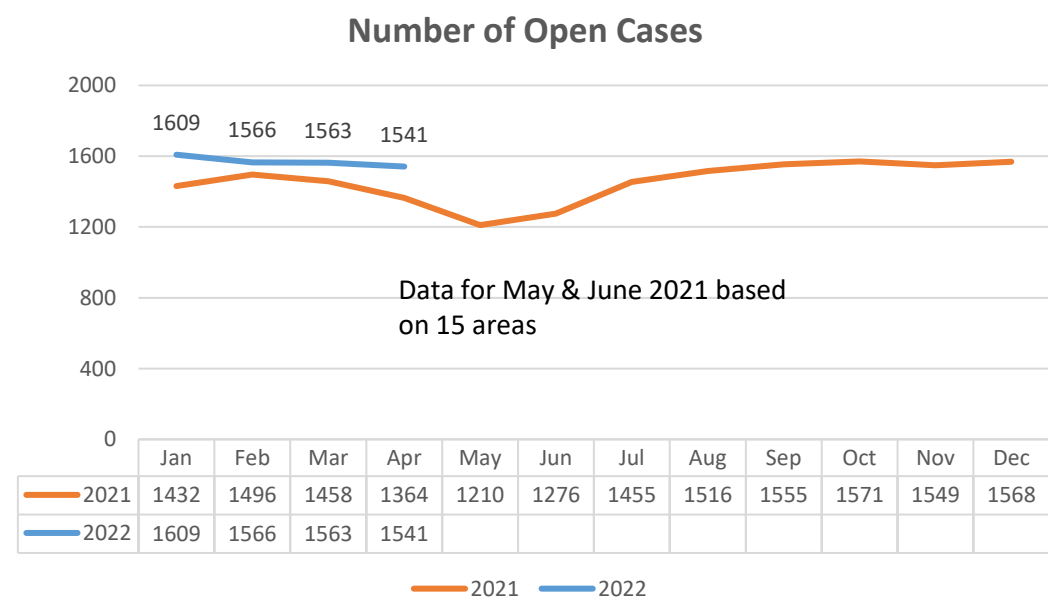
Referrals

- **391 referrals of retrospective abuse** in April 2022, 100 (20%) fewer than March 2022 (491) and 138 (55%) more than April 2021 (253). Brings to 1,641 the number of referrals for the first four months of 2022, 570 (53%) more than the same period in 2021 (1,071).

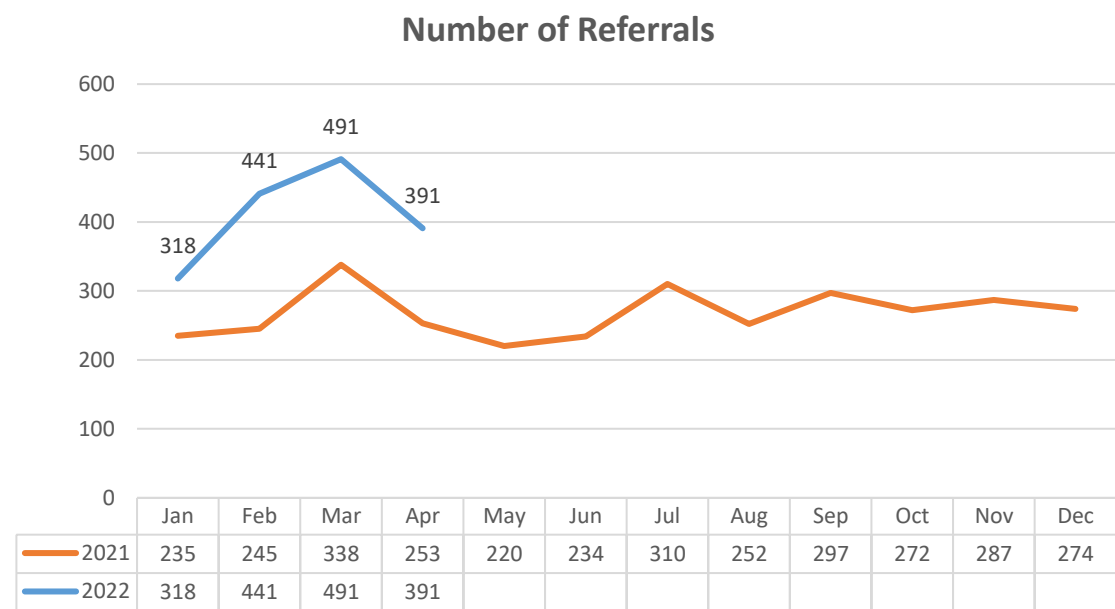
Data presented on retrospective cases of abuse (pages 8-10) for May and June 2021 is based on 15 areas. Data for Donegal and Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan not available due to the impact of the cyber-attack.

Open Cases

- **1,541 cases open to social work** at the end of April 2022, 22 fewer than March 2022 (1,563) and 177 (13%) more than April 2021 (1,364).

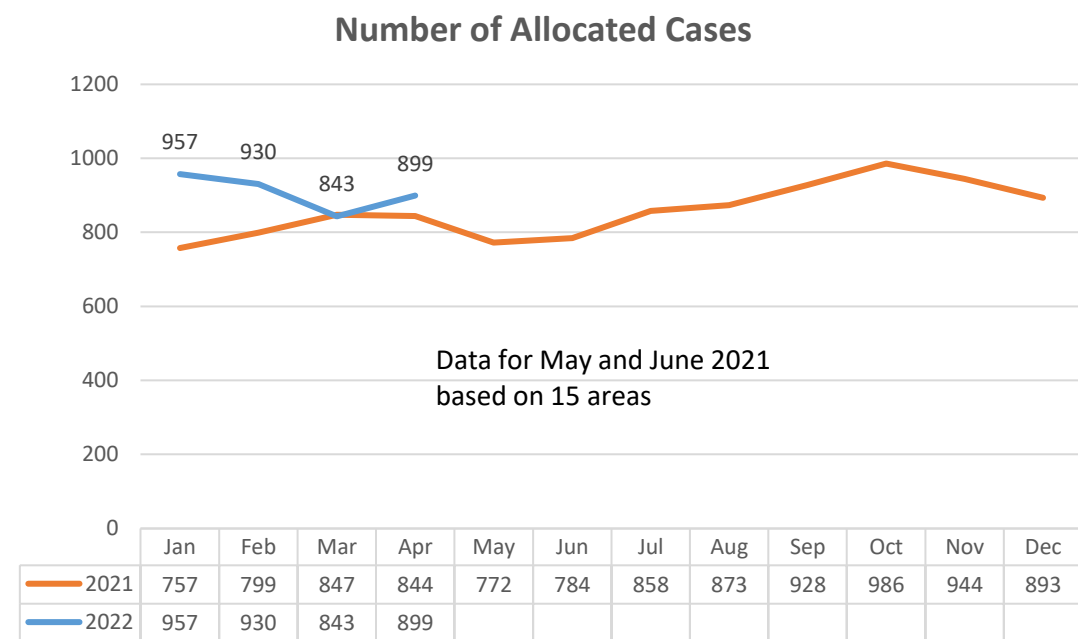


Note: all data on cases of retrospective abuse needs to be interpreted with caution due to concerns about the consistent interpretation of definitions.



Allocated Cases

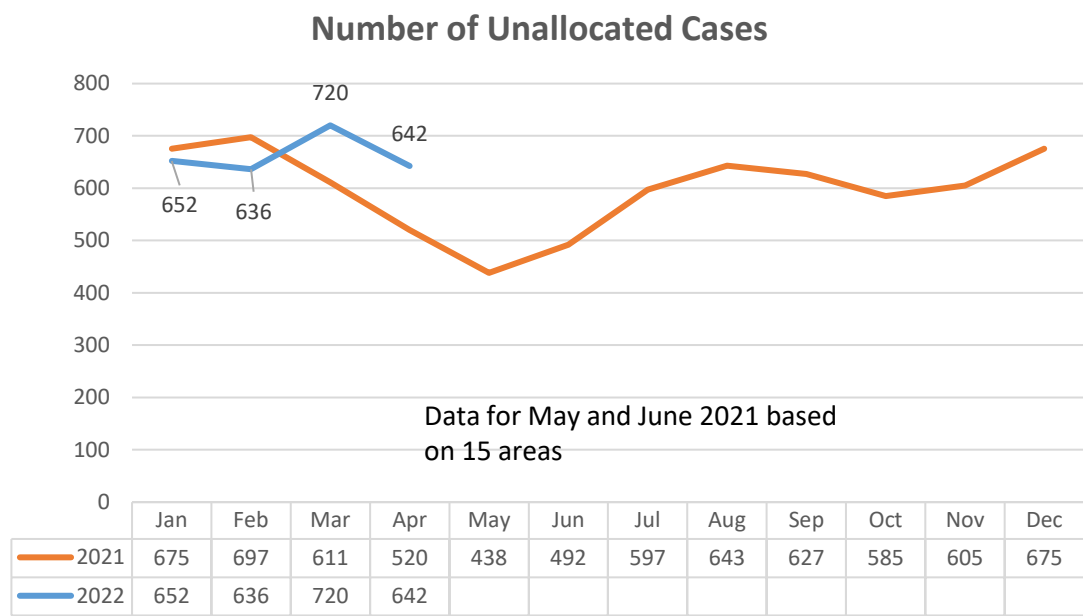
- **899 cases allocated to a social worker** at the end of April 2022, 56 (7%) more than April 2022 (843) and 55 (7%) more than April 2021 (844).
- Allocated cases account for 58% of open cases, up from 54% at the end of March 2022.



