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Headline Data – April 2021

Child Protection & Welfare

- 82% (16,175) of cases open to social work (19,752) had an allocated social worker at the end of April 2021
- **3,577 cases awaiting allocation of a social worker** at the end of April 2021, 211 (6%) more than March 2021 (3,366). Second consecutive monthly increase.
- Cases awaiting allocation are down 17% (714) from April 2020 (4,291) and 16% (662) from December 2020 (4,239).
- Six areas account for 62% (2,235) of cases awaiting allocation: Dublin South Central (548) followed by Dublin North (476), Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (326), Midwest (301), Waterford/Wexford (293) and Louth/Meath (291).
- 10% (342) of cases awaiting allocation at the end of April 2021 were categorised as high priority, 11 fewer than March 2021 (353). High priority cases are down 34 (9%) from December 2020 (376).

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

Cases of Retrospective Abuse

- 62% (844) of cases of retrospective abuse open to social work (1,364) had an allocated social worker at the end of April 2021.
- 520 cases were awaiting allocation to a social worker, 91 (15%) fewer than March 2021 (611). Cases awaiting allocation are down 8% (44) from April 2020 (564) and 19% (122) from December 2020 (642).
- Six areas account for 71% (369) of cases awaiting allocation: Cork (85), Kerry (76), Galway/Roscommon (63), Donegal (49), CW/K/ST (48) and Waterford/Wexford (48). Three areas (Cavan/Monaghan, Mayo and Midwest) have no cases awaiting allocation.

Children in Care

- 5,890 children in care at the end of April 2021; 10 more than March 2021 (5,880 revised figure) and 89 fewer children in care than the same time last year (5,979).
- 757 (13%) children in care at the end of April 2021 were in placements with private providers; 15 more than March 2021 (742) and 46 (6%) more than April 2020 (711).
- **91% (5,344) of children in care at the end of April 2021 had an allocated social worker;** down one percentage point from March 2021. A total of 546 children were awaiting an allocated social worker; 52 more than March 2021 (494) and 147 more than Dec 2020 (399).

Child Protection Notification System

- 925 children listed as “active” on the Child Protection Notification System at the end of April 2021, two more than March 2021 (923). There were 20 (2%) more children “active” at the end of April 2021 than April 2020 (905).
- All children listed as “active” at the end of April 2021 had an allocated social worker.

Children’s Services Regulation

- 4,184 early years services on the register at the end of April 2021, 11 fewer than March 2021 (4,195) and the fifth consecutive monthly decrease. There were 131 (3%) fewer services on the register at the end of April 2021 than April 2020 (4,315).
- 252 inspections of early years services done in April 2021. Brings to 649 the number of inspections for 2021. *Number of inspections impacted, due to the closure of services under the Covid-19 restrictions.*
- 1,786 children on the register for home education at the end of April 2021, 14 more than March 2021 (1,772) and the highest number for the period March 2020 – April 2021. The number of children on the register is up 19% (279) on April 2020 (1,507).
- 1,534 children on a waiting list for assessment at the end of April 2021, 57 (4%) more than March 2021 (1,477) and 99 (7%) more than Dec 2020 (1,435). The increase in numbers awaiting assessment in recent months is due to an increase in applications received over the same period.

Tusla Education Support Services

Service activity impacted by the closure of schools (Covid-19)

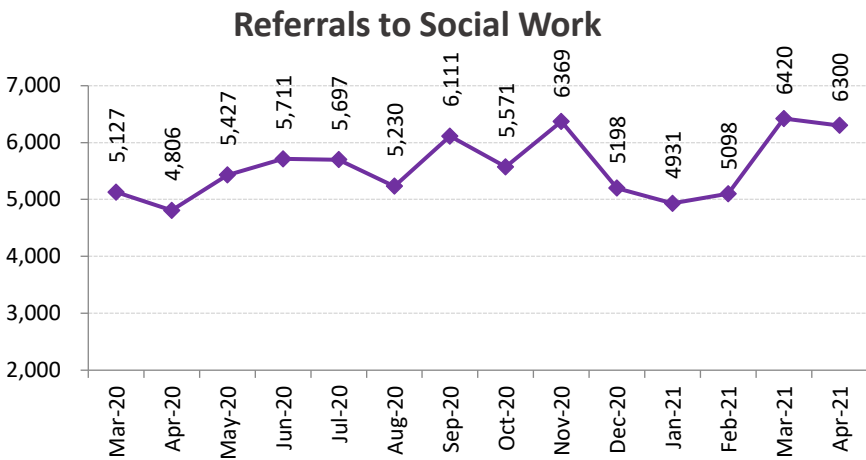
- 3,814 referrals screened by educational welfare officers for the eight months September – April 2021, 124 (3%) fewer than the same period in 2019/2020 (3,938).
- 1,887 referrals on a waiting list for educational welfare services at the end of April 2021, 15 more than March 2021 (1,872) when the first decrease after five consecutive monthly increases was reported. The number of referrals on a waiting list is down 618 (25%) from April 2020 (2,505).

Child Protection & Welfare

Referrals¹

- **6,300 referrals** in April 2021, 120 (2%) fewer than March 2021 (6,420). Referrals up 31% (1,494) on April 2020 (4,806). Fewer referrals received in April 2020, due to Covid-19 restrictions.

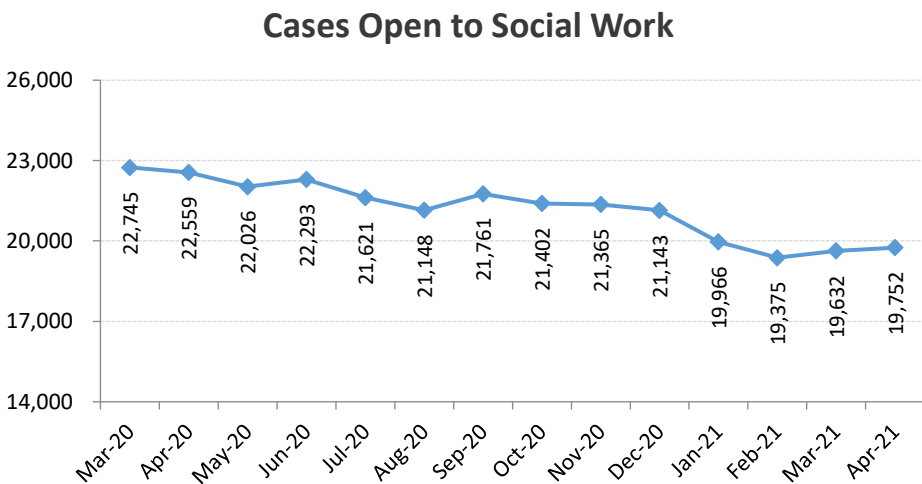
It should be noted that the data presented is based on referrals logged on NCCIS at the time is extracted for reporting. Referrals logged after the date the data is extracted are not included, nor are figures updated retrospectively. Hence it is likely that the actual number of referrals for each of the months shown may be slightly higher.



Open Cases

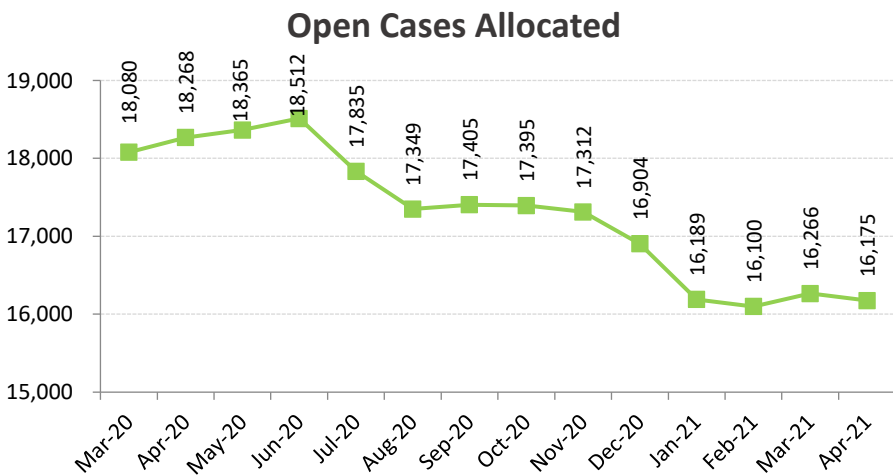
The data on cases presented below is based on the status of cases on the National Child Care Information System (NCCIS) at month end.

- **19,752 cases open to social work** at the end of April 2021, 120 (1%) more than March 2021 (19,632). *Note: open cases include, all cases held on duty, allocated and unallocated child protection and welfare cases including children in care*
- Open cases are down 12% (2,807) on April 2020 (22,559).



Allocated Cases

- **16,175 open cases allocated** to a social worker at the end of April 2021, 91 (1%) fewer than March 2021 (16,266).
- Allocated cases are down 11% (2,093) from April 2020 (18,268)
- Allocated cases account for 82% of open cases.



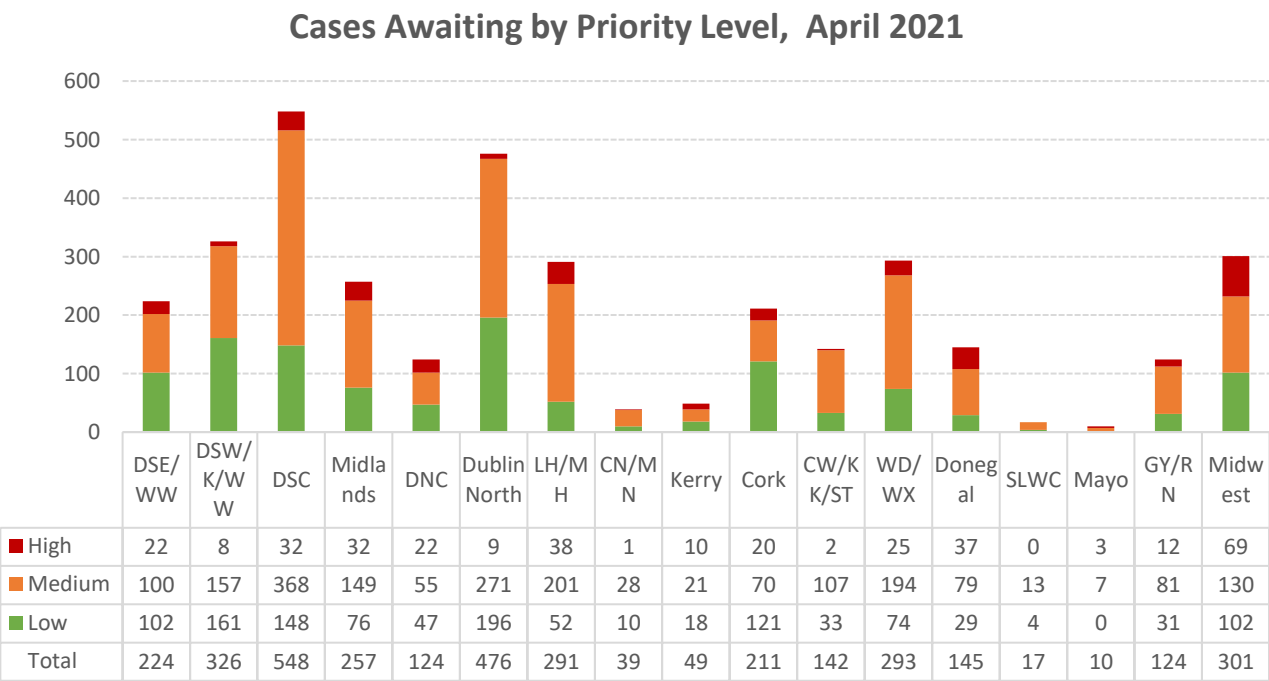
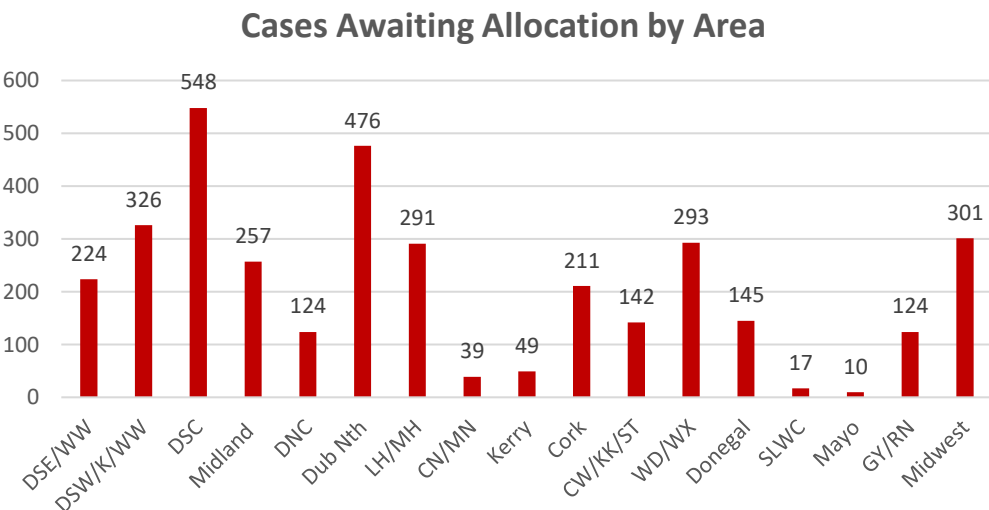
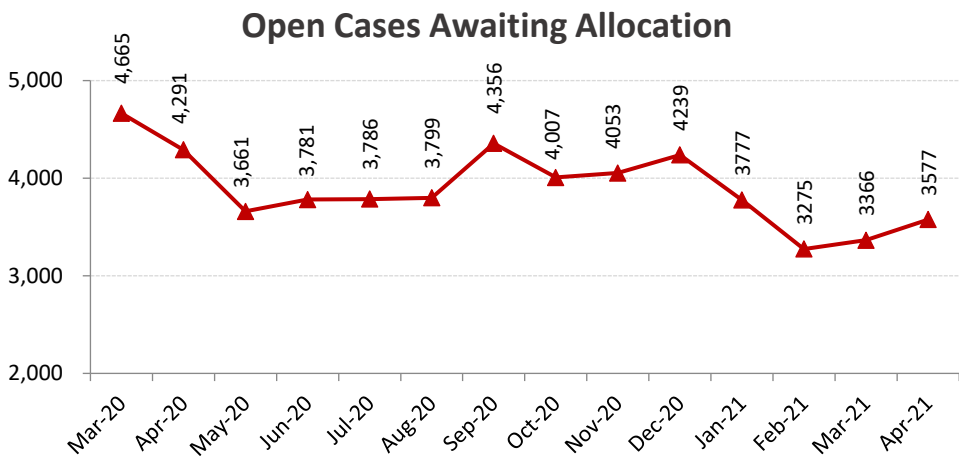
¹ Referrals include referrals meeting the eligibility criteria for child protection and welfare services, multiple reports of the same concern and referrals not meeting the eligibility criteria for child protection and welfare services. Referrals not meeting the eligibility criteria for child protection 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.

