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# Headline Data – December 2021

## Child Protection & Welfare

- 21,248 cases open to social work at the end of December 2021.
- 77% (16,441) of cases open to social work had an allocated social worker.
- 4,807 (23%) cases awaiting allocation of a social worker, 83 (2%) more than November 2021 (4,724). Cases awaiting allocation are up 13% (568) from December 2020 (4,239).
- Six areas account for 64% (3,085) of cases awaiting allocation: Waterford/ Wexford (598) followed by Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (543), Louth/Meath (494), Dublin South Central (493), Dublin South East/Wicklow (486) and Cork (471).
- 9% (436) of cases awaiting allocation at the end of December 2021 were categorised as high priority, 52 (14%) more than November (384). High priority cases are up 60 (16%) 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

- 1,568 cases of retrospective abuse open to social work at the end of December 2021.
- 57% (893) of cases of retrospective abuse open to social work had an allocated social worker.
- 675 (43%) cases were awaiting allocation to a social worker, 70 (12%) more than November 2021 (605). Cases awaiting allocation are up 33 (5%) from December 2020 (642).
- Four areas account for almost half (48%; 323) of all cases awaiting allocation: Waterford/Wexford (96) and Galway/Roscommon (96) followed by Dublin North City (66) and Cork (65). One area (Mayo) have no cases awaiting allocation.

## Children in Care

- 5,863 children in care at the end of December 2021; four more than November 2021 (5,859); 19 fewer children in care than the same time last year (5,882).
- 786 (13%) children in care at the end of December 2021 were in placements with private providers; 9 (1%) more than November 2021 (777) and 57 (8%) more than at the end of December 2020 (729).
- 87% (5,128) of children in care at the end of December 2021 had an allocated social worker; down one percentage point from November 2021.
- A total of 735 children were awaiting an allocated social worker; 46 (7%) more than November 2021 (689) and 336 (84%) more than Dec 2020 (399).

## Child Protection Notification System (CPNS)

- 983 children listed as “active” at the end of December 2021; 74 (8%) more than November 2021 (909), second consecutive increase. There were 44 (5%) more children “active” at the end of December 2021 than December 2020 (939).
- All but two children listed as “active” at the end of December 2021 had an allocated social worker. The two children have since been allocated a social worker.

## Children’s Services Regulation

- 4,133 early years services on the register at the end of December 2021, one more than November 2021 (4,132). There were 77 (2%) fewer services on the register at the end of December 2021 than December 2020 (4,210).
- 126 inspections of early years services done in December 2021. Brings to 2,504 the number of inspections for 2021. *Number of inspections impacted, due to the closure of services under the Covid-19 restrictions.*
- 1,808 children on the register for home education at the end of December 2021, four more than November 2021 (1,804). The number of children on the register is up 10% (160) on December 2020 (1,648).
- 1,922 children on a waiting list for assessment at the end of December 2021, 46 more than November 2021 (1,876). The number of children on the waiting list is up 34% (487) on December 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 for 2020/2021 impacted by the closure of schools (Covid-19)

- 535 referrals screened by senior educational welfare services in December 2021, five fewer than November 2021 (540) and 228 (30%) fewer than December 2020 (763). Brings to 1,814 the number of referrals screened for the four months Sept – Dec 2021.
- 1,910 referrals on a waiting list for educational welfare services at the end of December 2021, 15 more than November 2021 (1,895) and 234 (14%) more than December 2020 (1,676).
- 244 new individual children worked with in December 2021, 41 (14%) fewer than November 2021 (285) and 68 (22%) fewer than December 2020 (312).

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## Referrals<sup>1</sup>

- **5,908 referrals** in December 2021, 1,162 (16%) fewer than November 2021 (7,070) when the highest number for all months January 2021 to November 2021 was reported.

*It should be noted that the data presented for each month 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