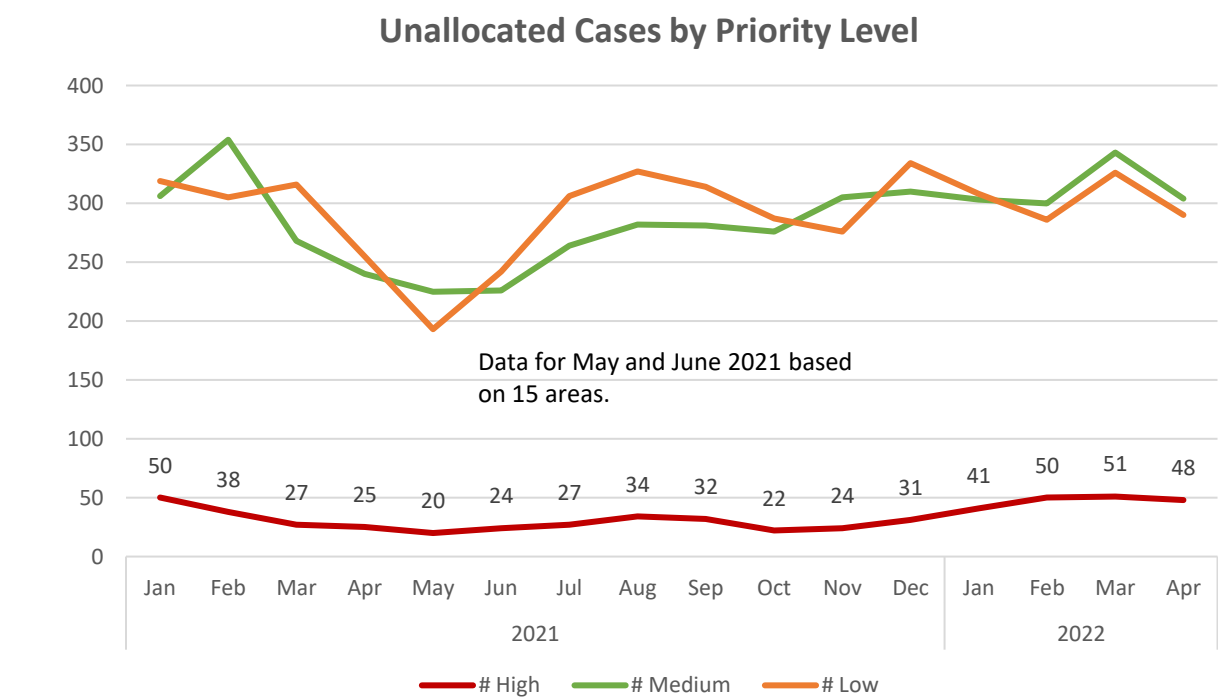
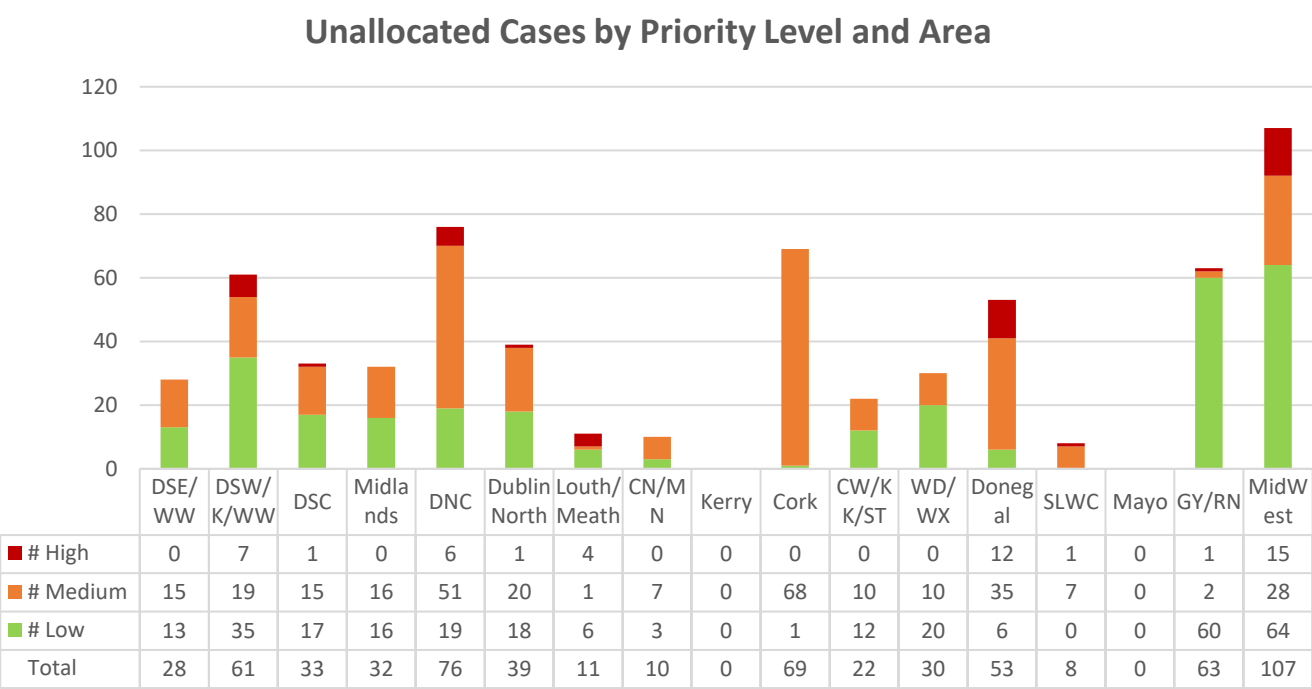
Retrospective Cases of Abuse

Cases Awaiting Allocation of a Social Worker

- **642 cases awaiting allocation** at the end of April 2022, 78 (11%) fewer than March 2022 (720) and 122 (23%) more than April 2021 (520).
- Cases awaiting allocation account for 42% of open cases, down from 46% at the end of March 2022.
- Highest number of cases awaiting in Midwest (107) followed by Dublin North City (76), Cork (69), Galway/Roscommon (63), Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (61) and Donegal (53). These six areas account for 67% (429) of cases awaiting allocation. Two areas (Kerry and Mayo) has no cases awaiting allocation.




- **48 high priority cases awaiting allocation** at the end of April 2022, three fewer than March 2022 (51) and the first decrease after five consecutive monthly increases.
- High priority cases accounted for 7% of cases awaiting allocation at the end of April 2022 (642), no change from March 2022.
- High priority cases are reported by nine areas with the highest numbers reported by Midwest (15), Donegal (12), Dublin South West/Kildare West Wicklow (7), Dublin North City (6) and Louth/Meath (4).



Retrospective Cases of Abuse

- **3 areas reported an increase** in cases awaiting allocation from March 2022, (Carlow/Kilkenny/South Tipperary (up 7), Donegal (up 2) and Dublin North City (up 1).
- **11 areas reported an decrease** with the largest decrease reported by Kerry (down 24), Dublin South East/Wicklow (down 18), Dublin South west/Kildare/West Wicklow (down 12) and Dublin South Central (down 11).
- The remaining three areas (Dublin North, Sligo/Leitrim/ West Cavan and Mayo) reported no change.
- 42% (642) of open cases are awaiting allocation nationally, with eight areas reporting a percentage equal to or higher than the national average. Highest percentages reported by Dublin South Central (77%), Donegal (74%), Galway/Roscommon (64%) and Midwest (60%).

- **11 areas** had more cases awaiting allocation at the end of April 2022 than April 2021, four areas had fewer cases. Two remaining two areas (Mayo and Galway/Roscommon) reported no change.
- Largest increases reported by Midwest (up 107), Dublin North City (up 38) and Midlands (up 25). Largest decreases reported by Kerry (down 76), Carlow/Kilkenny/South Tipperary (down 26) and Waterford/Wexford (down 18).

Area	Apr-21 # Unallocated	Apr-21 % Unallocated	Feb-22 # Unallocated	Mar-22 # Unallocated	Apr-22 # Unallocated	Apr-22 % Unallocated	Feb-Apr 	Apr-22 v Apr-21	% Δ	Apr 22 v Mar-22	% Δ2
DSE/WW	6	86%	46	46	28	41%		22	367%	-18	-39%
DSW/K/WW	39	62%	60	73	61	52%		22	56%	-12	-16%
DSC	23	46%	45	44	33	77%		10	43%	-11	-25%
Midlands	7	44%	38	35	32	52%		25	357%	-3	-9%
DNC	38	32%	76	75	76	54%		38	100%	1	1%
Dublin North	34	22%	48	39	39	26%		5	15%	0	0%
LH/MH	1	2%	5	12	11	42%		10	1000%	-1	-8%
CN/MN	0	0%	9	11	10	23%		10		-1	-9%
Kerry	76	54%	0	24	0	0%		-76	-100%	-24	-100%
Cork	85	56%	53	76	69	38%		-16	-19%	-7	-9%
CW/KK/ST	48	53%	16	15	22	39%		-26	-54%	7	47%
WD/WX	48	37%	31	32	30	16%		-18	-38%	-2	-6%
Donegal	49	66%	51	51	53	74%		4	8%	2	4%
SLWC	3	11%	9	8	8	29%		5	167%	0	0%
Mayo	0	0%	0	0	0	0%		0		0	
GY/RN	63	68%	69	66	63	64%		0	0%	-3	-5%
Midwest	0	0%	80	113	107	60%		107		-6	-5%
TOTAL	520	38%	636	720	642	42%		122	23%	-78	-11%