Child Protection & Welfare

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

- **3,577 cases awaiting allocation of a social worker** at the end of April 2021, 211 (6%) more than March 2021 (3,366). Second consecutive monthly increase.
- Cases awaiting allocation are down 17% (714) from April 2020 (4,291) and 16% (662) from December 2020 (4,239).
- Cases awaiting allocation account for 18% of open cases (19,752)
- 68% (2,435) of cases awaiting allocation at the end of April 2021 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 Central (548; 15%) followed by Dublin North (476; 13%), Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (326; 9%), Midwest (301; 8%), Waterford/Wexford (293; 8%) and Louth/Meath (291; 8%). These six areas account for 62% (2,235) of cases awaiting allocation.
- 342 cases awaiting allocation at the end of April 2021 were categorised as high priority, 11 fewer than March 2021 (353). High priority cases are down 34 (9%) from December 2020 (376).
- High priority cases account for 10% of cases awaiting allocation.
- 57% (2,031) of cases awaiting allocation were categorised at medium priority while the remaining 34% (1,204) were low priority.
- Highest number of high priority cases reported by Midwest (69), followed by Louth/Meath (38), Donegal (37), Dublin South Central (32) and Midlands (32). These five areas account for 61% (208) of all high priority cases awaiting.



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Cases Awaiting Allocation

- 8 areas reported an increase in unallocated cases from March 2021.
- Largest increase reported by Midlands (up 106) followed by Louth/Meath (up 85), Dublin North City (up 45), Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (37) and Galway/Roscommon (up 35).
- 9 areas reported a decrease in unallocated cases from March 2021.
- Largest decrease reported by Dublin North (down 29) followed by Cork (down 28), Kerry (down 27), Donegal (down 24) and Midwest (down 15).

- 8 areas had fewer cases awaiting at the end of April 2021 than the same period in 2020. Largest decrease reported by Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (down 624; 66%) followed by Dublin North City (down 186; 60%), Waterford/Wexford (down 170; 37%), Carlow/Kilkenny/South Tipperary (down 154; 52%) and Cork (down 118; 36%). Largest increases reported by Midwest (up 183; 155%), Dublin South East/Wicklow (up 112; 100%) and Dublin South Central (up 106; 24%).
- Nationally 18% of open cases were unallocated at the end of April 2021. Ten areas reported a percentage equal to or higher than the national average. Highest percentage (38%) reported by Dublin South Central followed by Dublin South East/Wicklow (26%), Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (23%), Louth/Meath (22%) and Donegal (22%).

Area	Apr-20 # Unallocated	Apr-20 % Unallocated	Feb-21 # Unallocated	Mar-21 # Unallocated	Apr-21 # Unallocated	Apr-21 % Unallocated	Feb - Apr	Apr-2021 v Apr- 2020	% Δ	Apr-2021 v Mar- 2021	% Δ2
DSE/WW	112	13%	203	228	224	26%		112	100%	-4	-2%
DSW/K/WW	950	48%	362	289	326	23%		-624	-66%	37	13%
DSC	442	29%	528	525	548	38%		106	24%	23	4%
Midlands	176	15%	133	151	257	18%		81	46%	106	70%
DNC	310	19%	70	79	124	8%		-186	-60%	45	57%
Dublin North	534	14%	428	505	476	20%		-58	-11%	-29	-6%
LH/MH	341	25%	260	206	291	22%		-50	-15%	85	41%
CN/MN	6	1%	31	42	39	7%		33	550%	-3	-7%
Kerry	65	14%	66	76	49	10%		-16	-25%	-27	-36%
Cork	329	14%	240	239	211	10%		-118	-36%	-28	-12%
CW/KK/ST	296	27%	180	147	142	18%		-154	-52%	-5	-3%
WD/WX	463	27%	260	274	293	19%		-170	-37%	19	7%
Donegal	92	12%	129	169	145	22%		53	58%	-24	-14%
SLWC	12	4%	9	25	17	6%		5	42%	-8	-32%
Mayo	0	0%	11	6	10	3%		10	#DIV/0!	4	67%
GY/RN	45	4%	83	89	124	11%		79	176%	35	39%
Midwest	118	8%	282	316	301	21%		183	155%	-15	-5%
TOTAL	4,291	19%	3275	3366	3577	18%		-714	-17%	211	6%

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

Child Protection & Welfare

Summary Tables

Referrals				Open Cases			Allocated Cases			Unallocated	Unallocated	
Area	Mar 2021	Apr 2021	Δ Apr v Mar	Mar2021	Apr 2021	Δ Apr v Mar2	Mar 2021	Apr 2021	Δ Apr v Mar3	Cases Mar 2021	Cases Apr 2021	Δ Apr v Mar4
DSE/WW	269	264	-5	879	873	-6	651	649	-2	228	224	-4
DSW/K/WW	582	594	12	1,405	1,395	-10	1,116	1,069	-47	289	326	37
DSC	487	449	-38	1,463	1,457	-6	938	909	-29	525	548	23
Midlands	685	599	-86	1,385	1,455	70	1,234	1,198	-36	151	257	106
DNC	463	453	-10	1,541	1,569	28	1,462	1,445	-17	79	124	45
Dublin North	660	577	-83	2,531	2,412	-119	2,026	1,936	-90	505	476	-29
LH/MH	379	430	51	1,277	1,297	20	1,071	1,006	-65	206	291	85
CN/MN	183	210	27	474	525	51	432	486	54	42	39	-3
Kerry	186	167	-19	493	472	-21	417	423	6	76	49	-27
Cork	576	541	-35	2,167	2,124	-43	1,928	1,913	-15	239	211	-28
CW/KK/ST	389	351	-38	785	779	-6	638	637	-1	147	142	-5
WD/WX	392	446	54	1,589	1,581	-8	1,315	1,288	-27	274	293	19
Donegal	189	177	-12	643	659	16	474	514	40	169	145	-24
SLWC	123	132	9	263	286	23	238	269	31	25	17	-8
Mayo	127	124	-3	322	322	0	316	312	-4	6	10	4
GY/RN	305	295	-10	1,084	1,120	36	995	996	1	89	124	35
Midwest	425	491	66	1,331	1,426	95	1,015	1,125	110	316	301	-15
TOTAL	6420	6300	-120	19,632	19,752	120	16,266	16,175	-91	3366	3577	211

High Priority				Medium Priority			Low Priority		
Area	High Priority Awaiting Mar 2021	High Priority Awaiting Apr 2021	Δ	Medium Priority Awaiting Mar 2021	Medium Priority Awaiting Apr 2021	Δ 2	Low Priority Awaiting Mar 2021	Low Priority Awaiting Apr 2021	Δ 3
DSE/WW	39	22	-17	103	100	-3	86	102	16
DSW/K/WW	7	8	1	153	157	4	129	161	32
DSC	35	32	-3	337	368	31	153	148	-5
Midlands	23	32	9	69	149	80	59	76	17
DNC	6	22	16	41	55	14	32	47	15
Dublin North	17	9	-8	288	271	-17	200	196	-4
LH/MH	38	38	0	134	201	67	34	52	18
CN/MN	2	1	-1	31	28	-3	9	10	1
Kerry	18	10	-8	17	21	4	41	18	-23
Cork	22	20	-2	92	70	-22	125	121	-4
CW/KK/ST	3	2	-1	109	107	-2	35	33	-2
WD/WX	31	25	-6	181	194	13	62	74	12
Donegal	47	37	-10	90	79	-11	32	29	-3
SLWC	5	0	-5	18	13	-5	2	4	2
Mayo	1	3	2	5	7	2	0	0	0
GY/RN	6	12	6	65	81	16	18	31	13
Midwest	53	69	16	141	130	-11	122	102	-20
TOTAL	353	342	-11	1874	2031	157	1139	1204	65

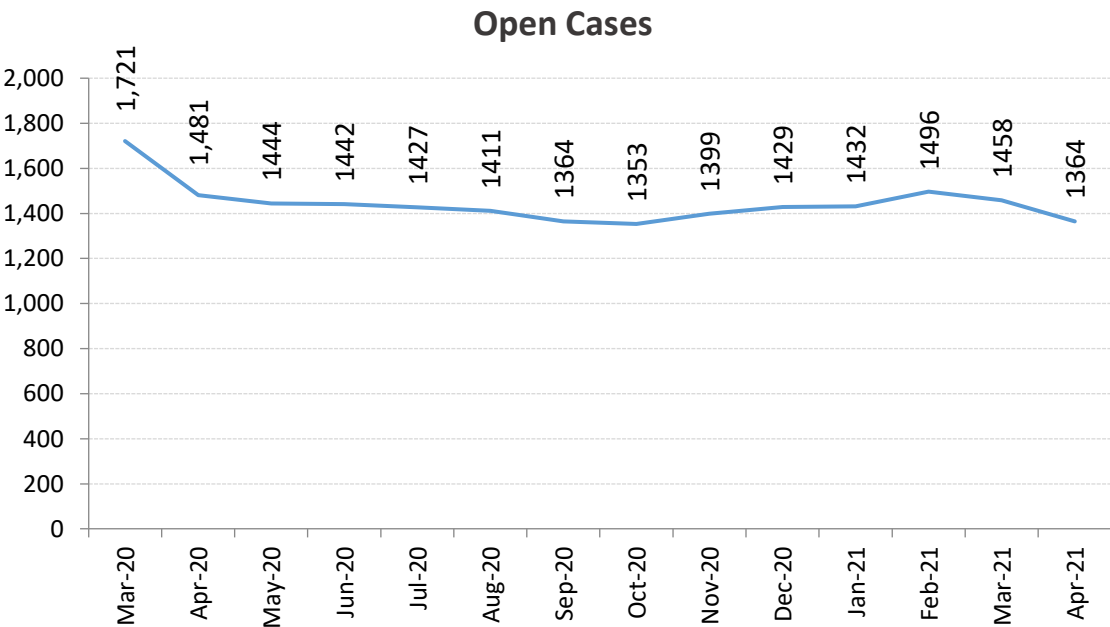
Retrospective Cases of Abuse

Referrals

- **253 referrals of retrospective abuse** in April 2021, bringing the total number of referrals for the first four months of 2021 to 1,071. At least 910 referrals received during the same period in 2020. *Data for Feb-May 2020 based on data from 16 areas.*