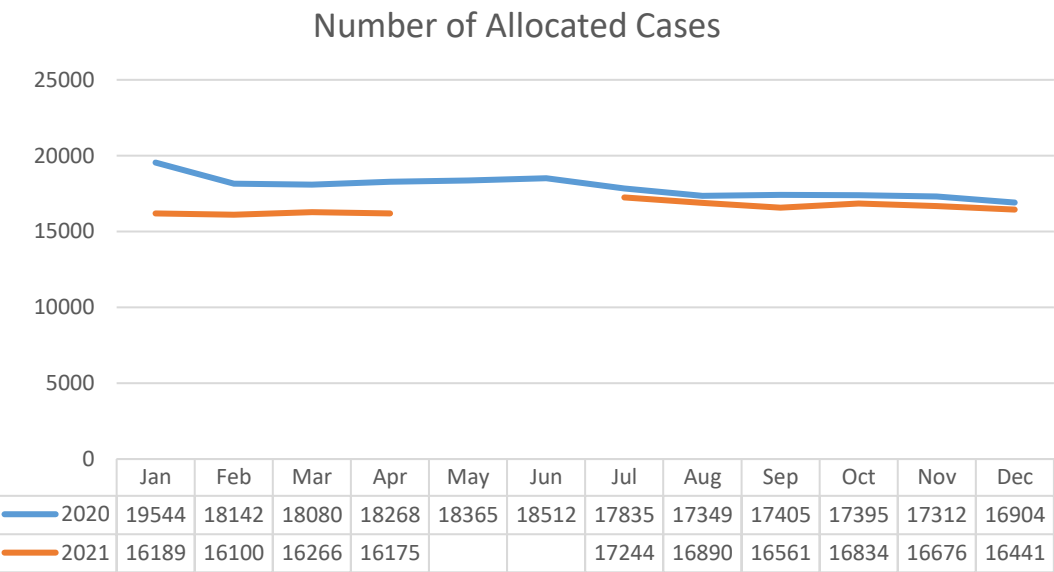
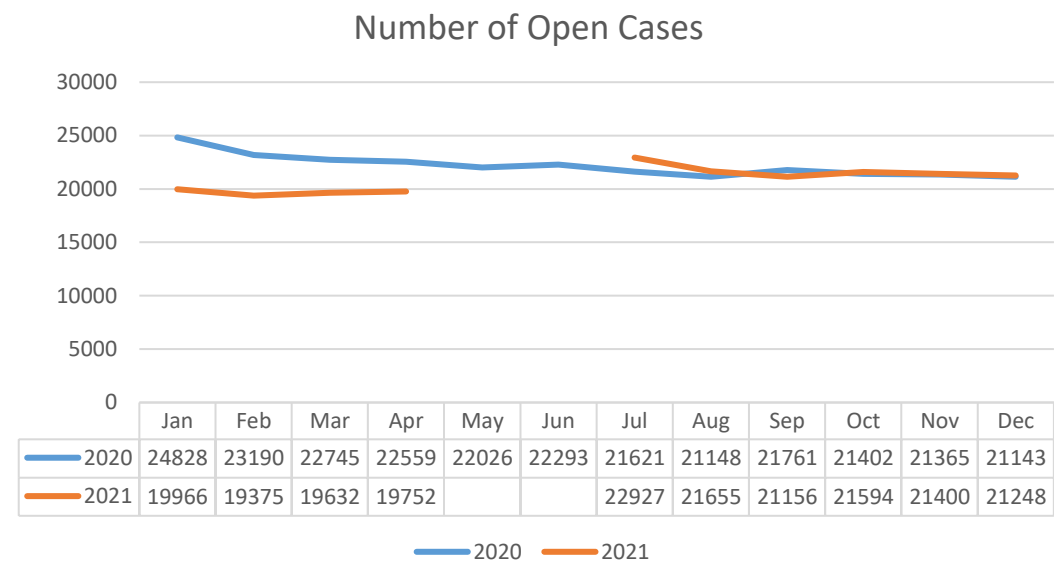
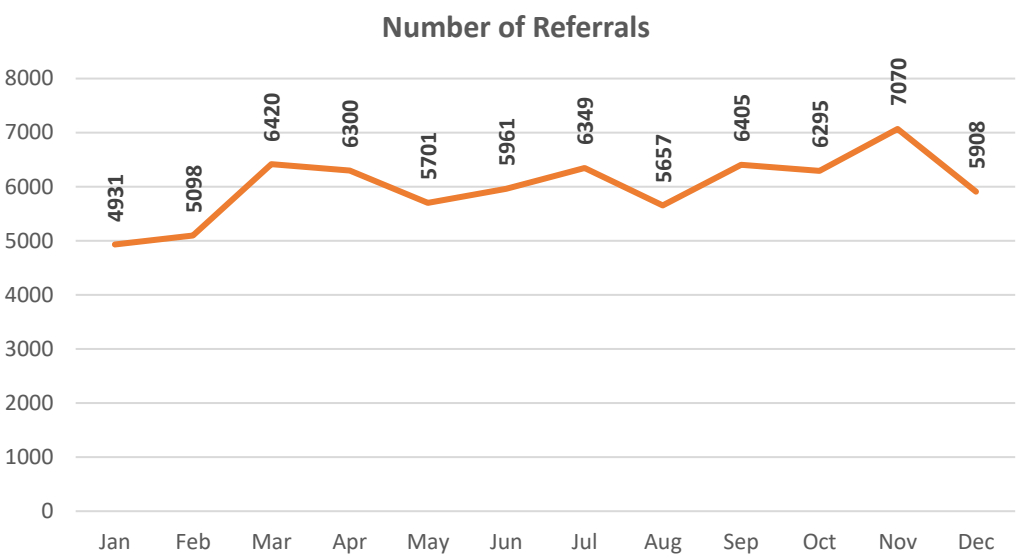
The data on cases presented below is based on the status of cases on the National Child Care Information System (NCCIS) at month end.

*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).*

- **21,248 cases open to social work** at the end of December 2021, 152 (<1%) fewer than November 2021 (21,400). *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 105 (<1%) on December 2020 (21,143).

## Allocated Cases

- **16,441 open cases allocated** to a social worker at the end of December 2021, 235 (<2%) fewer than November 2021 (16,676). Allocated cases are down 3% (463) from December 2020 (16,904)
- Allocated cases account for 77% of open cases, down 1% from November 2021 (78%)..