Retrospective Cases of Abuse

Summary Tables

Area	Referrals Mar-22	Referrals Apr-22	Δ	Open Cases Mar-22	Open Cases Apr-22	Δ2	Allocated Cases Mar-22	Allocated Cases Apr-22	Δ3	Unallocat ed Cases Mar-22	Unallocated Cases Apr-22	Δ4
DSE/WW	32	21	-11	84	68	-16	38	40	2	46	28	-18
DSW/K/WW	42	21	-21	118	117	-1	45	56	11	73	61	-12
DSC	17	13	-4	49	43	-6	5	10	5	44	33	-11
Midlands	29	26	-3	62	62	0	27	30	3	35	32	-3
DNC	8	7	-1	141	142	1	66	66	0	75	76	1
Dublin North	38	17	-21	146	151	5	107	112	5	39	39	0
LH/MH	67	51	-16	28	26	-2	16	15	-1	12	11	-1
CN/MN	12	6	-6	47	44	-3	36	34	-2	11	10	-1
Kerry	11	20	9	31	29	-2	7	29	22	24	0	-24
Cork	83	46	-37	187	180	-7	111	111	0	76	69	-7
CW/KK/ST	24	57	33	44	57	13	29	35	6	15	22	7
WD/WX	44	41	-3	184	182	-2	152	152	0	32	30	-2
Donegal	6	4	-2	70	72	2	19	19	0	51	53	2
SLWC	0	2	2	27	28	1	19	20	1	8	8	0
Mayo	9	6	-3	72	65	-7	72	65	-7	0	0	0
GY/RN	41	25	-16	100	98	-2	34	35	1	66	63	-3
Midwest	28	28	0	173	177	4	60	70	10	113	107	-6
TOTAL	491	391	-100	1563	1541	-22	843	899	56	720	642	-78

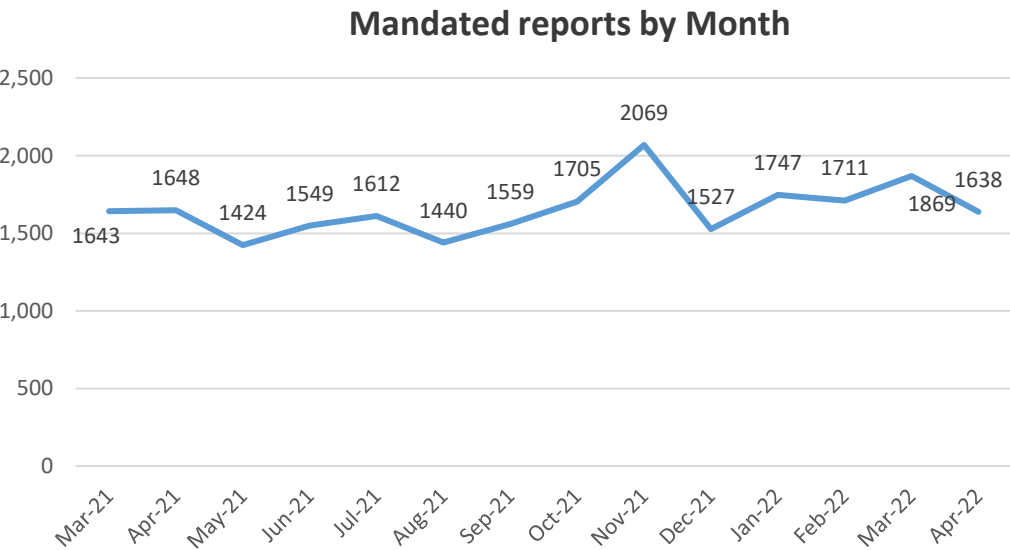
Area	High Priority Awaiting Mar-22	High Priority Awaiting Apr-22	Δ	Medium Priority Awaiting Mar-22	Medium Priority Awaiting Apr-22	Δ 2	Low Priority Awaiting Mar-22	Low Priority Awaiting Apr-22	Δ 3
DSE/WW	0	0	0	18	15	-3	28	13	-15
DSW/K/WW	1	7	6	24	19	-5	48	35	-13
DSC	1	1	0	18	15	-3	25	17	-8
Midlands	0	0	0	17	16	-1	18	16	-2
DNC	5	6	1	50	51	1	20	19	-1
Dublin North	1	1	0	20	20	0	18	18	0
LH/MH	4	4	0	1	1	0	7	6	-1
CN/MN	0	0	0	8	7	-1	3	3	0
Kerry	0	0	0	18	0	-18	6	0	-6
Cork	0	0	0	74	68	-6	2	1	-1
CW/KK/ST	0	0	0	12	10	-2	3	12	9
WD/WX	0	0	0	10	10	0	22	20	-2
Donegal	12	12	0	33	35	2	6	6	0
SLWC	1	1	0	7	7	0	0	0	0
Mayo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GY/RN	3	1	-2	3	2	-1	60	60	0
Midwest	23	15	-8	30	28	-2	60	64	4
TOTAL	51	48	-3	343	304	-39	326	290	-36

Mandated Reports¹ – Child Protection & Welfare

- **1,638 mandated reports of abuse** received in April 2022, 231 (12%) fewer than March 2022 (1,869). This brings to at least 6,965 mandated reports for the first four months of 2022, 1,477 (27%) more than the same period in 2021 (5,488).

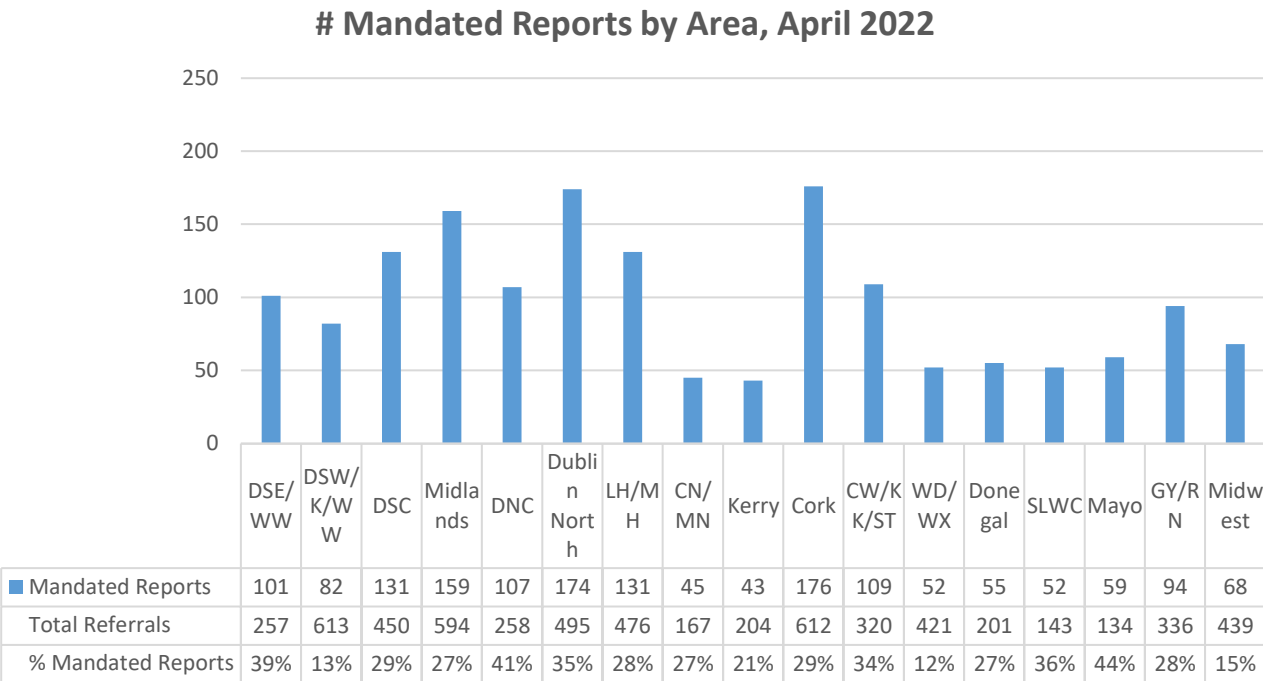
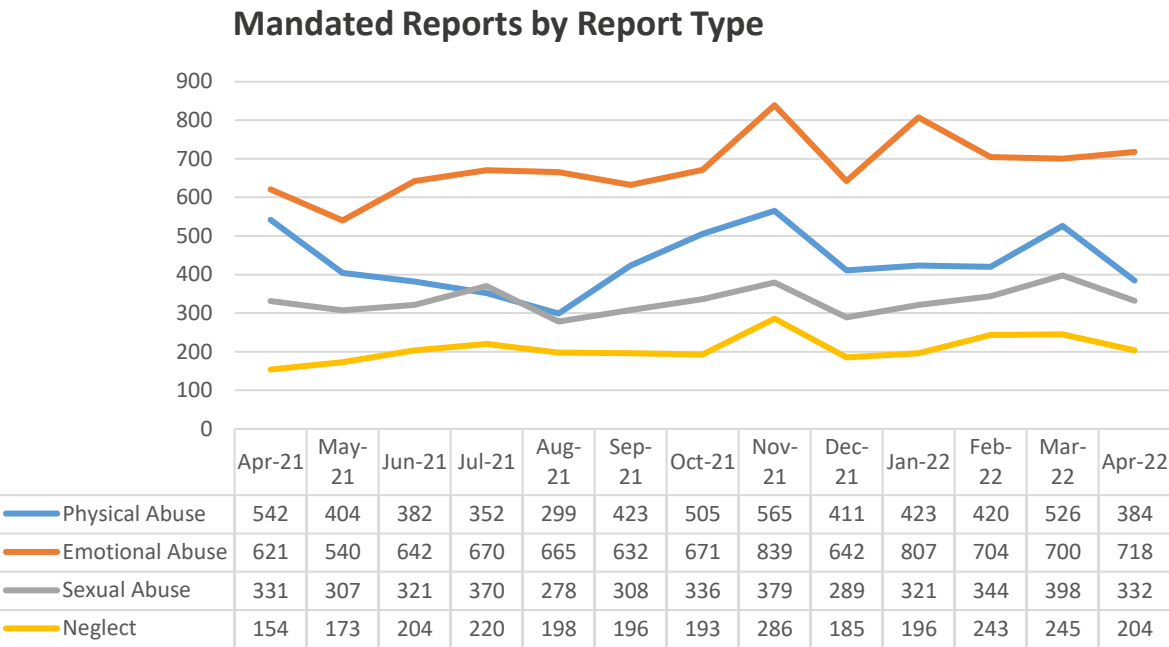
It should be noted that the data presented for 2021 has been updated to reflect final validated figures for 2021. Data for 2022 is based on reports logged on NCCIS at the time the data was extracted for reporting. Reports logged after the date the data was extracted are not included, nor are figures updated until annual validation is complete.