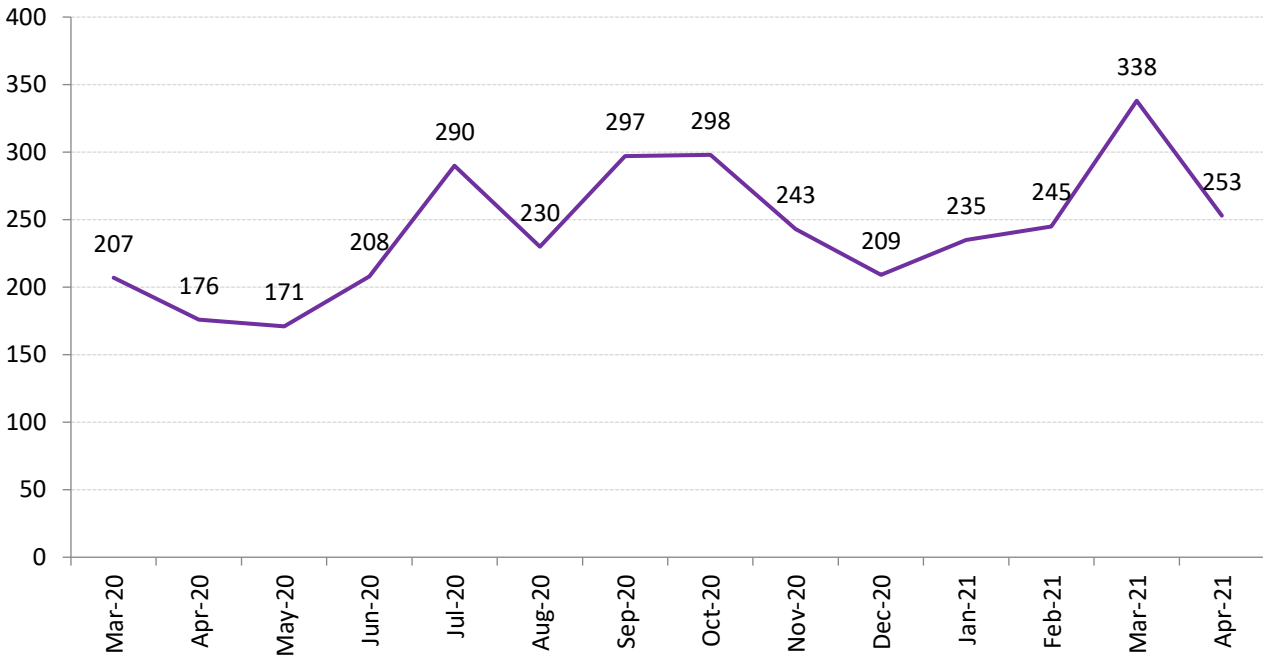
Open Cases

- **1,364 cases open to social work** at the end of April 2021, 94 fewer than March 2021 (1,458). Open cases are down 117 (8%) on April 2020 (1,481). *Data for Feb-May 2020 based on data from 16 areas.*



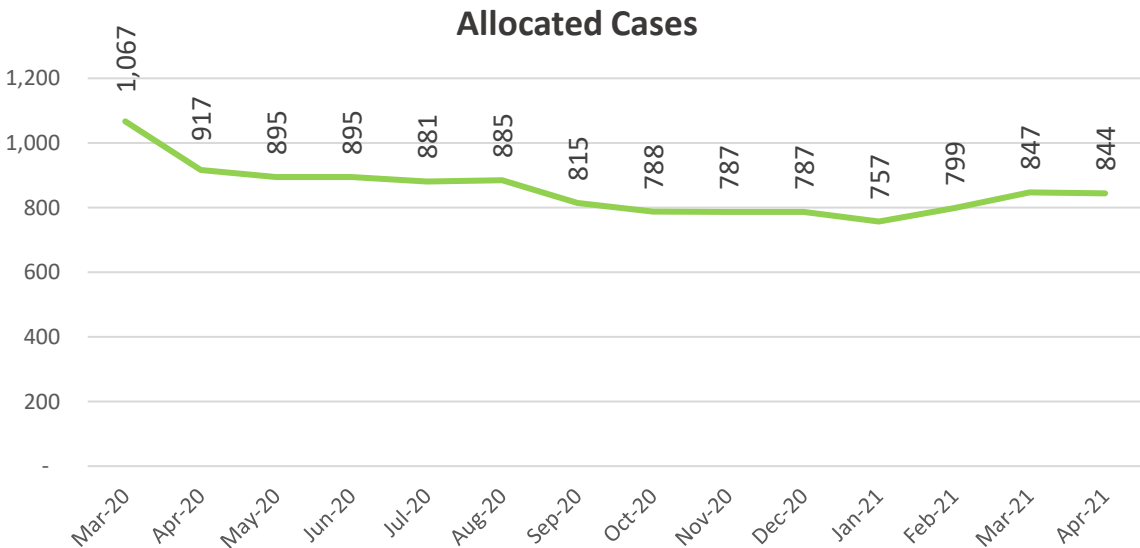
Note: all data on cases of retrospective abuse needs to be interpreted with caution due to concerns about the consistent interpretation of definitions.

Referrals



Allocated Cases

- **844 cases allocated to a social worker** at the end of April 2021, three fewer than March 2021 (847) and 73 (8%) fewer than April 2020 (917). *Data for Feb-May 2020 based on data from 16 areas.*
- Allocated cases account for 62% of open cases, up four percentage points from March 2021 (58%).

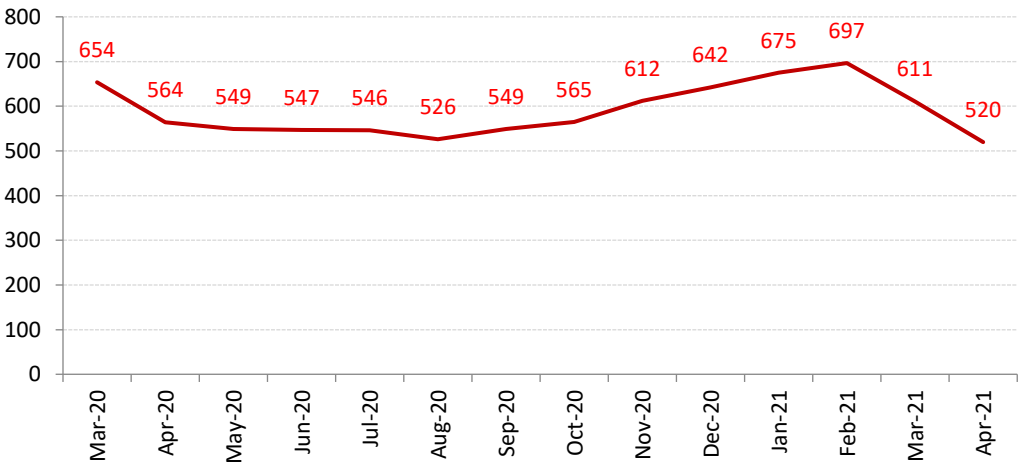


Retrospective Cases of Abuse

Cases Awaiting Allocation of a Social Worker

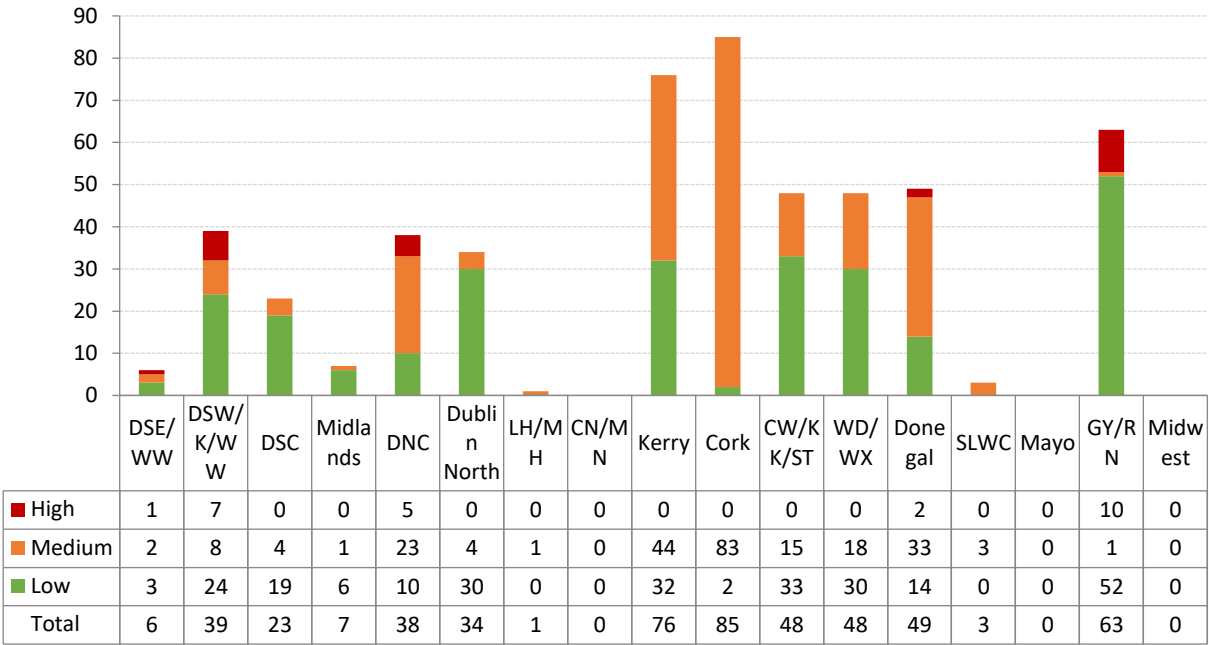
- **520 cases awaiting allocation** at the end of April 2021, 91 (15%) fewer than March 2021 (611). *Data for Feb-May 2020 based on data from 16 areas.*
- Cases awaiting allocation are down 8% (44) from April 2020 (564) and 19% (122) from December 2020 (642).
- At the end of April 2021, cases awaiting allocation accounted for 38% of open cases, down from 42% at the end of March 2021.
- Highest number of cases awaiting in Cork (85) followed by Kerry (76), Galway/Roscommon (63), Donegal (49), CW/K/ST (48) and Waterford/Wexford (48). These six areas account for 71% (369) of cases awaiting allocation. Three areas (Cavan/Monaghan, Mayo and Midwest) have no cases awaiting allocation.

Cases Awaiting Allocation

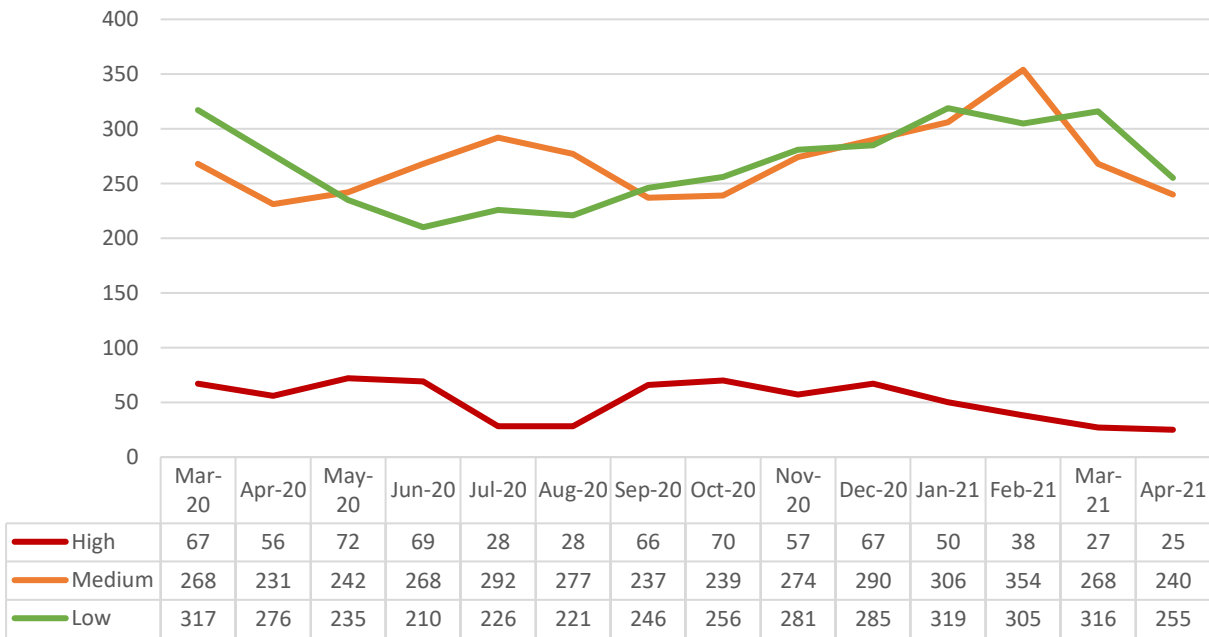


- **25 high priority cases awaiting allocation** at the end of April 2021, two fewer than March 2021 (27) and the fewest number for the period Mar-20 to April 2021. High priority cases are down 55% (31) on April 2020 (56).
- High priority cases accounted for 5% of cases awaiting allocation at the end of April 2021 (520).
- Highest number of high priority cases reported by Galway/Roscommon (10) followed by Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (7). Nine of the 14 areas with cases awaiting allocation have no high priority cases.