<sup>1</sup> 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.

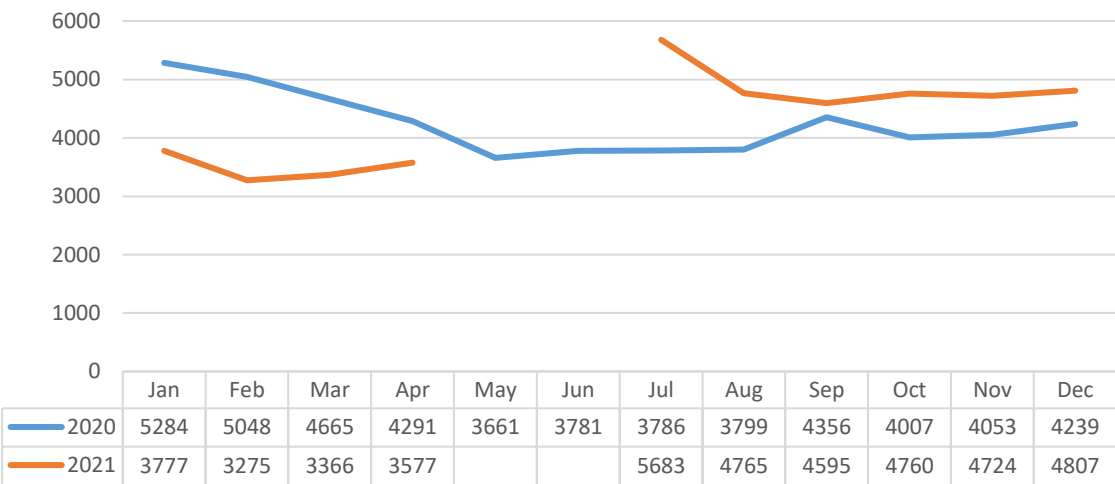
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## Cases Awaiting Allocation of a Social Worker

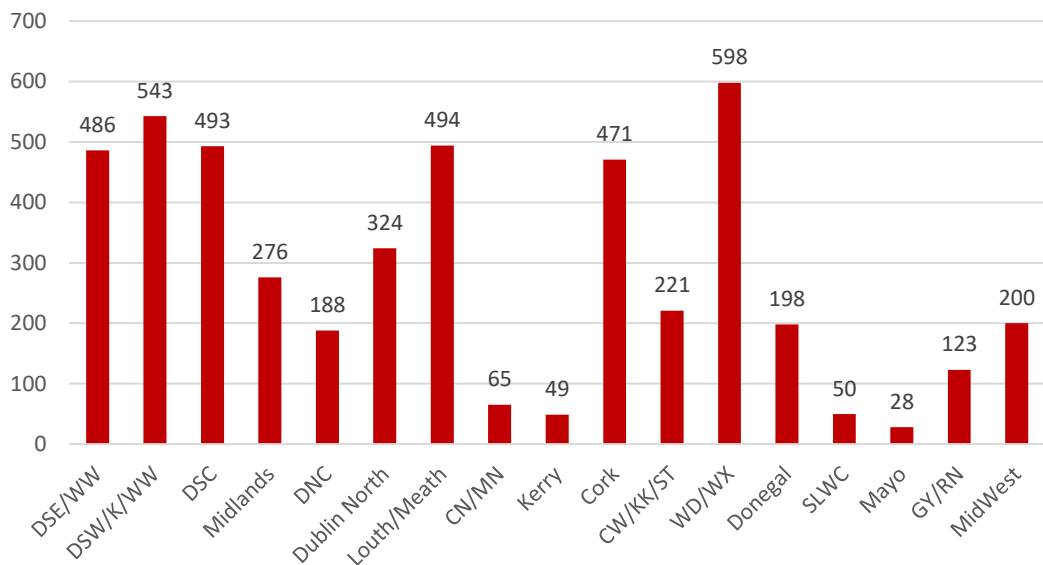
Cases awaiting allocation include cases held on duty, unallocated child protection and welfare cases including children in care

- **4,807 cases awaiting allocation of a social worker** at the end of December 2021, 83 (2%) more than November 2021 (4,724)
- Cases awaiting allocation are up 13% (568) from December 2020 (4,239).
- Cases awaiting allocation account for 23% of open cases (21,248), up one percent from November 2021 (22%).
- 62% (2,985) of cases awaiting allocation at the end of December 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 Waterford/Wexford (598) followed by Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (543), Louth/Meath (494), Dublin South Central (493), Dublin South East/Wicklow (486) and Cork (471).
- These six areas account for 64% (3,085) of cases awaiting allocation.
- 436 cases awaiting allocation at the end of December 2021 were categorised as high priority, 52 (14%) more than November (384); first increase after four consecutive monthly decreases. High priority cases are up 60 (16%) from December 2020 (376).
- High priority cases account for 9% of cases awaiting allocation.
- 53% (2,546) of cases awaiting allocation were categorised at medium priority while the remaining 38% (1,825) were low priority.
- Highest number of high priority cases reported by Louth/Meath (63) followed by Waterford/Wexford (52), Dublin South East / Wicklow (46), Cork (46), Donegal (42) and Galway/Roscommon (31). These six areas account for 64% (280) of all high priority cases awaiting.