- Mandated reports accounted for 27% (1,638) of all referrals received (6,120) in April 2022.



- The number of mandated reports for April 2022, by area ranged from 43 (Kerry) to 176 (Cork).
- As a percentage of referrals, the highest percentage (44%) was reported by Mayo followed by Dublin North City (41%) and Dublin South East/Wicklow (39%).
- The lowest percentages were reported by Waterford / Wexford (12%), Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (13%) and Midwest (15%)

- Highest number of reports for April 2022 were for emotional abuse (718; 44%) followed by physical abuse (384; 23%), sexual abuse (332; 20%) and neglect (204; 12%).



¹ Mandated reports are included in the data on referrals (slide 4)

Mandated Reports – Child Protection & Welfare

Source of Reports

- Highest number of reports for April 2022 from An Garda Síochána (748; 46%) followed by teachers (221; 14%), social workers (183; 11%), social care workers (90; 6%), safeguarding officers (75; 5%), medical practitioners (70; 4%) and nurses (48; 3%). These seven sources account for 88% (1,435) of reports for April 2022.
- Highest number of reports year to date from An Garda Síochána (2,893; 42%) followed by teachers (1,208; 17%), social workers (911; 13%), social care workers (348; 5%), safeguarding officers (335; 5%), medical practitioners (266; 4%) and managers of domestic violence shelters (237; 3%). These seven sources account for 90% (6,198) of reports year to date.

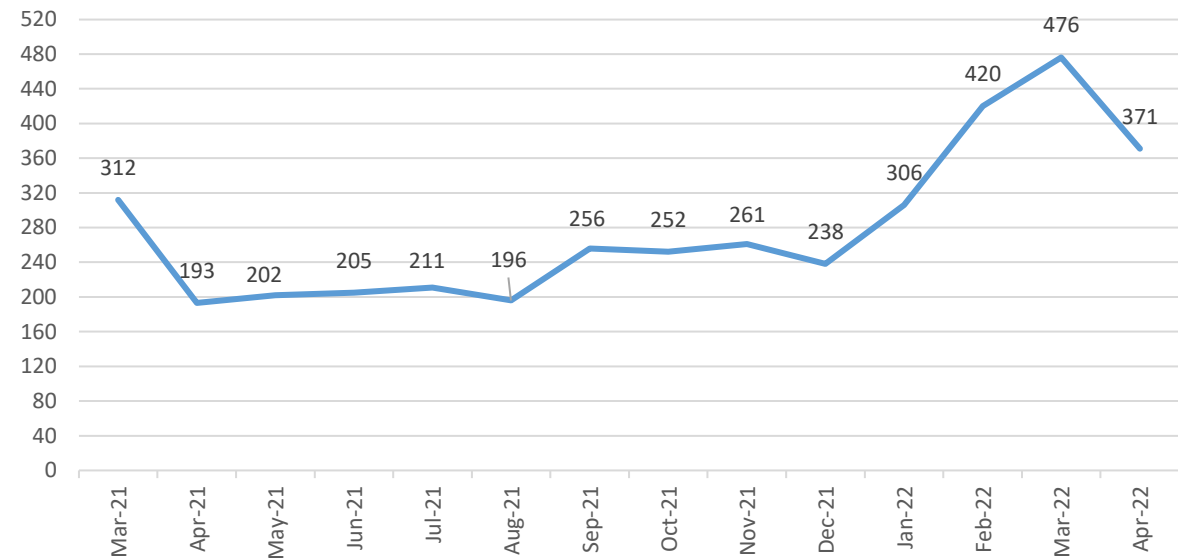
Source	# Apr 2022	% Apr 2022	# YTD 2022	% YTD 2022
Medical practitioner (Registered)	70	4.3%	266	3.8%
Nurse or registered midwife (Registered)	48	2.9%	148	2.1%
Physiotherapist (Registered)	5	0.3%	15	0.2%
Speech & language therapist (Registered)	*	*	12	0.2%
Occupational therapist (Registered)	7	0.4%	23	0.3%
Registered dentist	0	0.0%	*	*
Psychologist who practises as such and who is eligible for registration	37	2.3%	142	2.0%
Social care worker who practises as such and who is eligible for registration	90	5.5%	348	5.0%
Social worker who practises as such and who is eligible for registration	183	11.2%	911	13.1%
EMT, paramedic and advanced paramedic registered with the Pre-Hospital Emergency Care Council	0	0.0%	10	0.1%
Probation officer within the meaning of section 1 of the Criminal Justice (Community Service) Act 1983.	7	0.4%	22	0.3%
Teacher registered with the Teaching Council.	221	13.5%	1208	17.3%
An Garda Síochána Member	748	45.7%	2893	41.5%
Guardian ad litem appointed in accordance with section 26 of the Child Care Act 1991	*	*	5	0.1%
Domestic violence shelter manager	41	2.5%	237	3.4%
Homeless provision or emergency accommodation facility manager	16	1.0%	26	0.4%
Asylum seeker accommodation (direct provision) centre manager	*	*	10	0.1%
Addiction counsellor employed by a body funded, wholly or partly, out of moneys provided by the Oireachtas	*	*	*	*
Psychotherapist or a person providing counselling who is registered with one of the voluntary professional bodies	44	2.7%	185	2.7%
Language school or other recreational school where children reside away from home manager	0	0.0%	*	*
Clergy member (howsoever described) or pastoral care worker (howsoever described) of a church or other religious community;	0	0.0%	*	*
Institution where a child is detained by an order of a court (Director)	0	0.0%	*	*
Safeguarding officer, child protection officer or other person (howsoever described) who is employed for the purpose of performing the child welfare and protection function of religious, sporting, recreational, cultural, educational and other bodies and organisations offering services to children;	75	4.6%	335	4.8%
Child care staff member employed in a pre-school service within the meaning of Part VIIA of the Child Care Act 1991;	*	*	36	0.5%
Youth work service - person responsible for the care or management within the meaning of section 2 of the Youth Work Act 2001	15	0.9%	45	0.6%
Youth worker holds a professional qualification and who is employed in a youth work service	12	0.7%	50	0.7%
Foster carer registered with the Agency.	*	*	9	0.1%
Pre-school service within the meaning of Part VIIA of the Child Care Act 1991.	6	0.4%	18	0.3%
Total (includes suppressed values)	1638	100.0%	6965	100.0%

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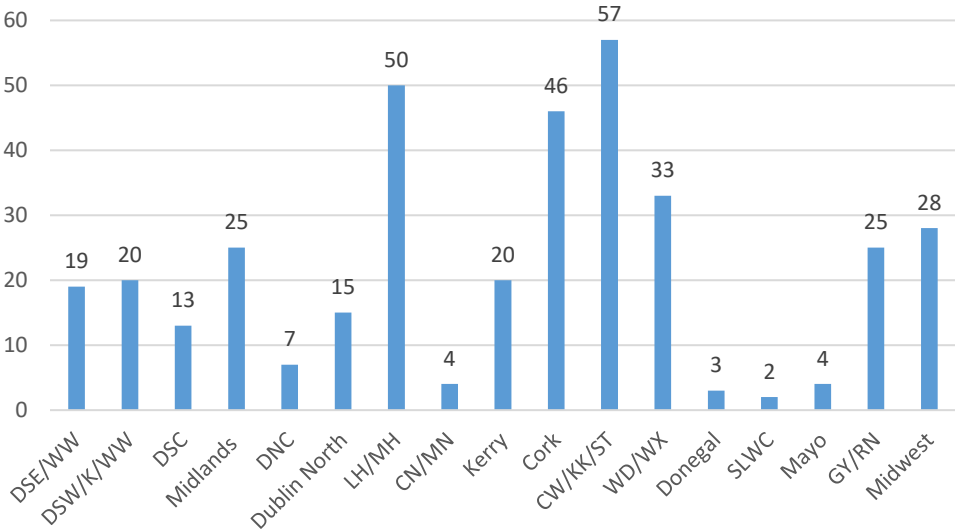
Mandated Reports¹ – Retrospective Abuse

- **371 mandated reports of retrospective abuse** in April 2022, brings to 1,573 the number of reports for the first four months of 2022.
- Mandated reports accounted for 95% of all reports of retrospective abuse received in April 2022 (391).
- The majority (80%; 295) of mandated reports for April 2022 were for sexual abuse.
- Highest number of mandated reports (57) reported by Carlow/Kilkenny/South Tipperary followed by Louth/Meath (50), Cork (46) and Waterford / Wexford (33).