Retrospective Cases of Abuse Awaiting Allocation by Priority Level, Apr 2021



Cases Awaiting Allocation by Priority Status



Priority not available for 2 cases Mar 2020 and 1 case Apr 2020

Retrospective Cases of Abuse

- **9 areas reported a decrease** in cases awaiting allocation from March 2021 with the largest decrease reported by Dublin South West / Kildare / West Wicklow (down 40) followed by Waterford/Wexford (down 29) and Dublin South Central (down 27).
- **3 areas reported an increase** with the largest increase reported by Kerry (up 60) followed by Dublin North City (up 4) and Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan (up 1).
- The remaining five areas reported no change.
- 38% (520) of open cases are awaiting allocation nationally, with nine areas reporting a percentage equal to or higher than the national average. Highest percentages reported by Dublin South East/Wicklow (86%), Galway/Roscommon (68%), Donegal (66%) and Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (62%),

- 5 areas had fewer cases awaiting allocation at the end of April 2021 than April 2020, while 10 areas reported an increase. The remaining two areas (Cavan/Monaghan and Mayo) has no cases awaiting allocation at the end of either month.

Area	Apr-20 # Unallocated	Apr-20 % Unallocated	Feb-21 # Unallocated	Mar-21 # Unallocated	Apr-21 # Unallocated	Apr-21 % Unallocated	Feb - Apr	Apr-2021 v Apr- 2020	% Δ	Apr-2021 v Mar- 2021	% Δ2
DSE/WW	0	0%	34	6	6	86%		6		0	0%
DSW/K/WW	118	52%	75	79	39	62%		-79	-67%	-40	-51%
DSC	35	37%	51	50	23	46%		-12	-34%	-27	-54%
Midlands	1	2%	25	21	7	44%		6	600%	-14	-67%
DNC	31	34%	26	34	38	32%		7	23%	4	12%
Dublin North	29	21%	40	39	34	22%		5	17%	-5	-13%
LH/MH	6	12%	19	12	1	2%		-5	-83%	-11	-92%
CN/MN	0	0%	0	0	0	0%		0		0	
Kerry	0		0	16	76	54%		76		60	
Cork	71	38%	56	85	85	56%		14	20%	0	0%
CW/KK/ST	29	55%	144	61	48	53%		19	66%	-13	-21%
WD/WX	149	67%	78	77	48	37%		-101	-68%	-29	-38%
Donegal	40	57%	50	51	49	66%		9	23%	-2	-4%
SLWC	0	0%	0	2	3	11%		3		1	
Mayo	0	0%	0	0	0	0%		0		0	
GY/RN	41	49%	65	78	63	68%		22	54%	-15	-19%
Midwest	14	20%	34	0	0	0%		-14		0	
TOTAL	564	38%	697	611	520	38%		-44	-8%	-91	-15%

Retrospective Cases of Abuse

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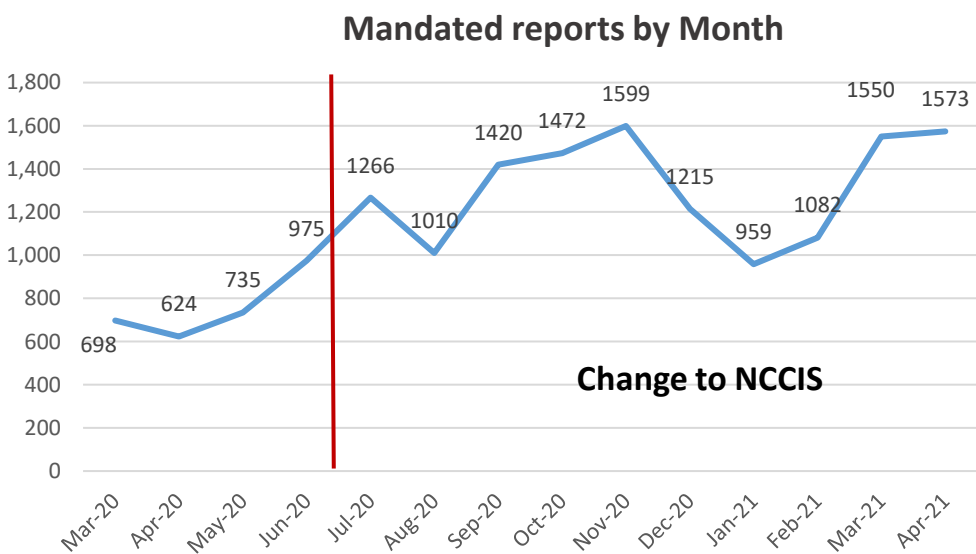
Area	Referrals Mar 2021	Referrals Apr 2021	Δ Apr v Mar	Open Cases Mar2021	Open Cases Apr 2021	Δ Apr v Mar2	Allocated Cases Mar 2021	Allocated Cases Apr 2021	Δ Apr v Mar3	Unallocated Cases Mar 2021	Unallocated Cases Apr 2021	Δ Apr v Mar4
DSE/WW	4	2	-2	7	7	0	1	1	0	6	6	0
DSW/K/WW	15	11	-4	93	63	-30	14	24	10	79	39	-40
DSC	21	10	-11	98	50	-48	48	27	-21	50	23	-27
Midlands	18	3	-15	29	16	-13	8	9	1	21	7	-14
DNC	33	27	-6	109	117	8	75	79	4	34	38	4
Dublin North	29	17	-12	165	157	-8	126	123	-3	39	34	-5
LH/MH	35	35	0	55	42	-13	43	41	-2	12	1	-11
CN/MN	6	8	2	47	48	1	47	48	1	0	0	0
Kerry	20	12	-8	86	141	55	70	65	-5	16	76	60
Cork	49	32	-17	159	151	-8	74	66	-8	85	85	0
CW/KK/ST	18	10	-8	92	90	-2	31	42	11	61	48	-13
WD/WX	32	33	1	156	131	-25	79	83	4	77	48	-29
Donegal	2	6	4	71	74	3	20	25	5	51	49	-2
SLWC	4	5	1	22	27	5	20	24	4	2	3	1
Mayo	8	7	-1	52	58	6	52	58	6	0	0	0
GY/RN	30	19	-11	104	92	-12	26	29	3	78	63	-15
Midwest	14	16	2	113	100	-13	113	100	-13	0	0	0
TOTAL	338	253	-85	1458	1364	-94	847	844	-3	611	520	-91

Area	High Priority Awaiting Mar 2021	High Priority Awaiting Apr 2021	Δ	Medium Priority Awaiting Mar 2021	Medium Priority Awaiting Apr 2021	Δ 2	Low Priority Awaiting Mar 2021	Low Priority Awaiting Apr 2021	Δ 3
DSE/WW	0	1	1	1	2	1	5	3	-2
DSW/K/WW	2	7	5	36	8	-28	41	24	-17
DSC	1	0	-1	20	4	-16	29	19	-10
Midlands	0	0	0	4	1	-3	17	6	-11
DNC	8	5	-3	18	23	5	8	10	2
Dublin North	0	0	0	4	4	0	35	30	-5
LH/MH	1	0	-1	5	1	-4	6	0	-6
CN/MN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kerry	0	0	0	3	44	41	13	32	19
Cork	0	0	0	83	83	0	2	2	0
CW/KK/ST	0	0	0	30	15	-15	31	33	2
WD/WX	0	0	0	27	18	-9	50	30	-20
Donegal	3	2	-1	35	33	-2	13	14	1
SLWC	1	0	-1	1	3	2	0	0	0
Mayo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GY/RN	11	10	-1	1	1	0	66	52	-14
Midwest	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	27	25	-2	268	240	-28	316	255	-61

Mandated Reports¹ – Child Protection & Welfare

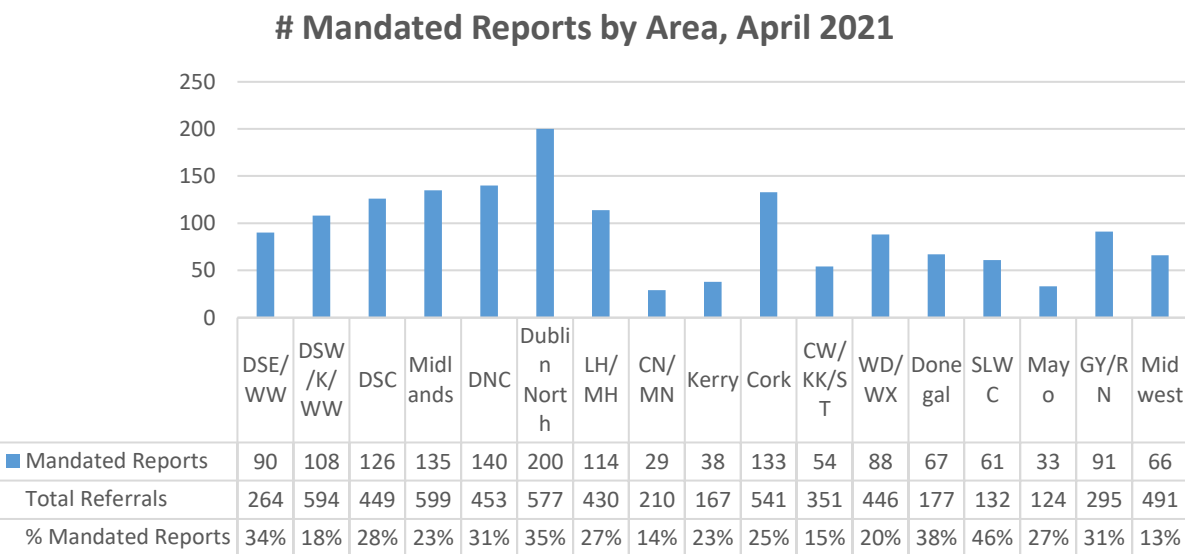
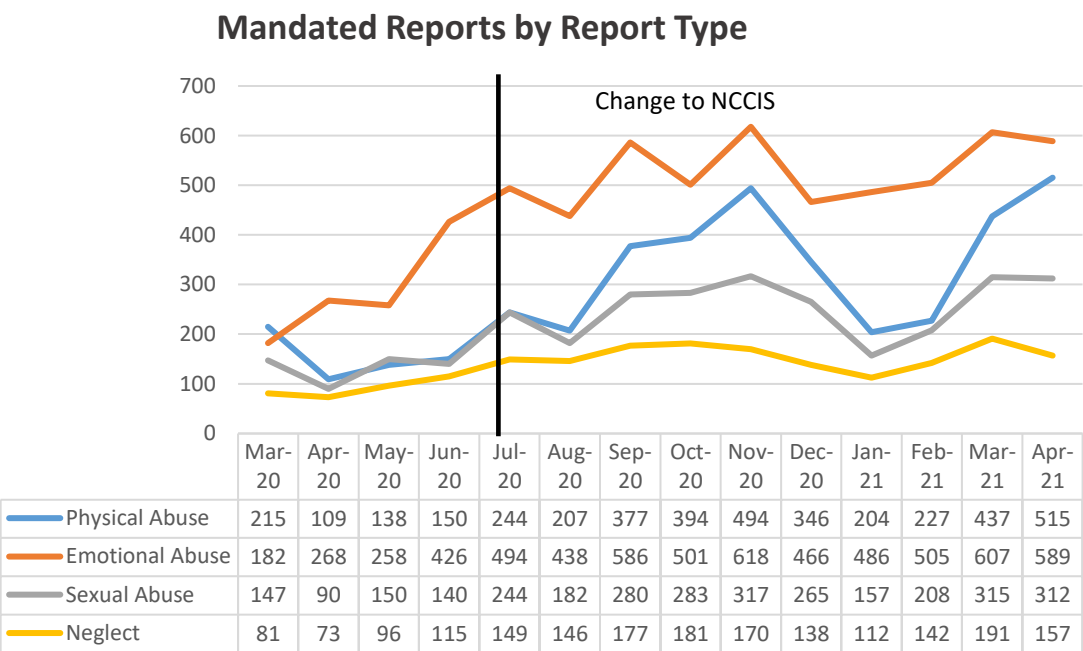
- **1,573 mandated reports of abuse** received in April 2021. Brings to 5,164 the number of reports for the first four months of 2021 (provisional figure).
- Mandated reports accounted for 25% (1,573) of all referrals received (6,300) in April 2021.

Comparison of data from July 2020 with previous months needs to be interpreted with caution. This is due to a change made on the National Child Care Information System (NCCIS) in July 2020 to enable areas record the primary report type of mandated reports on the referral screen. This means that areas no longer have to create an intake record on NCCIS to record the primary report type. Prior to this change, if an intake record had not been created on the system at the time the data were extracted, the mandated report would not have been included in the count.