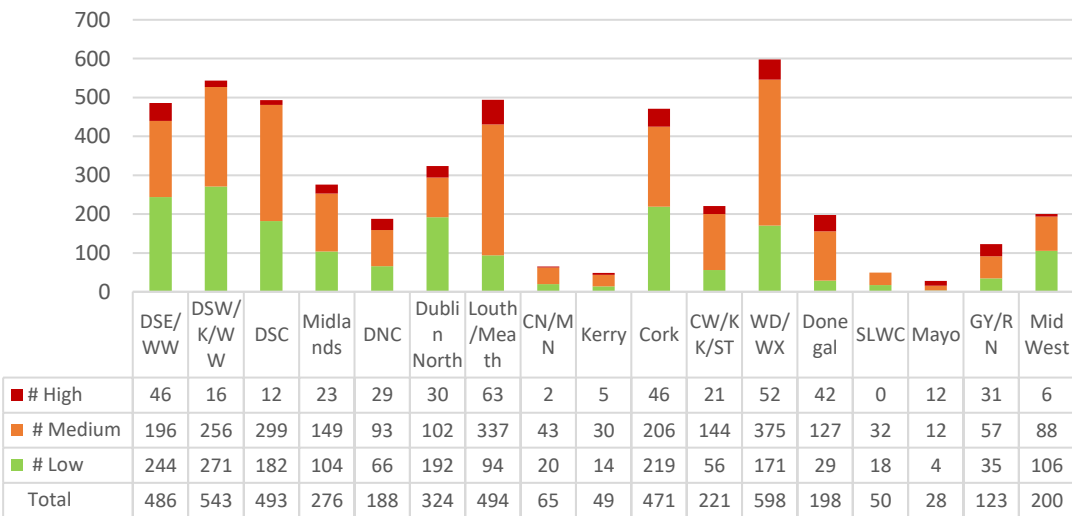
Number of Unallocated Cases



Unallocated Cases by Area



Unallocated Cases by Priority Level and Area



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## Cases Awaiting Allocation

- 8 areas reported an increase in unallocated cases from December 2021.
- Largest increases reported by Cork (up 100), Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (up 97), Louth/Meath (up 53), Dublin South East/Wicklow (up 37) and Carlow/Kilkenny/South Tipperary (up 36). Largest decrease reported by Dublin South Central (down 92) followed by Midlands (down 38), Dublin North City (down 33), Dublin North (down 32) and Kerry (down 30).
- All but five areas (Dublin North, Dublin South Central, Midwest, Kerry and Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow) had more cases awaiting allocation at the end of December 2021 than at the same time last year.
- Largest increases reported by Dublin South East/Wicklow (up 347), Waterford/Wexford (up 222), Louth/Meath (up 164) and Cork (up 158).
- Largest decreases reported by Dublin North (down 495), Dublin South Central (down 147), Midwest (down 92) and Kerry (down 54).
- Nationally 23% of open cases were unallocated at the end of December 2021. Eight areas reported a percentage equal to or higher than the national average of 23%. Highest percentage (38%) reported by Dublin South East/Wicklow followed by Dublin South Central (35%), Waterford/Wexford (34%), Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (33%) and Louth/Meath (32%).

| Area         | Dec-20<br># Unallocated | Dec-20<br>% Unallocated | Oct-21<br># Unallocated | Nov-21<br># Unallocated | Dec-21<br># Unallocated | Dec-21<br>% Unallocated | Oct-Dec | Dec-2021 v<br>Dec-2020 | % Δ   | Dec-2021 v<br>Nov- 2021 | % Δ2 |
|--------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------|------------------------|-------|-------------------------|------|
| DSE/WW       | 139                     | 16%                     | 349                     | 449                     | 486                     | 38%                     |         | 347                    | 250%  | 37                      | 8%   |
| DSW/K/WW     | 547                     | 30%                     | 393                     | 446                     | 543                     | 33%                     |         | -4                     | -1%   | 97                      | 22%  |
| DSC          | 640                     | 42%                     | 733                     | 585                     | 493                     | 35%                     |         | -147                   | -23%  | -92                     | -16% |
| Midlands     | 185                     | 15%                     | 303                     | 314                     | 276                     | 16%                     |         | 91                     | 49%   | -38                     | -12% |
| DNC          | 104                     | 7%                      | 186                     | 221                     | 188                     | 11%                     |         | 84                     | 81%   | -33                     | -15% |
| Dublin North | 819                     | 25%                     | 430                     | 356                     | 324                     | 13%                     |         | -495                   | -60%  | -32                     | -9%  |
| LH/MH        | 330                     | 26%                     | 475                     | 441                     | 494                     | 32%                     |         | 164                    | 50%   | 53                      | 12%  |
| CN/MN        | 7                       | 2%                      | 68                      | 82                      | 65                      | 11%                     |         | 58                     | 829%  | -17                     | -21% |
| Kerry        | 103                     | 18%                     | 62                      | 79                      | 49                      | 11%                     |         | -54                    | -52%  | -30                     | -38% |
| Cork         | 313                     | 14%                     | 379                     | 371                     | 471                     | 23%                     |         | 158                    | 50%   | 100                     | 27%  |
| CW/KK/ST     | 212                     | 24%                     | 202                     | 185                     | 221                     | 27%                     |         | 9                      | 4%    | 36                      | 19%  |
| WD/WX        | 376                     | 22%                     | 529                     | 606                     | 598                     | 34%                     |         | 222                    | 59%   | -8                      | -1%  |
| Donegal      | 103                     | 16%                     | 181                     | 223                     | 198                     | 28%                     |         | 95                     | 92%   | -25                     | -11% |
| SLWC         | 4                       | 2%                      | 55                      | 47                      | 50                      | 16%                     |         | 46                     | 1150% | 3                       | 6%   |
| Mayo         | 9                       | 3%                      | 21                      | 12                      | 28                      | 5%                      |         | 19                     | 211%  | 16                      | 133% |
| GY/RN        | 56                      | 5%                      | 127                     | 105                     | 123                     | 13%                     |         | 67                     | 120%  | 18                      | 17%  |
| Midwest      | 292                     | 20%                     | 267                     | 202                     | 200                     | 15%                     |         | -92                    | -32%  | -2                      | -1%  |
| TOTAL        | 4,239                   | 20%                     | 4760                    | 4724                    | 4807                    | 23%                     |         | 568                    | 13%   | 83                      | 2%   |