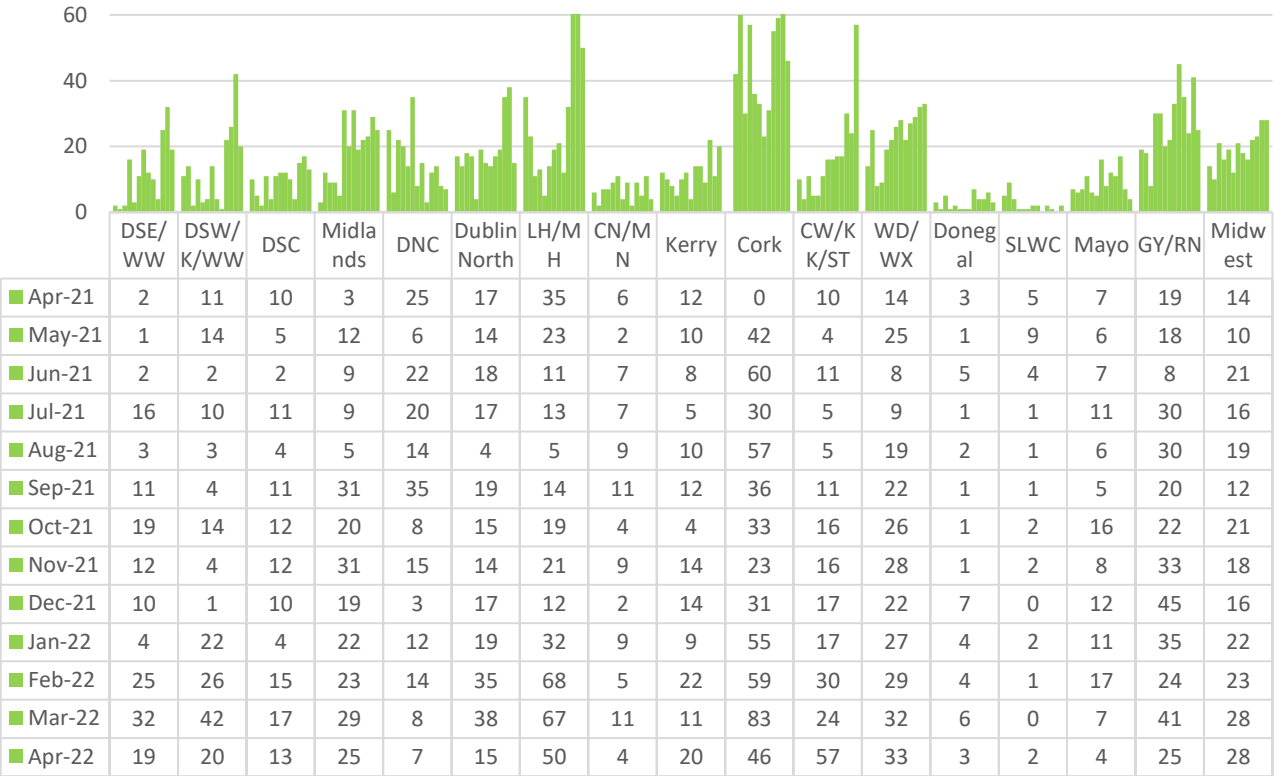
Mandated Reports by Month



Mandated Reports by Area - April 2022



Mandated Reports - Retrospective Cases of Abuse



¹ Mandated reports are included in the data on referrals (slide 8)

Mandated Reports – Retrospective Abuse

Source of Reports

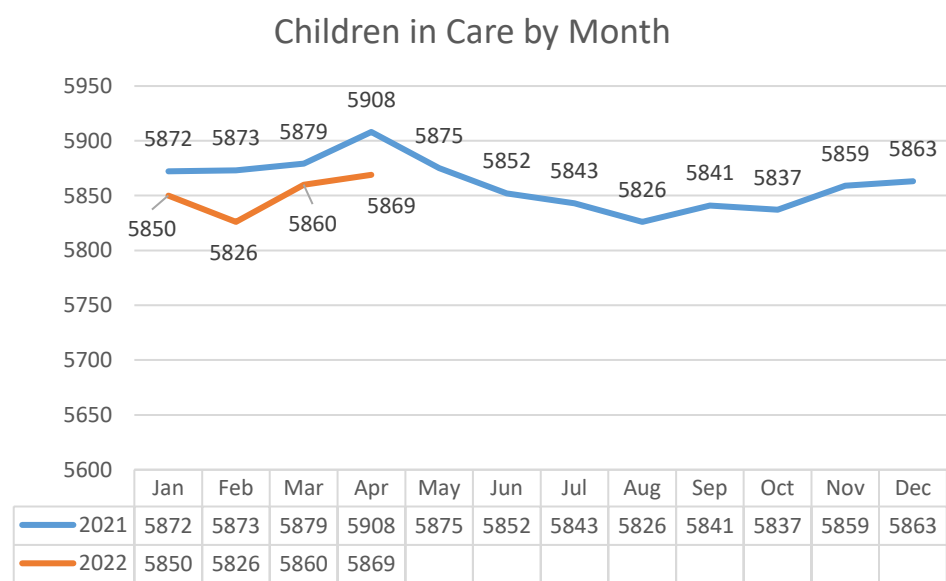
- Highest number of reports for April 2022 from psychotherapists (157; 42%) followed by psychologists (51; 14%), An Garda Síochána (46; 12%), social workers (37; 10%) and nurses (20; 5%). These five sources account for 84% (311) of all reports received.
- Highest number of reports year to date from psychotherapists (670; 43%), An Garda Síochána (246; 16%), social workers (185; 12%), psychologists (168; 11%) and medical practitioners (81; 5%). These five sources account for 86% (1,350) of reports for March 2022.

*Values <5 suppressed

Source	# Apr 2022	% Apr 2022	# YTD 2022	% YTD 2022
Medical practitioner (Registered)	14	3.8%	81	5.15%
Nurse or registered midwife (Registered)	20	5.4%	57	3.62%
Physiotherapist (Registered)	0	0.0%	5	0.32%
Speech & language therapist (Registered)	*	*	*	*
Occupational therapist (Registered)	0	0.0%	*	*
Registered dentist	0	0.0%	0	0.00%
Psychologist who practises as such and who is eligible for registration	51	13.7%	168	10.68%
Social care worker who practises as such and who is eligible for registration	5	1.3%	19	1.21%
Social worker who practises as such and who is eligible for registration	37	10.0%	185	11.76%
EMT, paramedic and advanced paramedic registered with the Pre-Hospital Emergency Care Council	0	0.0%	*	*
Probation officer within the meaning of section 1 of the Criminal Justice (Community Service) Act 1983.	5	1.3%	15	0.95%
Teacher registered with the Teaching Council.	*	*	20	1.27%
An Garda Síochána Member	46	12.4%	246	15.64%
Guardian ad litem appointed in accordance with section 26 of the Child Care Act 1991	0	0.0%	0	0.00%
Domestic violence shelter manager	0	0.0%	*	*
Homeless provision or emergency accommodation facility manager	*	*	6	0.38%
Asylum seeker accommodation (direct provision) centre manager	0	0.0%	*	*
Addiction counsellor employed by a body funded, wholly or partly, out of moneys provided by the Oireachtas	6	1.6%	17	1.08%
Psychotherapist or a person providing counselling who is registered with one of the voluntary professional bodies	157	42.3%	670	42.59%
Language school or other recreational school where children reside away from home manager	0	0.0%	*	*
Clergy member (howsoever described) or pastoral care worker (howsoever described) of a church or other religious community;	*	*	6	0.38%
Institution where a child is detained by an order of a court (Director)	0	0.0%	0	0.00%
Safeguarding officer, child protection officer or other person (howsoever described) who is employed for the purpose of performing the child welfare and protection function of religious, sporting, recreational, cultural, educational and other bodies and organisations offering services to children;	19	5.1%	56	3.56%
Child care staff member employed in a pre-school service within the meaning of Part VIIA of the Child Care Act 1991;	0	0.0%	*	*
Youth work service - person responsible for the care or management within the meaning of section 2 of the Youth Work Act 2001	*	*	7	0.45%
Youth worker holds a professional qualification and who is employed in a youth work service	0	0.0%	*	*
Foster carer registered with the Agency.	0	0.0%	0	0.00%
Pre-school service within the meaning of Part VIIA of the Child Care Act 1991.	0	0.0%	*	*
Total (includes suppressed values)	371	100.0%	1573	100.00%