- The number of mandated reports for April 2021, by area ranged from 29 (Cavan/Monaghan) to 200 (Dublin North).
- As a percentage of referrals, the highest percentage was reported by Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan (46%) followed by Donegal (38%) and Dublin North (35%).
- The lowest percentage was reported by Midwest (13%) followed by Cavan/Monaghan (14%) and CW/K/ST (15%)

- Highest number of reports for April 2021 for emotional abuse (589; 37%) followed by physical abuse (515; 33%), sexual abuse (312; 20%) and neglect (157; 10%). *Category of abuse not available for, 113 reports for October 2020, 37 reports for August 2020, 135 reports for July 2020, 144 reports for June 2020, 93 reports for May 2020, 84 reports for April 2020, 73 reports for March 2020.*



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 2021 from An Garda Síochána (576; 37%) followed by teachers (293; 19%), social workers (209; 13%), social care workers (91; 6%), medical practitioners (71; 5%) and safeguarding officers (71; 3%).
- These six sources account for 83% (1,311) of reports for April 2021.
- The highest number of reports year to date has been from An Garda Síochána (2,227; 43%) followed by social workers (690; 13%), teachers (641; 12%), social care workers (297; 6%), medical practitioners (251; 5%), safeguarding officers (213; 4%) and managers of domestic violence shelters (168; 3%).
- These seven sources account for 87% (4,487) of all reports.

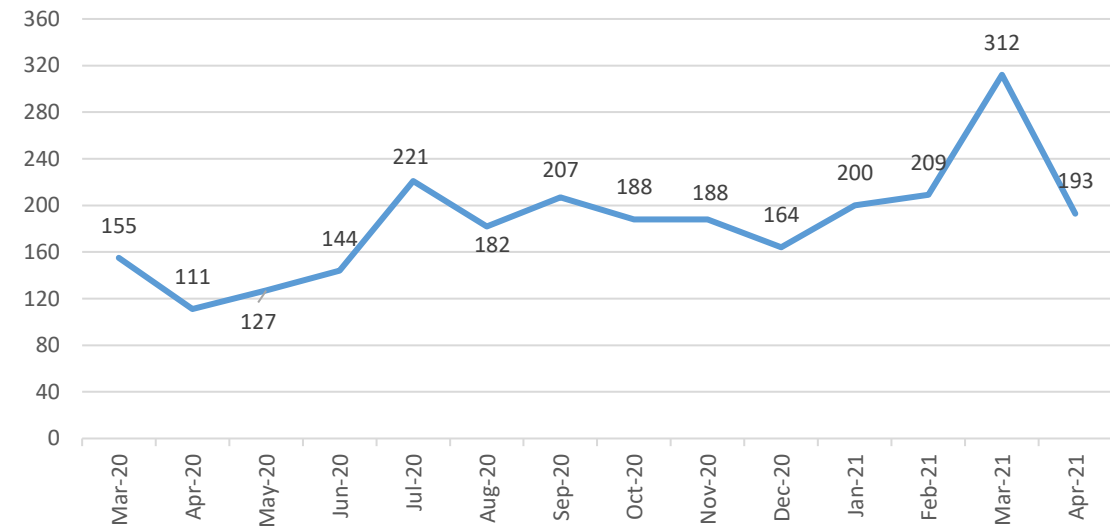
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Source	# Apr 2021	% Apr 2021	Total 2021 YTD	% Total 2021 YTD
Medical practitioner (Registered)	71	4.5%	251	4.9%
Nurse or registered midwife (Registered)	29	1.8%	99	1.9%
Physiotherapist (Registered)	12	0.8%	40	0.8%
Speech & language therapist (Registered)	*	*	14	0.3%
Occupational therapist (Registered)	7	0.4%	13	0.3%
Registered dentist	*	*	5	0.1%
Psychologist who practises as such and who is eligible for registration	43	2.7%	130	2.5%
Social care worker who practises as such and who is eligible for registration	91	5.8%	297	5.8%
Social worker who practises as such and who is eligible for registration	209	13.3%	690	13.4%
EMT, paramedic and advanced paramedic registered with the Pre-Hospital Emergency Care Council	*	*	8	0.2%
Probation officer within the meaning of section 1 of the Criminal Justice (Community Service) Act 1983.	17	1.1%	22	0.4%
Teacher registered with the Teaching Council.	293	18.6%	641	12.4%
An Garda Síochána Member	576	36.6%	2227	43.1%
Guardian ad litem appointed in accordance with section 26 of the Child Care Act 1991	*	*	*	*
Domestic violence shelter manager	27	1.7%	168	3.3%
Homeless provision or emergency accommodation facility manager	8	0.5%	32	0.6%
Asylum seeker accommodation (direct provision) centre manager	5	0.3%	18	0.3%
Addiction counsellor employed by a body funded, wholly or partly, out of moneys provided by the Oireachtas	*	*	10	0.2%
Psychotherapist or a person providing counselling who is registered with one of the voluntary professional bodies	44	2.8%	122	2.4%
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;	*	*	*	*
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;	71	4.5%	213	4.1%
Child care staff member employed in a pre-school service within the meaning of Part VIIA of the Child Care Act 1991;	*	*	23	0.4%
Youth work service - person responsible for the care or management within the meaning of section 2 of the Youth Work Act 2001	17	1.1%	44	0.9%
Youth worker holds a professional qualification and who is employed in a youth work service	23	1.5%	50	1.0%
Foster carer registered with the Agency.	5	0.3%	24	0.5%
Pre-school service within the meaning of Part VIIA of the Child Care Act 1991.	8	0.5%	12	0.2%
Total (includes suppressed values)	1573	100.0%	5164	100.0%

Mandated Reports¹ – Retrospective Abuse

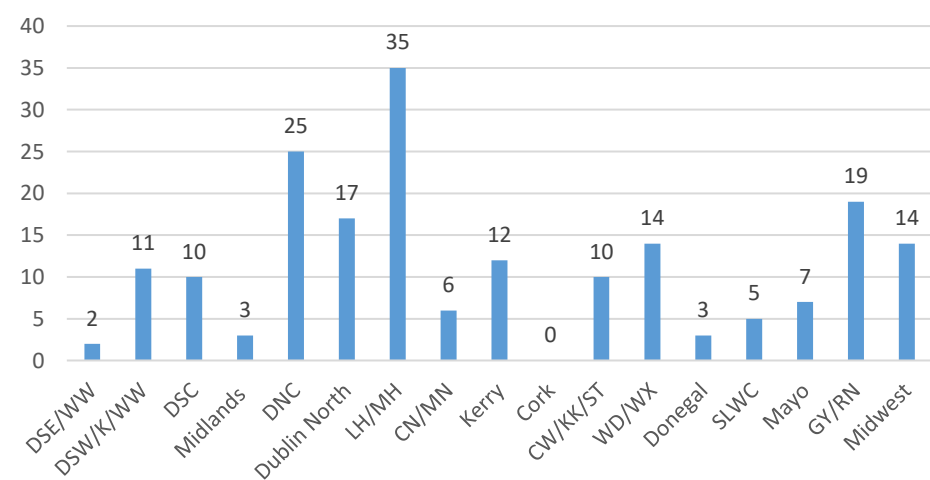
- **193 mandated reports of retrospective abuse** in April 2021. Brings to 914 the number of reports for the first four months of 2021. *Data for Feb-May 2020 based on data from 16 areas.*
- Mandated reports accounted for 76% (193) of all reports of retrospective abuse received in April 2021 (253).
- The majority (82%; 158) of mandated reports for April 2021 were for sexual abuse.
- Highest number of mandated reports reported by Louth/Meath (35) followed by Dublin North City (25) and Galway/Roscommon (19).

Mandated Reports by Month

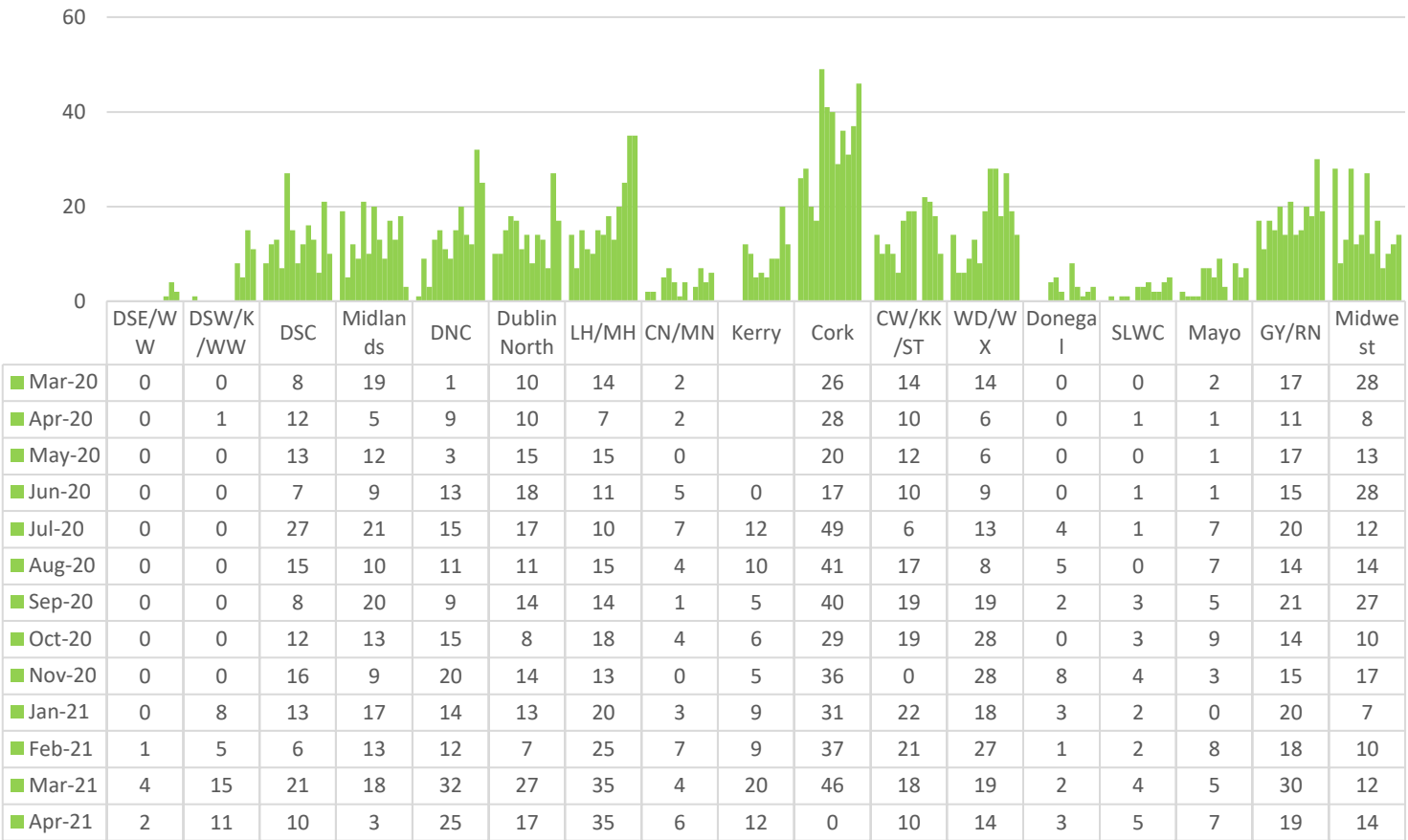


Data for Feb/Mar/Apr/May 2020 based on 16 areas.

Mandated Reports by Area - April 2021



Mandated Reports - Retrospective Cases of Abuse



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Mandated Reports – Retrospective Abuse

Source of Reports

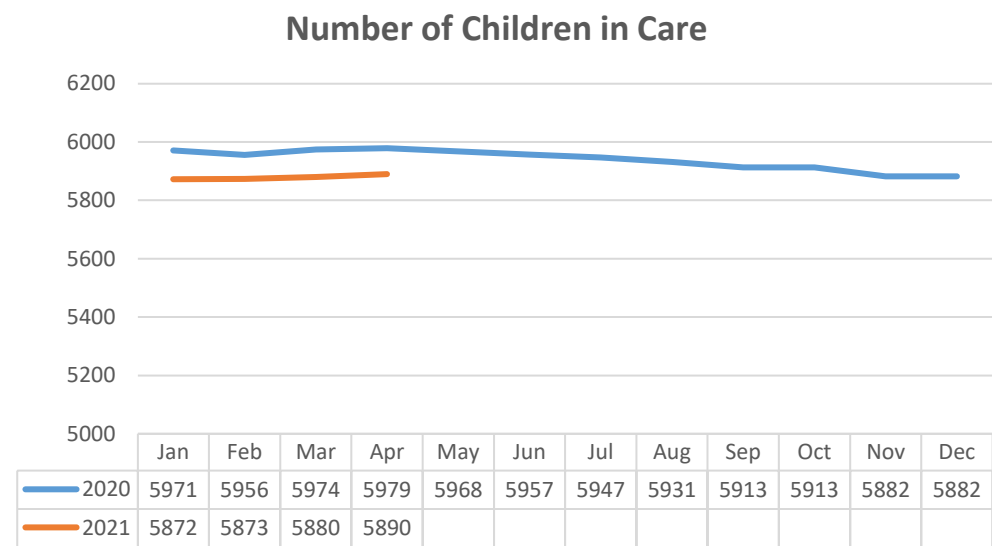
- Highest number of reports for April 2021 from psychotherapists (54; 28%) followed closely by An Garda Síochána (53; 26%) followed by safeguarding officers (22; 11%), social workers (21; 11%) and psychologists (12; 6%). These five sources account for 84%; (162) of all reports received.
- The highest number of reports year to date has been from An Garda Síochána (238; 26%) followed by psychotherapists (172; 19%), social workers (152; 17%), psychologists (85; 9%), medical practitioners (66; 7%) and safeguarding officers (62; 7%). These six sources account for 85% (775) of all reports received.