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



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## Summary Tables

| Area         | Referrals<br>Nov 2021 | Referrals<br>Dec 2021 | Δ     | Open Cases<br>Nov 2021 | Open Cases<br>Dec 20212 | Δ2   | Allocated<br>Cases<br>Nov 2021 | Allocated<br>Cases<br>Dec 20212 | Δ3   | Unallocated<br>Cases<br>Nov 2021 | Unallocated<br>Cases<br>Dec 2021 | Δ4  |
|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------|------------------------|-------------------------|------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----|
| DSE/WW       | 262                   | 238                   | -24   | 1,274                  | 1,286                   | 12   | 825                            | 800                             | -25  | 449                              | 486                              | 37  |
| DSW/K/WW     | 672                   | 605                   | -67   | 1,597                  | 1,625                   | 28   | 1,151                          | 1,082                           | -69  | 446                              | 543                              | 97  |
| DSC          | 506                   | 369                   | -137  | 1,527                  | 1,407                   | -120 | 942                            | 914                             | -28  | 585                              | 493                              | -92 |
| Midlands     | 733                   | 584                   | -149  | 1,716                  | 1,692                   | -24  | 1,402                          | 1,416                           | 14   | 314                              | 276                              | -38 |
| DNC          | 456                   | 317                   | -139  | 1,795                  | 1,770                   | -25  | 1,574                          | 1,582                           | 8    | 221                              | 188                              | -33 |
| Dublin North | 616                   | 547                   | -69   | 2,434                  | 2,448                   | 14   | 2,078                          | 2,124                           | 46   | 356                              | 324                              | -32 |
| LH/MH        | 492                   | 388                   | -104  | 1,517                  | 1,528                   | 11   | 1,076                          | 1,034                           | -42  | 441                              | 494                              | 53  |
| CN/MN        | 236                   | 188                   | -48   | 571                    | 570                     | -1   | 489                            | 505                             | 16   | 82                               | 65                               | -17 |
| Kerry        | 186                   | 143                   | -43   | 490                    | 450                     | -40  | 411                            | 401                             | -10  | 79                               | 49                               | -30 |
| Cork         | 634                   | 532                   | -102  | 1,998                  | 2,092                   | 94   | 1,627                          | 1,621                           | -6   | 371                              | 471                              | 100 |
| CW/KK/ST     | 385                   | 314                   | -71   | 873                    | 806                     | -67  | 688                            | 585                             | -103 | 185                              | 221                              | 36  |
| WD/WX        | 564                   | 447                   | -117  | 1,765                  | 1,761                   | -4   | 1,159                          | 1,163                           | 4    | 606                              | 598                              | -8  |
| Donegal      | 176                   | 125                   | -51   | 722                    | 695                     | -27  | 499                            | 497                             | -2   | 223                              | 198                              | -25 |
| SLWC         | 130                   | 107                   | -23   | 336                    | 317                     | -19  | 289                            | 267                             | -22  | 47                               | 50                               | 3   |
| Mayo         | 175                   | 119                   | -56   | 511                    | 553                     | 42   | 499                            | 525                             | 26   | 12                               | 28                               | 16  |
| GY/RN        | 324                   | 330                   | 6     | 958                    | 920                     | -38  | 853                            | 797                             | -56  | 105                              | 123                              | 18  |
| Midwest      | 523                   | 555                   | 32    | 1,316                  | 1,328                   | 12   | 1,114                          | 1,128                           | 14   | 202                              | 200                              | -2  |
| TOTAL        | 7070                  | 5908                  | -1162 | 21,400                 | 21,248                  | -152 | 16,676                         | 16,441                          | -235 | 4724                             | 4807                             | 83  |