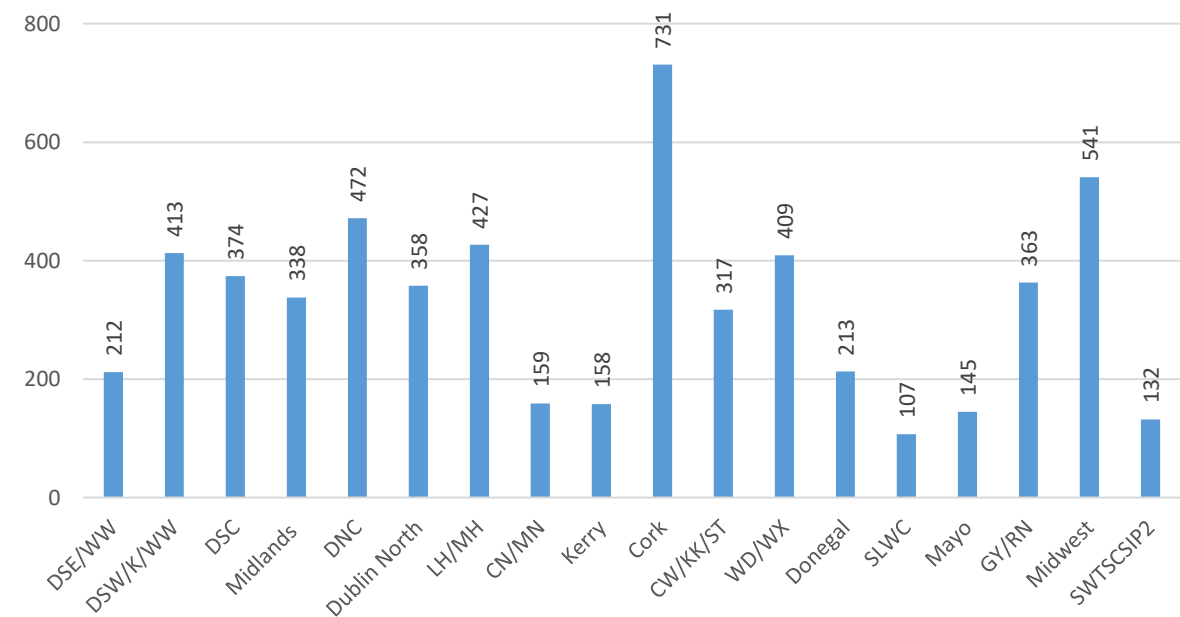
Children in Care

- **5,869 children in care at the end of April 2022**; nine more than March 2022 (5,860). Increase being driven by an increasing number of separated children seeking international protection coming into care. *Data presented is based on data extracted from the National Child Care Information System on the 26 May 2022.*
- 39 fewer children in care than the same time last year (5,908).
- 64% (3,737) of children in care are in general foster care, 26% (1,509) are in relative foster care, 7% (439) are in residential care and 3% (184) are in “other” care placements.
- 15 (3%) of the 439 children in residential placements are in special care



- Highest number of children in care reported by Cork (731) followed by Midwest (541) and Dublin North City (472).
- Fewest number reported by Sligo/Leitrim West Cavan (107) followed by the Social Work Team for Separated Children Seeking International Protection (132) and Mayo (145).
- Highest rate of children in care per 1,000 children was reported by Dublin North City (10.5/1,000) followed by Waterford/Wexford (6.0/1,000) , Dublin South Central (5.7/1,000) and Midwest (5.6/1,000) . Lowest rate reported by Dublin South East/Wicklow (2.4/1,000) followed by Dublin North (3.6/1,000) and Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (3.8/1,000).
- Seven areas reported a percentage equal to or higher than the national average of 4.8/1,000 children.

Number of Children in Care by Area



Rate of Children in Care / 1,000 population 0-17 years

Area	Apr-21	Mar-22	Apr-22	Apr-22 v Apr-21	Apr-22 v Mar-22	Population	Rate/1,000
Dublin South East/Wicklow	224	213	212	-12	-1	86,810	2.4
DSW/K/WW	412	415	413	1	-2	108,186	3.8
Dublin South Central	372	379	374	2	-5	65,564	5.7
Midlands	342	331	338	-4	7	80,193	4.2
Dublin North City	483	468	472	-11	4	44,927	10.5
Dublin North	354	353	358	4	5	100,654	3.6
Louth/Meath	414	427	427	13	0	93,093	4.6
Cavan/Monaghan	158	156	159	1	3	36,446	4.4
Kerry	154	156	158	4	2	34,527	4.6
Cork	757	733	731	-26	-2	134,015	5.5
CW/KK/ST	329	317	317	-12	0	63,009	5.0
Waterford/Wexford	421	415	409	-12	-6	68,513	6.0
Donegal	230	218	213	-17	-5	42,865	5.0
Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan	119	106	107	-12	1	23,554	4.5
Mayo	129	143	145	16	2	31,968	4.5
Galway/Roscommon	381	368	363	-18	-5	79,912	4.5
Midwest	573	541	541	-32	0	96,266	5.6
Total Areas	5852	5739	5737	-115	-2	1,190,502	4.8
SWTSCIP	56	121	132	76	11		
National	5908	5860	5869	-39	9		

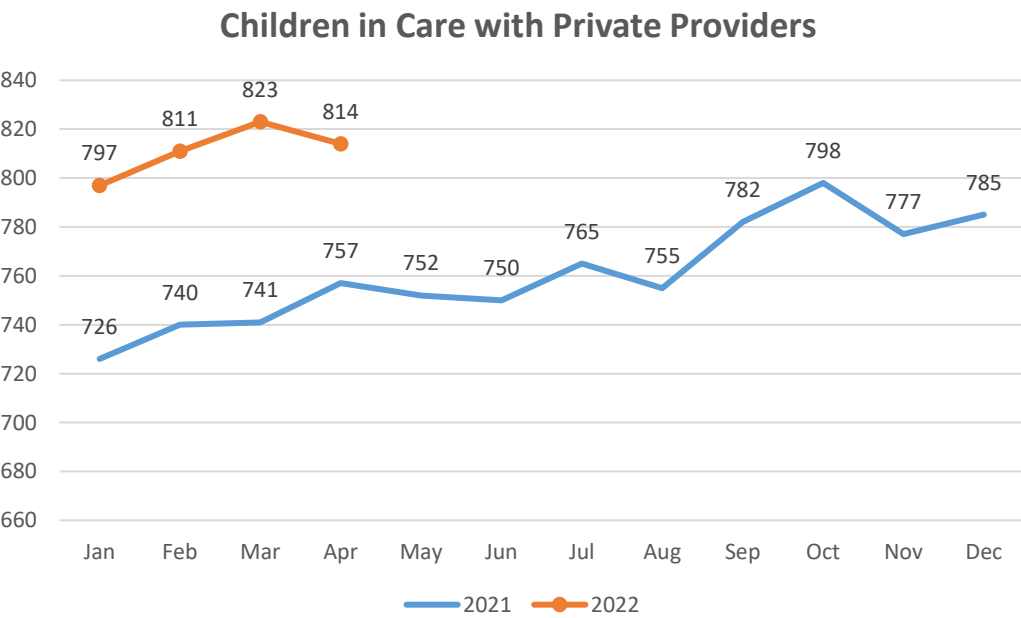
SWTSCIP: Social Work Team for Separated Children Seeking International Protection

Children in Care

- 814 (14%) children in care at the end of April 2022 were in placements with private providers, nine (1%) fewer than March 2022 (823).

Note: data prior to November 2021 should be interpreted with caution due to the inclusion of a small number of children in residential care in placements with voluntary organisations.

- There were 57 (8%) more children in care in placements with private providers at the end of April 2022 than at the end of April 2021 (757).



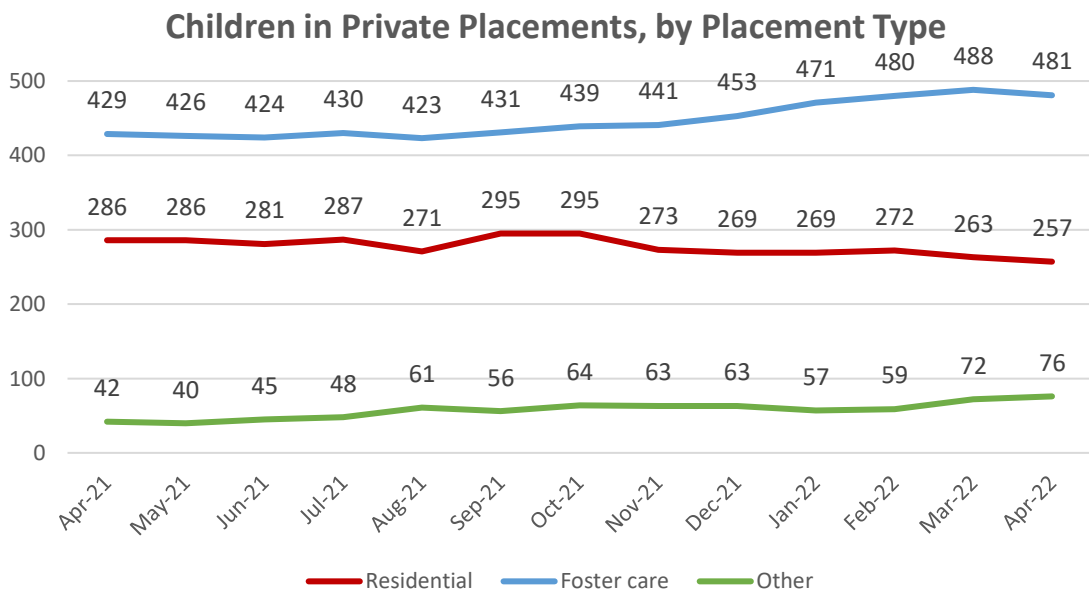
- 59% (481) of children in placements with private providers were in **foster care**, seven fewer than March 2022 (488) and 52 (12%) more than April 2021 (429).
- 32% (257) of children in placements with private providers were in **residential care**, six fewer than March 2022 (263) and 29 (10%) fewer than April 2021 (286). *[Ref note above re: voluntary organisations]*

- Highest number of children in placements with private providers reported by Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (107) followed by Dublin South Central (104), Dublin North City (101), Dublin North (83), Midlands (67) and Cork (63). These six areas account for 64% (525) of all children in placements with private providers.