*Values <5 suppressed

Source	# Apr 2021	% Apr 2021	Total 2021 YTD	% Total 2021 YTD
Medical practitioner (Registered)	7	3.6%	66	7.2%
Nurse or registered midwife (Registered)	10	5.2%	48	5.3%
Physiotherapist (Registered)	*	*	10	1.1%
Speech & language therapist (Registered)	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Occupational therapist (Registered)	0	0.0%	5	0.5%
Registered dentist	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Psychologist who practises as such and who is eligible for registration	12	6.2%	85	9.3%
Social care worker who practises as such and who is eligible for registration	*	*	17	1.9%
Social worker who practises as such and who is eligible for registration	21	10.9%	152	16.6%
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.	*	*	12	1.3%
Teacher registered with the Teaching Council.	*	*	10	1.1%
An Garda Síochána Member	53	27.5%	238	26.0%
Guardian ad litem appointed in accordance with section 26 of the Child Care Act 1991	0	0.0%	*	*
Domestic violence shelter manager	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Homeless provision or emergency accommodation facility manager	*	*	*	*
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	0	0.0%	*	*
Psychotherapist or a person providing counselling who is registered with one of the voluntary professional bodies	54	28.0%	172	18.8%
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;	*	*	17	1.9%
Institution where a child is detained by an order of a court (Director)	*	*	*	*
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;	22	11.4%	62	6.8%
Child care staff member employed in a pre-school service within the meaning of Part VIIA of the Child Care Act 1991;	*	*	*	*
Youth work service - person responsible for the care or management within the meaning of section 2 of the Youth Work Act 2001	0	0.0%	*	*
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	0.0%
Pre-school service within the meaning of Part VIIA of the Child Care Act 1991.	0	0.0%	*	*
Total (includes suppressed values)	193	100.0%	914	100.0%

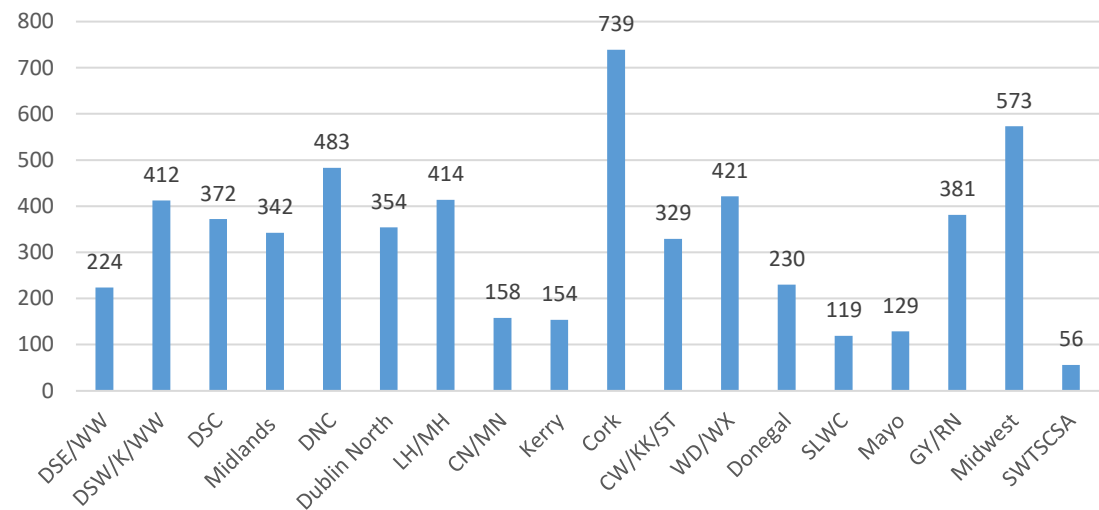
Children in Care

- **5,890 children in care at the end of April 2021**; 10 more than March 2021 (5,880 revised figure)
- 89 fewer children in care than the same time last year (5,979).
- 65% (3,820) of children in care are in general foster care, 26% (1,524) are in relative foster care, 7% (437) are in residential care and 2% (109) are in “other” care placements.
- 17 (4%) of the 437 children in residential placements are in special care



- Highest number of children in care reported by Cork (739) followed by Midwest (573) and Dublin North City (483).
- Fewest number reported by the Social Work Team for Separated Children Seeking International Protection (56) followed by Sligo/Leitrim West Cavan (119) and Mayo (129).
- Highest rate of children in care per 1,000 children was reported by Dublin North City (10.8/1,000) followed by Waterford/Wexford (6.1/1,000) and Midwest (6.0/1,000). Lowest rate reported by Dublin South East/Wicklow (2.6/1,000) followed by Dublin North (3.5/1,000) and Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (3.8/1,000).
- Eight areas reported a percentage equal to or higher than the national average of 4.9/1,000 children.

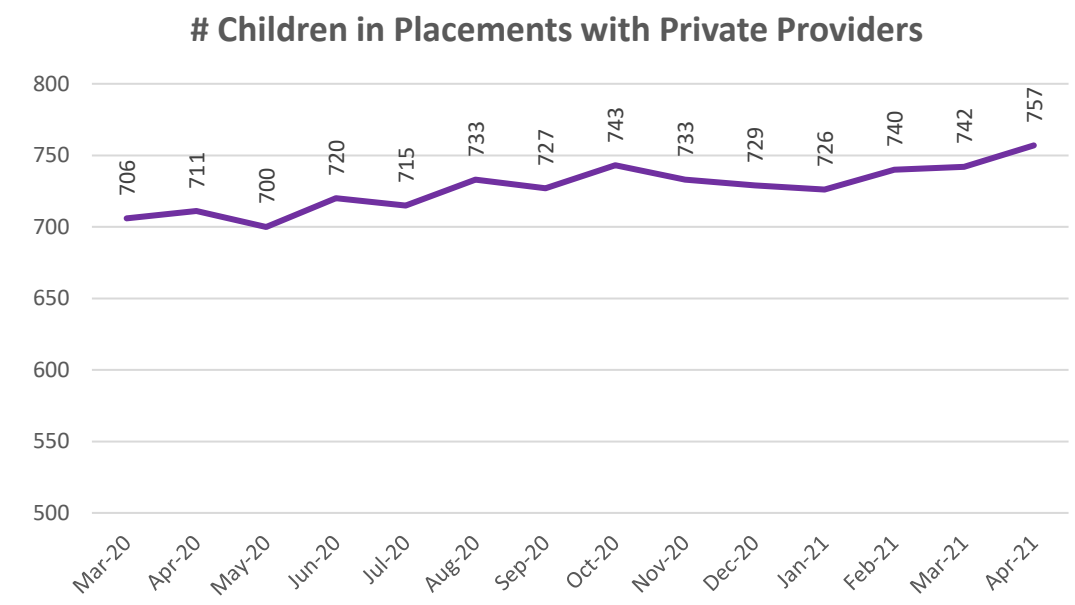
Children in Care by Area, April 2021



Area	Apr-20	Mar-21	Apr-21	Apr-21 v Apr-20	Apr-21 v Mar-21	Population	Rate/1,000
Dublin South East/Wicklow	251	225	224	-27	-1	86,810	2.6
DSW/K/WW	420	408	412	-8	4	108,186	3.8
Dublin South Central	362	376	372	10	-4	65,564	5.7
Midlands	366	335	342	-24	7	80,193	4.3
Dublin North City	499	478	483	-16	5	44,927	10.8
Dublin North	334	347	354	20	7	100,654	3.5
Louth/Meath	410	404	414	4	10	93,093	4.4
Cavan/Monaghan	160	160	158	-2	-2	36,446	4.3
Kerry	166	151	154	-12	3	34,527	4.5
Cork	778	762	739	-39	-23	134,015	5.5
CW/KK/ST	344	329	329	-15	0	63,009	5.2
Waterford/Wexford	431	425	421	-10	-4	68,513	6.1
Donegal	215	230	230	15	0	42,865	5.4
Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan	112	113	119	7	6	23,554	5.1
Mayo	128	131	129	1	-2	31,968	4.0
Galway/Roscommon	369	383	381	12	-2	79,912	4.8
Midwest	577	575	573	-4	-2	96,266	6.0
Total Areas	5922	5832	5834	-88	2	1,190,502	4.9
SWTSCIP	57	48	56	-1	8		
National	5979	5880	5890	-89	10		

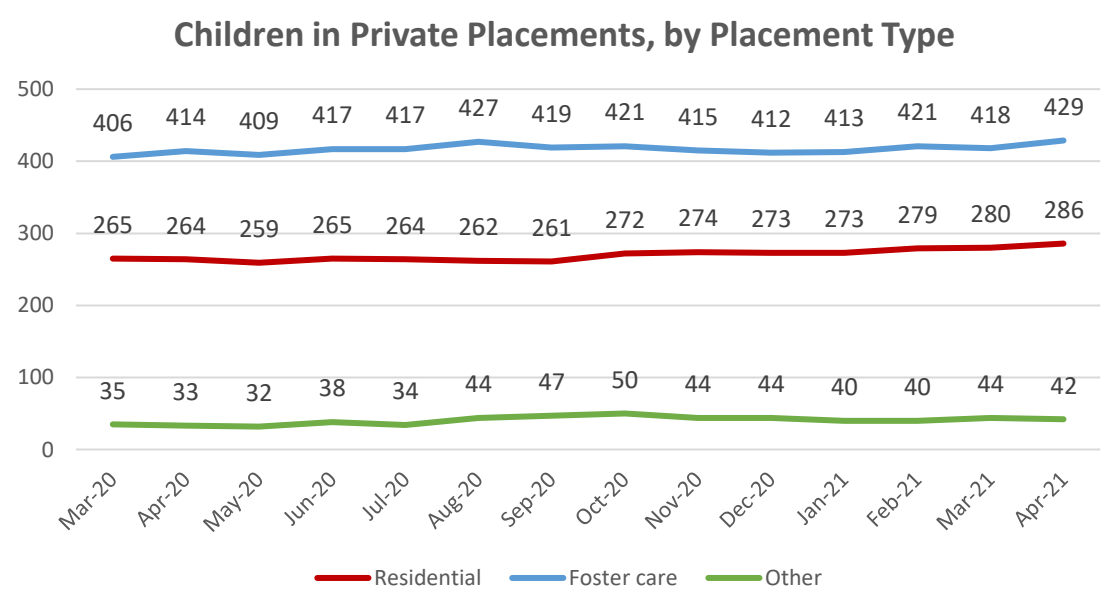
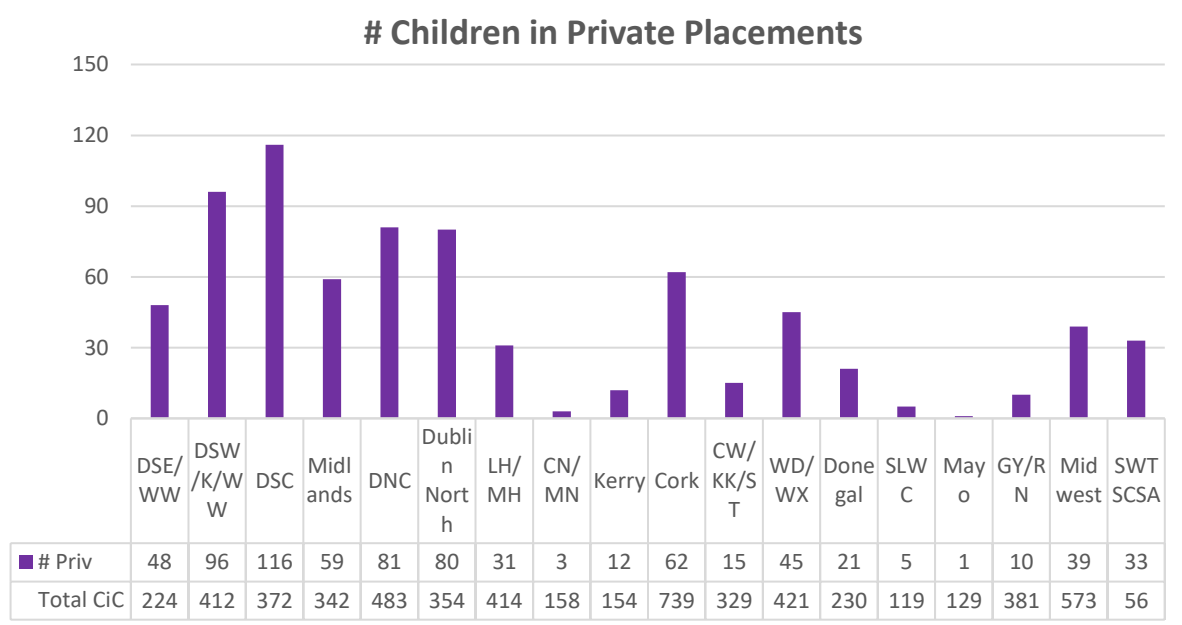
Children in Care

- 757 (13%) children in care at the end of April 2021 were in placements with private providers; 15 more than March 2021 (742) and 46 (6%) more than April 2020 (711).