| Area         | High Priority<br>Awaiting<br>Nov 2021 | High Priority<br>Awaiting<br>Dec 2021 | Δ   | Medium<br>Priority<br>Awaiting<br>Nov 2021 | Medium<br>Priority<br>Awaiting<br>Dec 2021 | Δ 2 | Low Priority<br>Awaiting<br>Nov 2021 | Low Priority<br>Awaiting<br>Dec 2021 | Δ 3 |
|--------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----|--|--|-----|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----|
| DSE/WW       | 32                                    | 46                                    | 14  | 215  | 196  | -19 | 202                                  | 244                                  | 42  |
| DSW/K/WW     | 6                                     | 16                                    | 10  | 207  | 256  | 49  | 233                                  | 271                                  | 38  |
| DSC          | 19                                    | 12                                    | -7  | 353  | 299  | -54 | 213                                  | 182                                  | -31 |
| Midlands     | 18                                    | 23                                    | 5   | 170  | 149  | -21 | 126                                  | 104                                  | -22 |
| DNC          | 36                                    | 29                                    | -7  | 66   | 93   | 27  | 119                                  | 66                                   | -53 |
| Dublin North | 25                                    | 30                                    | 5   | 147  | 102  | -45 | 184                                  | 192                                  | 8   |
| LH/MH        | 55                                    | 63                                    | 8   | 288  | 337  | 49  | 98                                   | 94                                   | -4  |
| CN/MN        | 9                                     | 2                                     | -7  | 53   | 43   | -10 | 20                                   | 20                                   | 0   |
| Kerry        | 16                                    | 5                                     | -11 | 32   | 30   | -2  | 31                                   | 14                                   | -17 |
| Cork         | 27                                    | 46                                    | 19  | 163  | 206  | 43  | 181                                  | 219                                  | 38  |
| CW/KK/ST     | 4                                     | 21                                    | 17  | 130  | 144  | 14  | 51                                   | 56                                   | 5   |
| WD/WX        | 44                                    | 52                                    | 8   | 384  | 375  | -9  | 178                                  | 171                                  | -7  |
| Donegal      | 51                                    | 42                                    | -9  | 128  | 127  | -1  | 44                                   | 29                                   | -15 |
| SLWC         | 4                                     | 0                                     | -4  | 21   | 32   | 11  | 22                                   | 18                                   | -4  |
| Mayo         | 2                                     | 12                                    | 10  | 4  | 12   | 8   | 6                                    | 4                                    | -2  |
| GY/RN        | 24                                    | 31                                    | 7   | 57   | 57   | 0   | 24                                   | 35                                   | 11  |
| Midwest      | 12                                    | 6                                     | -6  | 65   | 88   | 23  | 125                                  | 106                                  | -19 |
| TOTAL        | 384                                   | 436                                   | 52  | 2483                                       | 2546                                       | 63  | 1857                                 | 1825                                 | -32 |

# Retrospective Cases of Abuse

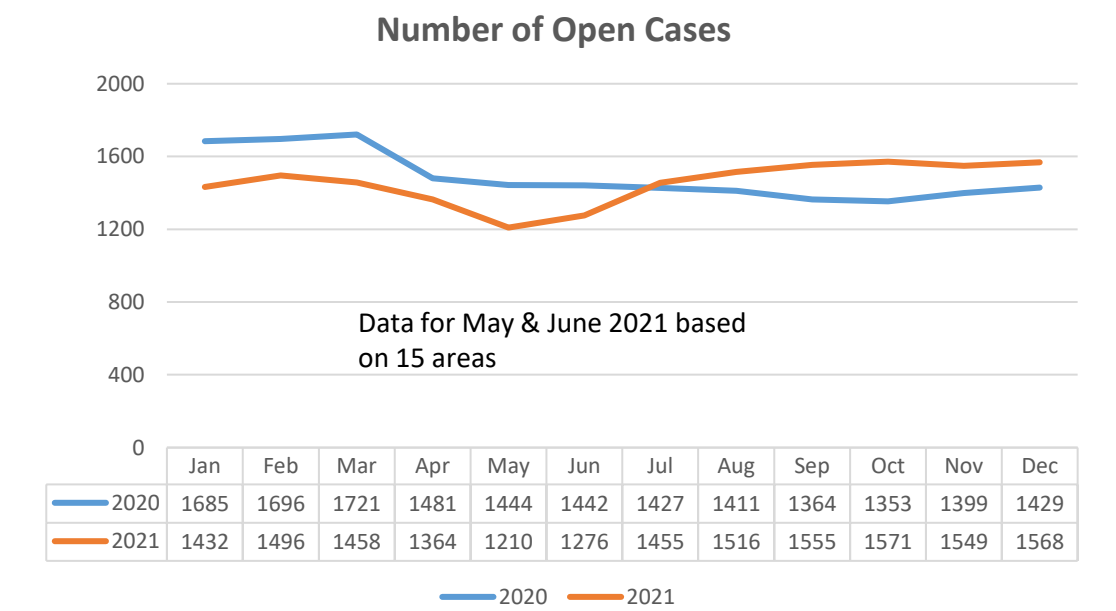
## Referrals

- **274 referrals of retrospective abuse** in December 2021, bringing the total number of referrals for 2021 to 3,217. At least 2,856 referrals received during the same period in 2020.