Children with private providers

Children with Private Providers	Apr-21	Mar-22	Apr-22	Apr-22 v Apr-21	Apr-22 v Mar-22
Dublin South East/Wicklow	48	43	41	-7	-2
DSW/K/WW	96	107	107	11	0
Dublin South Central	116	106	104	-12	-2
Midlands	59	63	67	8	4
Dublin North City	81	101	101	20	0
Dublin North	80	84	83	3	-1
Louth/Meath	31	38	37	6	-1
Cavan/Monaghan	*	*	*	4	0
Kerry	12	21	22	10	1
Cork	62	65	63	1	-2
CW/KK/ST	15	12	12	-3	0
Waterford/Wexford	45	41	26	-19	-15
Donegal	21	20	18	-3	-2
Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan	5	8	9	4	1
Mayo	*	*	*	2	0
Galway/Roscommon	10	20	19	9	-1
Midwest	39	42	42	3	0
SWTSCSIP	33	42	53	20	11
Total	757	823	814	57	-9

* Number suppressed for confidentiality reasons. Suppressed numbers included in totals



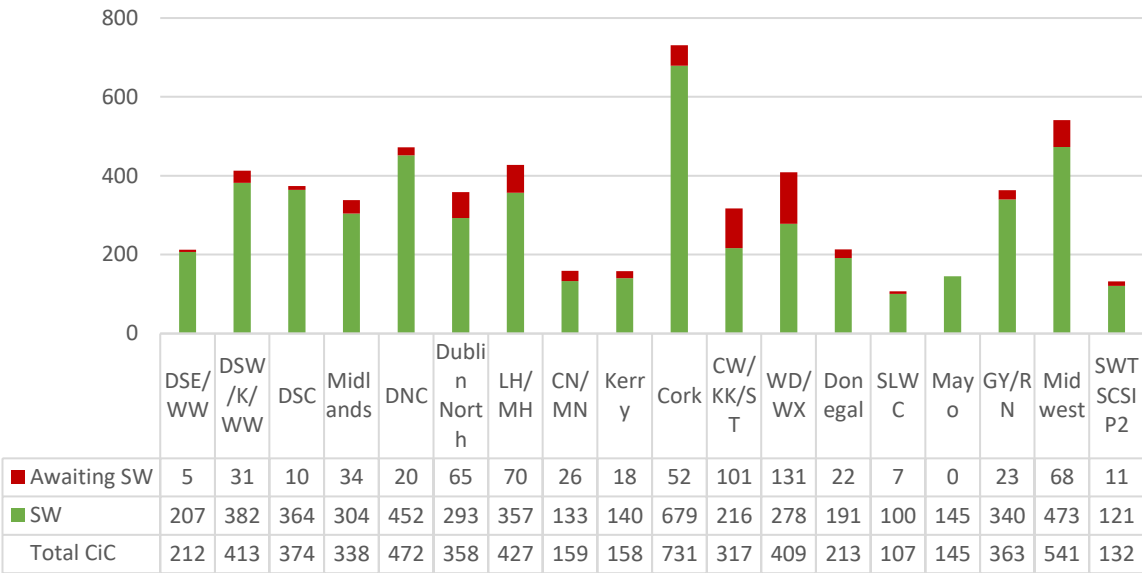
Children in Care

- **88% (5,175) of children in care at the end of April 2022 had an allocated social worker;** down one percentage point from March 2022.
- A total of 694 children were awaiting an allocated social worker, 56 (9%) more than March 2022 (638).
- Highest number awaiting reported by Waterford/Wexford (131) followed by Carlow/Kilkenny/South Tipperary (101), Louth/Meath (70), Midwest (68) and Dublin North (65). These five areas account for 63% (435) of all cases awaiting allocation.

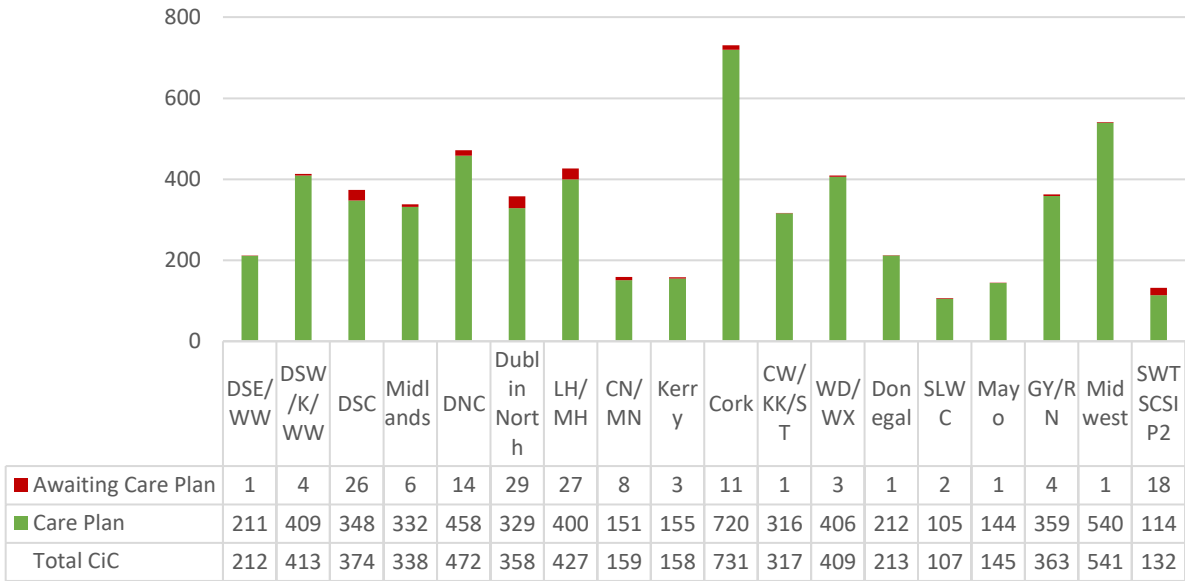
- **97% (5,709) of children in care at the end of April 2022 had a care plan;** down one percentage point from March 2022.
- A total of 160 children did not have a care plan, 27 (20%) more than March 2022 (133)
- Highest numbers with no care plan reported by Dublin North (29), Louth/Meath (27), Dublin South Central (26) and the Social Work Team for Separated Children Seeking International Protection (18)

It should be noted that variances have been identified in how data on this metric are being reported by areas and it should be interpreted with caution.

Children in Care with a Social Worker



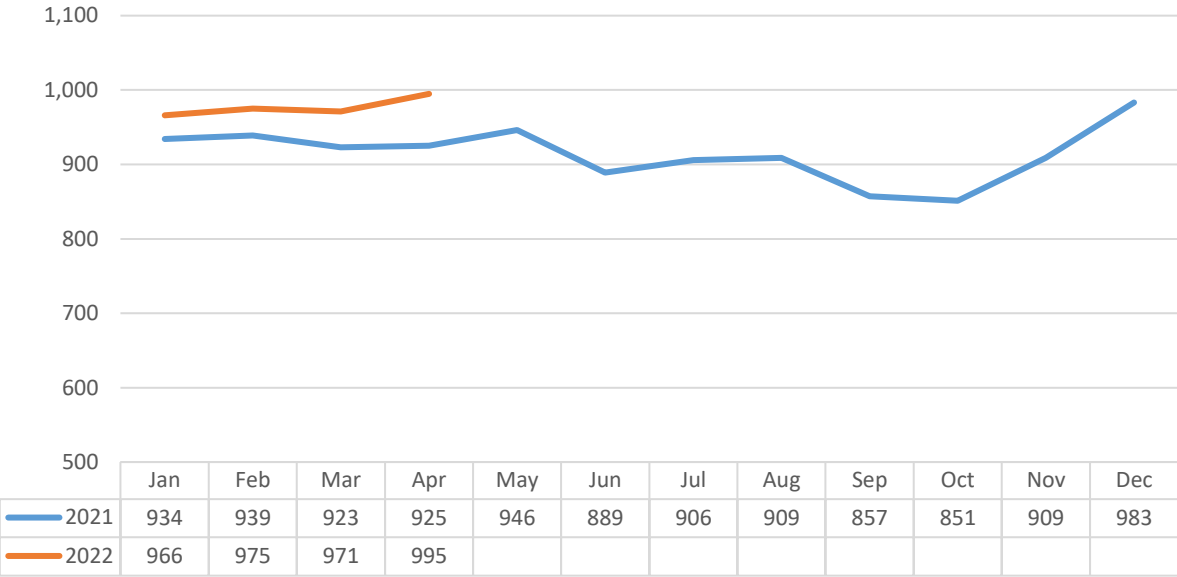
Children in Care with a Care Plan



Child Protection Notification System

- **995 children listed as “active” at the end of April 2022**; 24 more than March 2022 (971) and the highest number for the period Jan 2021 – Apr 2022.
- There were 70 (8%) more children “active” at the end of April 2022 than April 2021 (925).
- All children listed as “active” at the end of April 2022 had an **allocated social worker**.

Children "Active" on the CPNS



- Highest number of children listed as “active” at the end of April 2022 reported by Midwest (99) followed by Carlow/Kilkenny/South Tipperary (87), Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (86), Dublin North City (81) and Cork (74).
- Fewest number listed as “active” reported by Kerry (19) followed by Louth/Meath (25) and Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan (28).
- Highest rate per 10,000 population under 18 years reported by Dublin North City (18/10,000) followed by Donegal (14.2/10,000) and Carlow/Kilkenny/South Tipperary (13.8/10,000).
- Lowest rates reported by Louth/Meath (2.7/10,000), Galway/Roscommon (5.4/10,000), Kerry (5.5/10,000) and Cork (5.5/10,000). Ten areas reported a rate equal to or higher than the national rate of 8.4/10,000
- 9/17 areas had more children listed as “active” at the end of April 2022 than March 2022. Largest increases reported by Midlands (up 9), Dublin North City (up 6) and Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (up 6). Largest decreases reported by Dublin South Central (down 5) and Dublin North (down 3).
- 11 areas had more children active at the end of April 2022 than at the same period last year. Largest increases reported by Galway/Roscommon (up 20), Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan (up 16) and Donegal (up 14). Largest decreases reported by Kerry (down 24), Dublin North (down 10) and Cork (down 9).