- 57% (429) of children in placements with private providers were in **foster care**, 11 more than March 2021 (418). This number (429) is up 15 (4%) on April 2020 (414)
- 38% (286) of children in placements with private providers were in **residential care**, six more than March 2021 (280). This number (286) is up 22 (8%) on April 2020 (264).

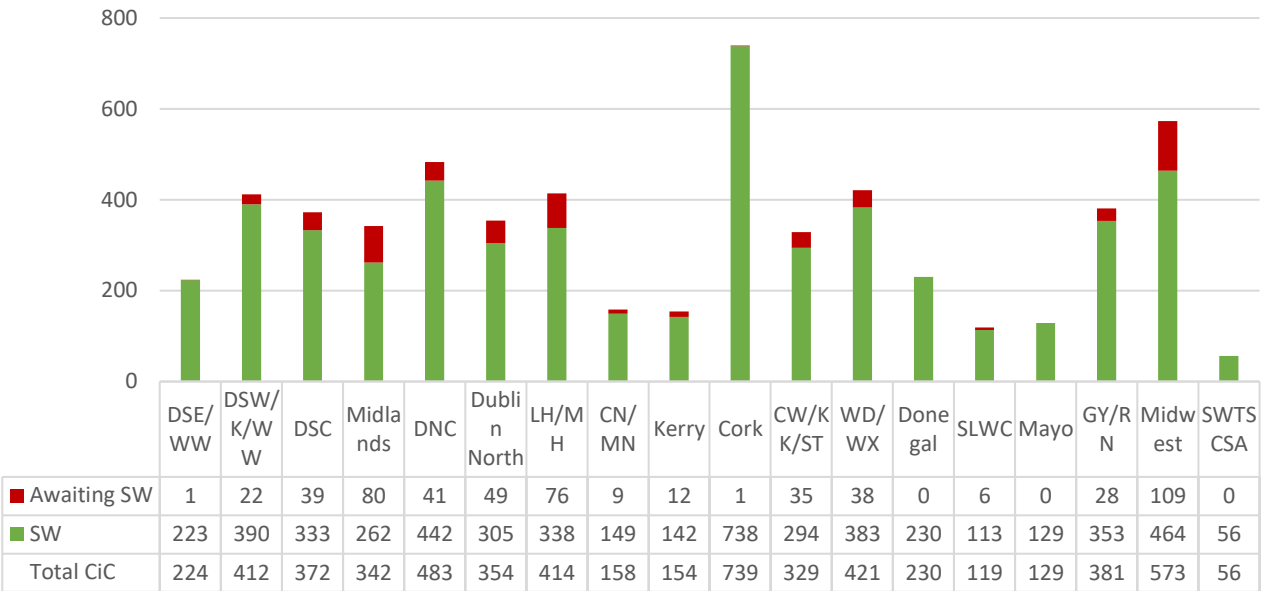
- Highest number of children in placements with private providers reported by Dublin South Central (116) followed by DSW/K/WW (96), Dublin North City (81), Dublin North (80) and Cork (62). These five areas account for 57% (435) of all children in placements with private providers.



Children in Care

- **91% (5,344) of children in care at the end of April 2021 had an allocated social worker**; down one percentage point from March 2021
- A total of 546 children were awaiting an allocated social worker; 52 more than March 2021 (494) and 147 more than Dec 2020 (399).
- Highest number awaiting reported by Midwest (109) followed by Midlands (80), Louth/Meath (76), Dublin North (49) and Dublin North City (41). These five areas account for 65% (355) of all cases awaiting allocation.
- Two areas (Donegal and Mayo) along with the Social Work Team for Separated Children Seeking International Protection reporting 100%

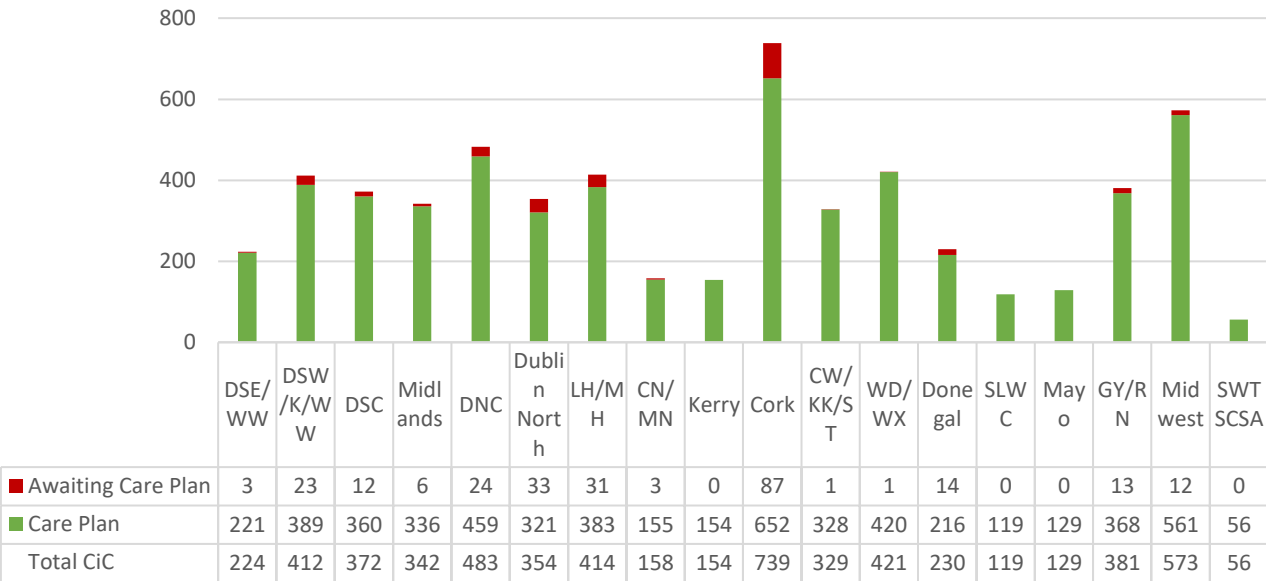
Children in Care with a Social Worker



- **96% (5,627) of children in care at the end of April 2021 had an up-to-date care plan**; no change from March 2021.
- A total of 263 children did not have an up-to-date care plan; 40 more than March (223) and 63 more than Dec 2020 (200).
- Highest number with no up-to-date care plan reported by Cork (87) followed by Dublin North (33), Louth/Meath (31), Dublin North City (24) and Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (23). These five areas account for 75% (198) of all cases awaiting an up-to-date care plan.

It should be noted that variances have been identified in how data on this metric are being reported by areas. In some areas care plans that have fallen due for review and not updated are included. Also, it should be noted that where a care plan is not up-to-date, the care plan in place (albeit that it is awaiting review) is used to support the care of the child.

Children in Care with a Care Plan



Child Protection Notification System

- **925 children listed as “active” at the end of April 2021**; two more than March 2021 (923). There were 20 (2%) more children “active” at the end of April 2021 than April 2020 (905).

The number of children listed as "active" from April 2020 needs to be interpreted with caution, due to the deferral of some review child protection conferences (where decisions are made to remove children listed as "active") during the Covid-19 restrictions. Guidance issued by Tusla on foot of the COVID-19 restrictions advised that following discussion and evaluation of safety plans, review conferences could be deferred for a maximum of 3 months.

- All children listed as “active” at the end of April 2021 had an **allocated social worker**.

- Highest number of children listed as “active” at the end of April 2021 reported by Midwest (94) followed by Dublin North City (83), Cork (83) and Carlow/Kilkenny/South Tipperary (82).

- Fewest number listed as “active” reported by Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan (12) followed by Louth/Meath (18) and Galway/Roscommon (23).

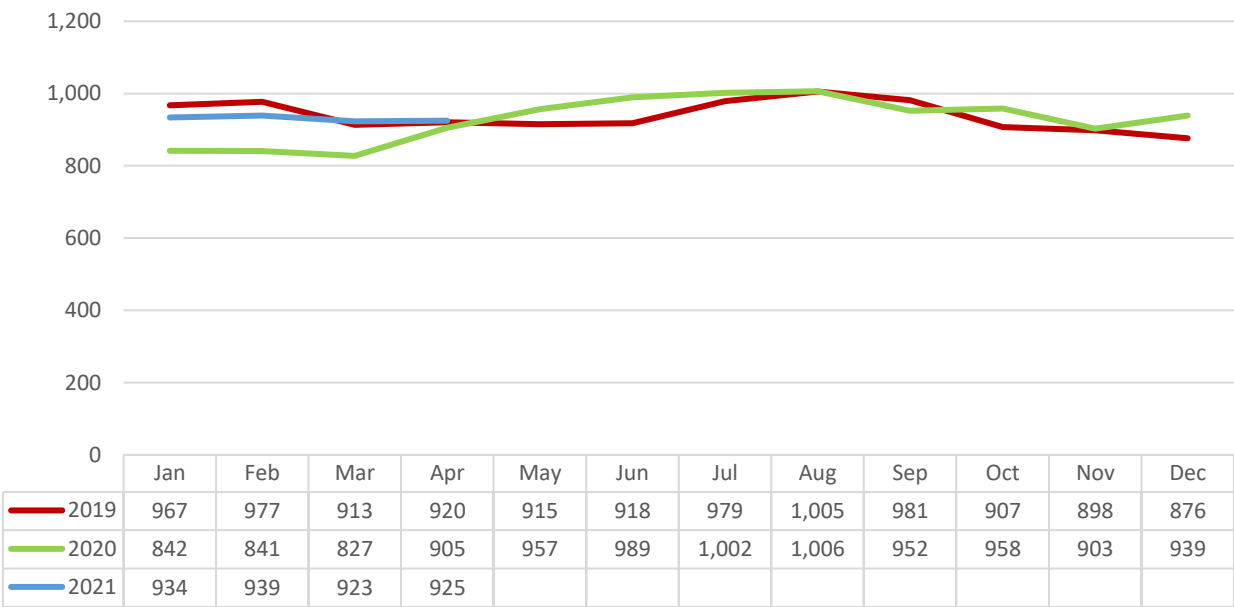
- Highest rate per 10,000 population under 18 years reported by Dublin North City (18.5/10,000) followed by Carlow/Kilkenny/South Tipperary (13/10,000), Kerry (12.5/10,000) and Donegal (11/10,000).

- Lowest rates reported by Louth/Meath (1.9/10,000), Galway/Roscommon (2.9/10,000) and Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan (5.1/10,000). Eight areas reported a rate equal to or higher than the national rate of 7.8/10,000

- 8 areas had more children listed as “active” at the end of April 2021 than March 2021. Largest increase reported by Cavan/Monaghan (up 10) followed by Dublin North City (up 8) and Dublin North (up 8). Largest decreases reported by Galway/Roscommon (down 15) and DSW/K/WW (down 8).

- 8 areas had more children active at the end of April 2021 than at the same period last year. Largest increases reported by Dublin South East/Wicklow (up 36), Dublin North (up 18), Midlands (up 17) and Kerry (up 15). Largest decreases reported by Waterford/Wexford (down 27), Carlow/Kilkenny/South Tipperary (down 20) and Galway/Roscommon (down 17).