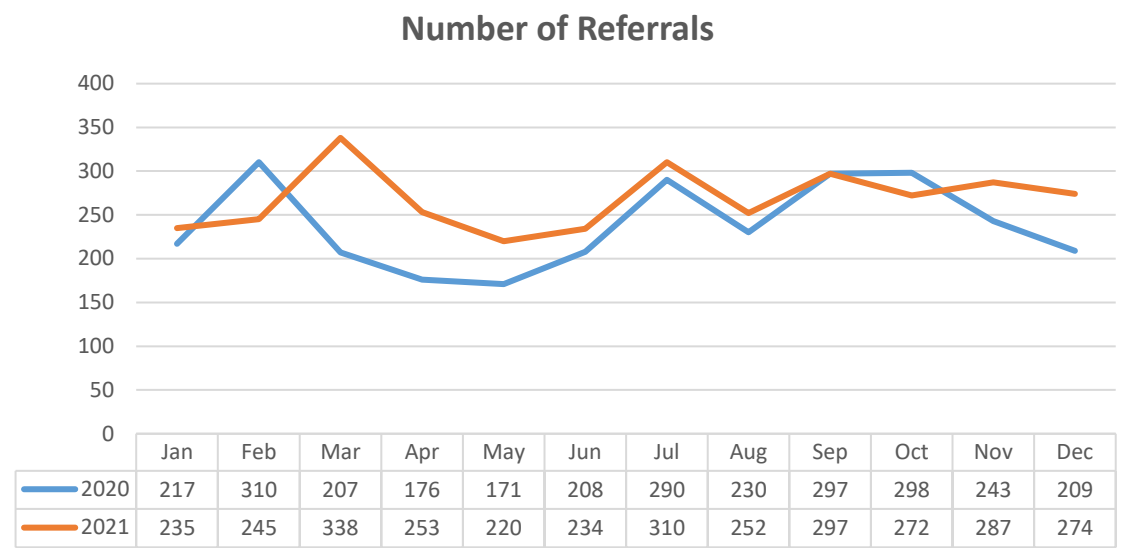
Data presented on retrospective cases of abuse (pages 8-10) for May and June 2021 is based on 15 areas. Data for Donegal and Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan not available due to the impact of the cyber-attack.

## Open Cases

- **1,568 cases open to social work** at the end of December 2021, 19 more than November 2021 (1,549) and 139 (10%) more than December 2020 (1,429).

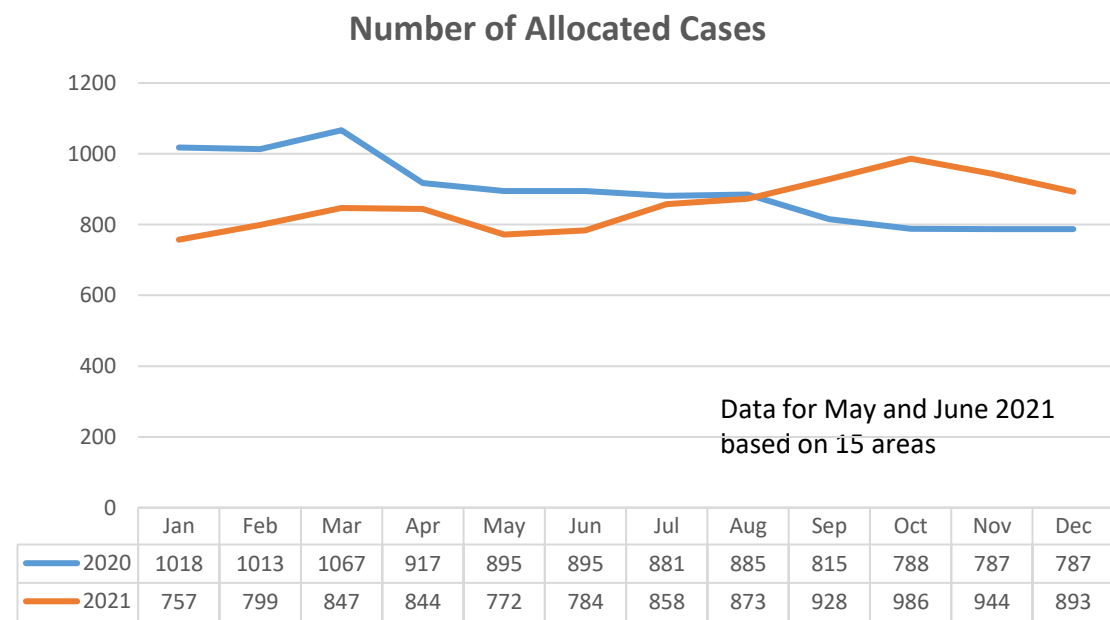


**Note: all data on cases of retrospective abuse needs to be interpreted with caution due to concerns about the consistent interpretation of definitions.**



## Allocated Cases

- **893 cases allocated to a social worker** at the end of December 2021, 51 (5%) fewer than November 2021 (944) and 106 (13%) more than December 2020 (787).
- Allocated cases account for 57% of open cases, down four percentage points from the end of November 2021 (61%).