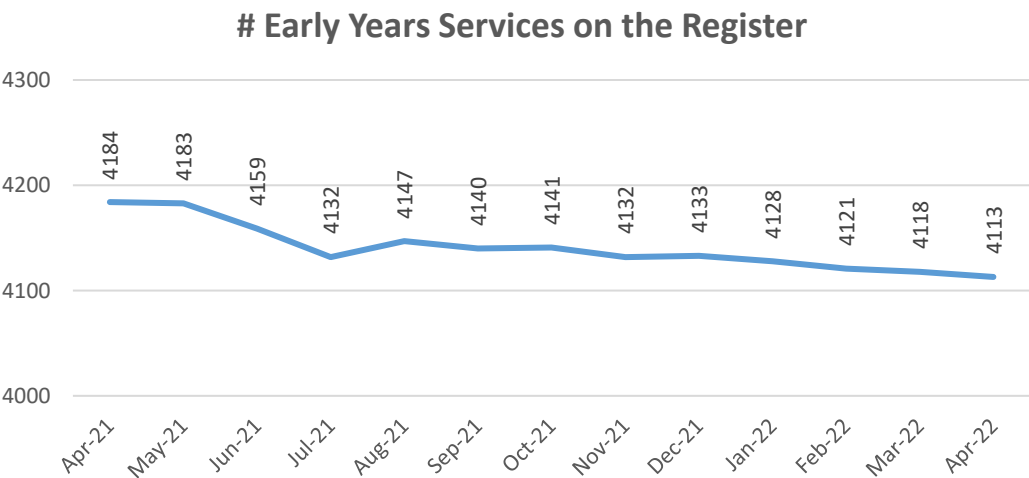
Number and rate of children “active” on the CPNS, by area (ranked by rate)

Area	Apr-21	Mar-22	Apr-22	Apr-22 v Apr-21	Apr-22 v Mar-22	Population	Rate/10,000
Dublin North City	83	75	81	-2	6	44927	18.0
Donegal	47	61	61	14	0	42865	14.2
Carlow / Kilkenny / South Tipperary	82	84	87	5	3	63009	13.8
Sligo / Leitrim / West Cavan	12	27	28	16	1	23554	11.9
Mayo	24	37	37	13	0	31968	11.6
Cavan / Monaghan	28	38	41	13	3	36446	11.2
Mid West	94	96	99	5	3	96266	10.3
Waterford / Wexford	60	70	69	9	-1	68513	10.1
Midlands	65	61	70	5	9	80193	8.7
Dublin South Central	57	62	57	0	-5	65564	8.7
Dublin South West / Kildare / West Wicklow	73	80	86	13	6	108186	7.9
Dublin North	77	70	67	-10	-3	100654	6.7
Dublin South East / Wicklow	56	53	51	-5	-2	86810	5.9
Cork	83	75	74	-9	-1	134015	5.5
Kerry	43	17	19	-24	2	34527	5.5
Galway / Roscommon	23	43	43	20	0	79912	5.4
Louth / Meath	18	22	25	7	3	93093	2.7
Total	925	971	995	70	24	1190502	8.4

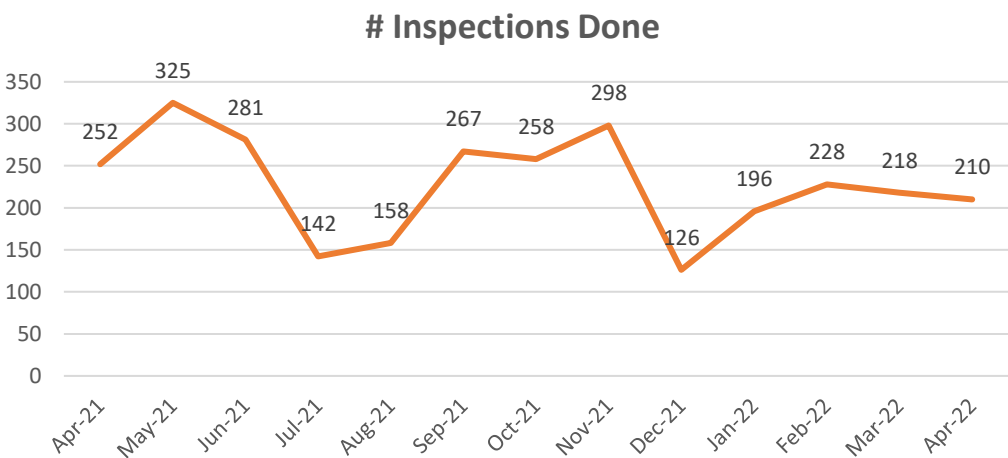
Children’s Services Regulation

EARLY YEARS INSPECTORATE

- **4,113 early years services on the register at the end of April 2022**, five fewer than March 2022 (4,118). There were 71 (2%) fewer services on the register at the end of April 2022 than April 2021 (4,184).

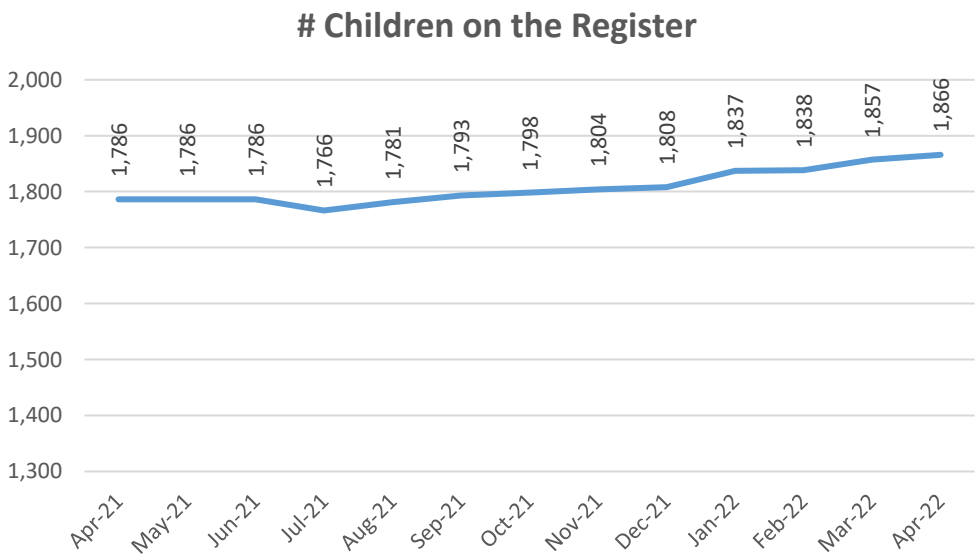


- **210 inspections of early years services done in April 2022**, eight fewer than March 2022 (218). This brings to 852 the number of inspections for the first four months of 2022, 203 (31%) more than the same period in 2021 (649). *Number of inspections for early 2021 impacted due to the closure of services under the Covid-19 restrictions.*

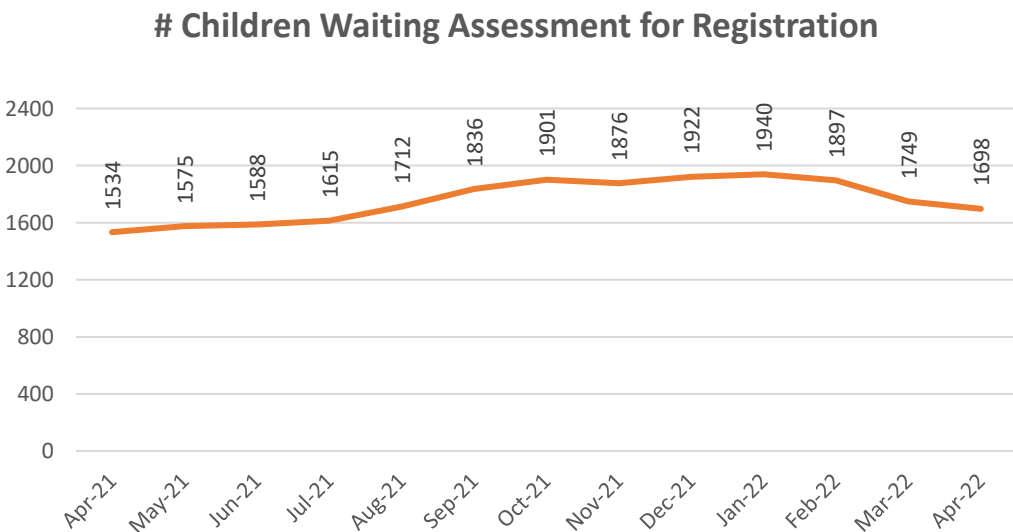


ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION ASSESSMENT AND REGISTRATION SERVICE

- **1,866 children on the register for home education at the end of April 2022**, nine more than March 2022 (1,857) and 80 (4%) more than April 2021 (1,786).



- **1,698 children on a waiting list for assessment at the end of April 2022**, 51 (3%) fewer than March 2022 (1,749), the third consecutive monthly decrease and the fewest number since July 2021 (1,615).



Tusla Education Support Services

Service activity for 2020/2021 impacted by the closure of schools (Covid-19)

- **1,004 referrals screened** by senior educational welfare services in April 2022, 105 (12%) more than March 2022 (899) and 496 (98%) more than April 2021 (508). Brings to 4,955 the number of referrals screened for the eight months Sept 2021 – April 2022, 1,141 (30%) more than Sept 2020 – Apr 2021 (3,814).

- **3,529 referrals on a waiting list** for educational welfare services at the end of April 2022, 508 (17%) more than March 2022 (3,021) and 1,642 (87%) more than April 2021 (1,887).

- **244 new individual children worked with** in April 2022, 122 (33%) fewer than March 2022 (366) and 25 (9%) fewer than April 2021 (269). Brings to 2,473 the number of new individual children worked with for the eight months Sept 2021 – Apr 2022, 428 (21%) more than Sept 2020 – Apr 2021 (2,045).