Children "Active" on the CPNS



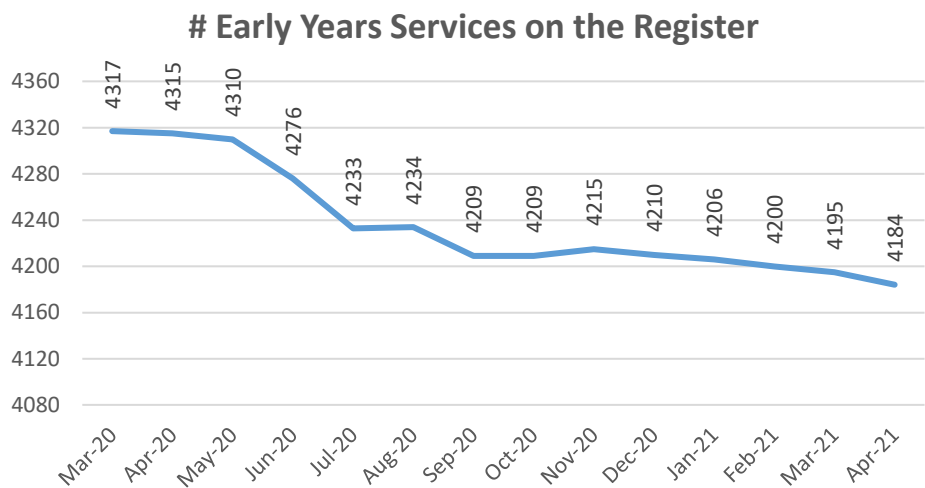
Number and rate of children “active” on the CPNS, by area (ranked by rate)

Area	Apr-20	Mar-21	Apr-21	Apr-21 v Apr-20	Apr-21 v Mar-21	Population	Rate/10,000
Dublin North City	72	75	83	11	8	44927	18.5
Carlow / Kilkenny / South Tipperary	102	85	82	-20	-3	63009	13.0
Kerry	28	48	43	15	-5	34527	12.5
Donegal	41	47	47	6	0	42865	11.0
Mid West	110	87	94	-16	7	96266	9.8
Waterford / Wexford	87	66	60	-27	-6	68513	8.8
Dublin South Central	63	58	57	-6	-1	65564	8.7
Midlands	48	63	65	17	2	80193	8.1
Cavan / Monaghan	14	18	28	14	10	36446	7.7
Dublin North	59	69	77	18	8	100654	7.6
Mayo	29	27	24	-5	-3	31968	7.5
Dublin South West / Kildare / West Wicklow	61	81	73	12	-8	108186	6.7
Dublin South East / Wicklow	20	51	56	36	5	86810	6.5
Cork	94	81	83	-11	2	134015	6.2
Sligo / Leitrim / West Cavan	12	11	12	0	1	23554	5.1
Galway / Roscommon	40	38	23	-17	-15	79912	2.9
Louth / Meath	25	18	18	-7	0	93093	1.9
Total	905	923	925	20	2	1190502	7.8

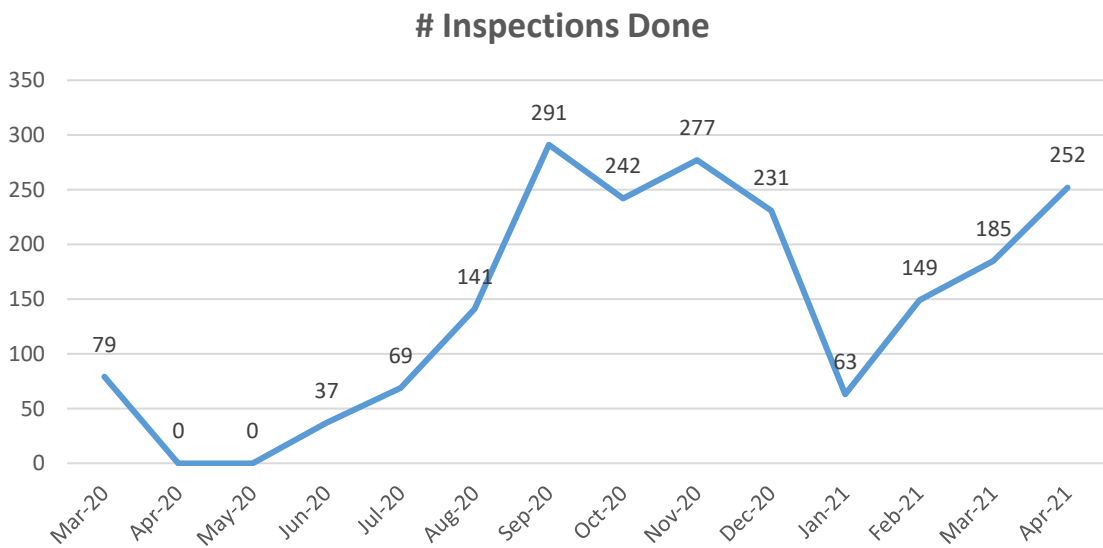
Children's Services Regulation

EARLY YEARS INSPECTORATE

- **4,184 early years services on the register at the end of April 2021**, 11 fewer than March 2021 (4,195) and the fifth consecutive monthly decrease. There were 131 (3%) fewer services on the register at the end of April 2021 than April 2020 (4,315).

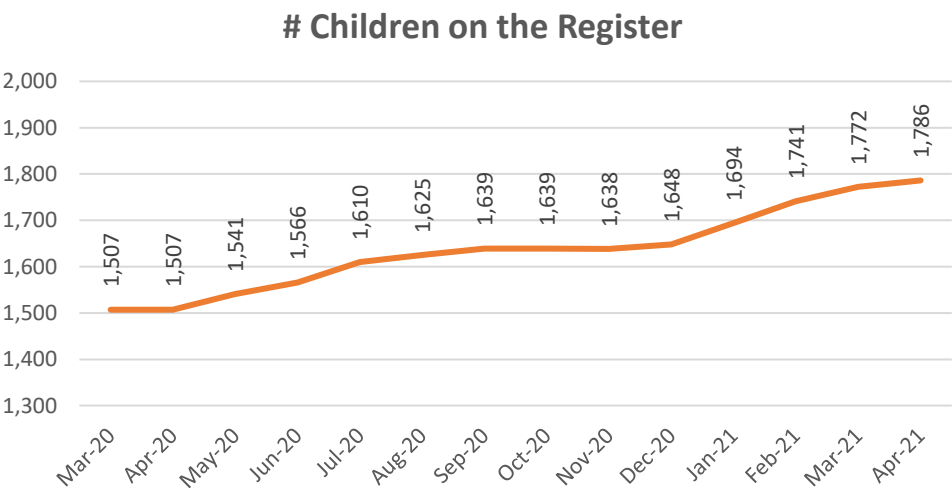


- **252 inspections of early years services done in April 2021.** Brings to 649 the number of inspections for 2021. Number of inspections impacted, due to the closure of services under the Covid-19 restrictions.

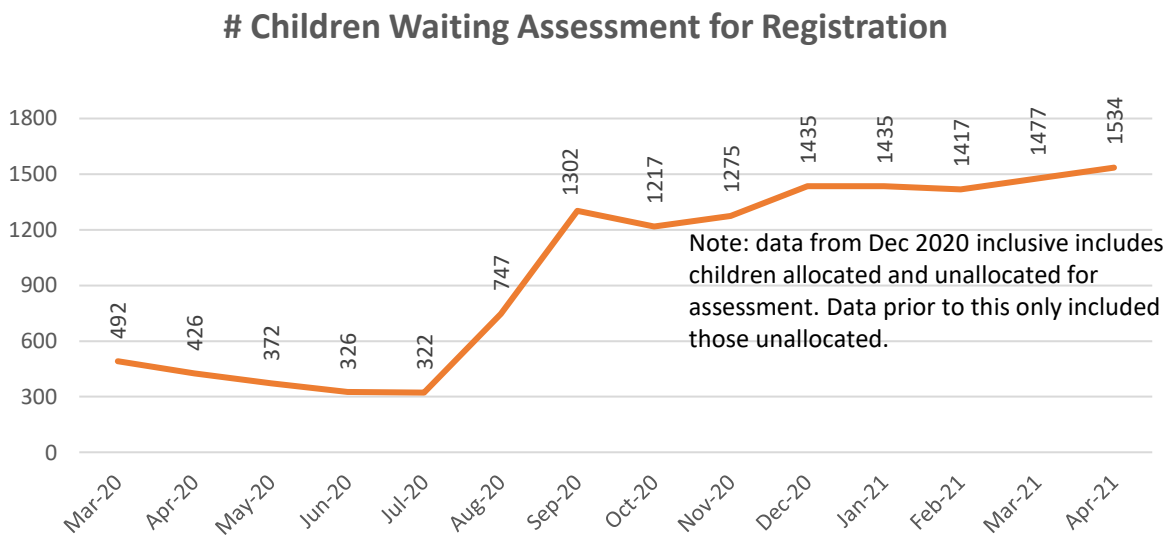


ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION ASSESSMENT AND REGISTRATION SERVICE

- **1,786 children on the register for home education at the end of April 2021**, 14 more than March 2021 (1,772) and the highest number for the period March 2020 – April 2021. The number of children on the register is up 19% (279) on April 2020 (1,507).



- **1,534 children on a waiting list for assessment at the end of April 2021**, 57 (4%) more than March 2021 (1,477) and 99 (7%) more than Dec 2020 (1,435). The increase in numbers awaiting assessment in recent months is due to an increase in applications received over the same period.



Tusla Education Support Services

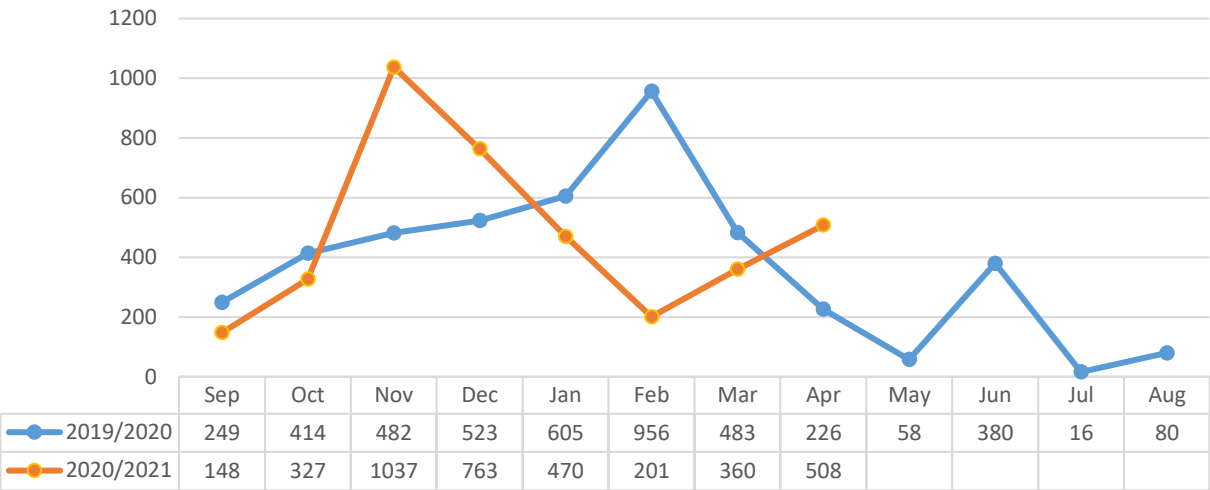
Service activity from March – June 2020 and January –March 2021 impacted by the closure of schools (Covid-19)

- **508 referrals screened** by senior educational welfare services in April 2021, bringing the number of referrals screened for the eight months (September – April 2021) to 3,814.
- The number of referrals for April 2021 is up 282 (125%) on April 2020 (226) and the number of referrals for the eight months (September –April) (3,814) is down 124 (3%) on the same period in 2019/2020 (3,938).

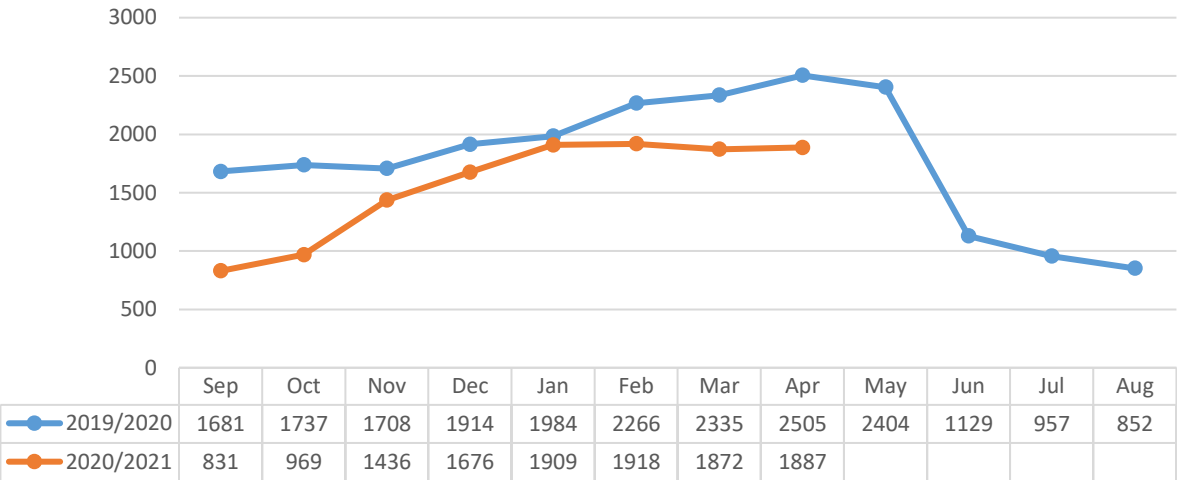
- **1,887 referrals on a waiting list** for educational welfare services at the end of April 2021, 15 more than March 2021 (1,872) when the first decrease after five consecutive monthly increases was reported. The number of referrals on a waiting list is down 618 (25%) from April 2020 (2,505).

- **269 new individual children worked with** in April 2021, 87 (48%) more than March 2021 (182) and 250 more than April 2020 (19). *Schools closed in April 2020.*
- Brings to 2,045 the number of new individual children worked with for the eight months September – April 2021, 36 fewer than the same period in 2019/2020 (2,081).

Referrals for Educational Welfare Service



Referrals on a Waiting List at Month End



Number of New Individual Children Worked with in the Month