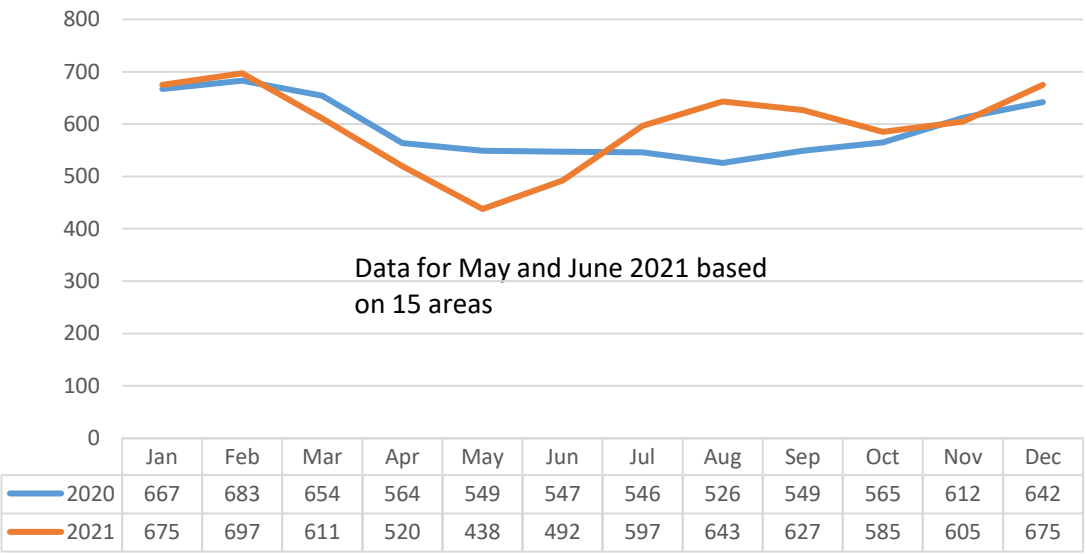


# Retrospective Cases of Abuse

## Cases Awaiting Allocation of a Social Worker

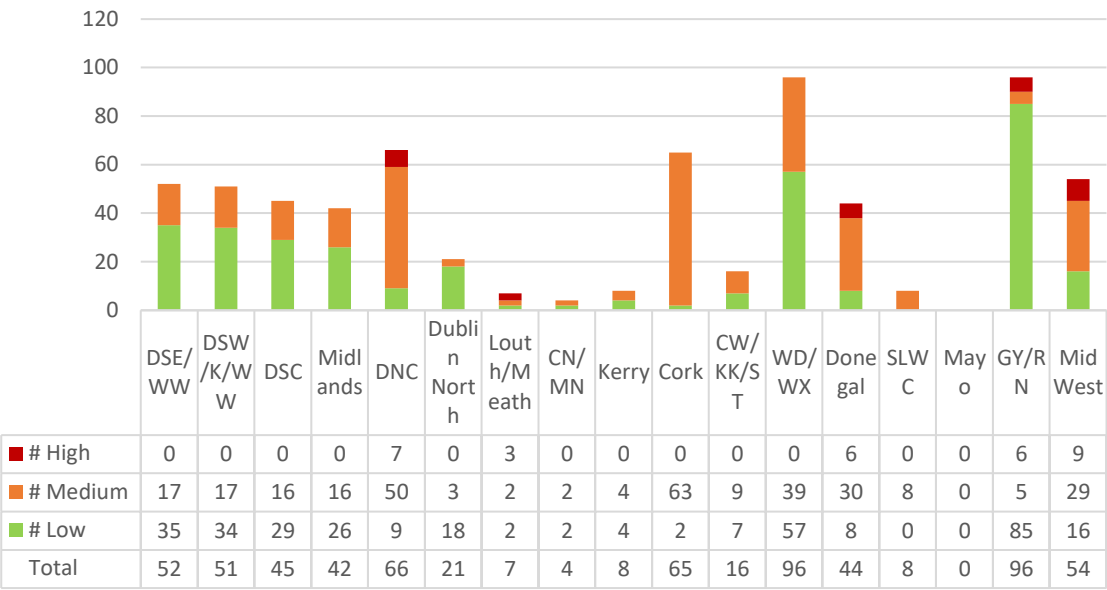
- **675 cases awaiting allocation** at the end of December 2021, 70 (12%) more than November 2021 (605).
- Cases awaiting allocation are up 33 (5%) on Dec 2020 (642).
- Cases awaiting allocation account for 43% of open cases, up from 39% at the end of November 2021.
- Highest number of cases awaiting in Waterford/Wexford (96) and Galway/Roscommon (96) followed by Dublin North City (66) and Cork (65). These four areas account for almost half (48%; 323) of cases awaiting allocation. One area (Mayo) have no cases awaiting allocation.

Number of Unallocated Cases

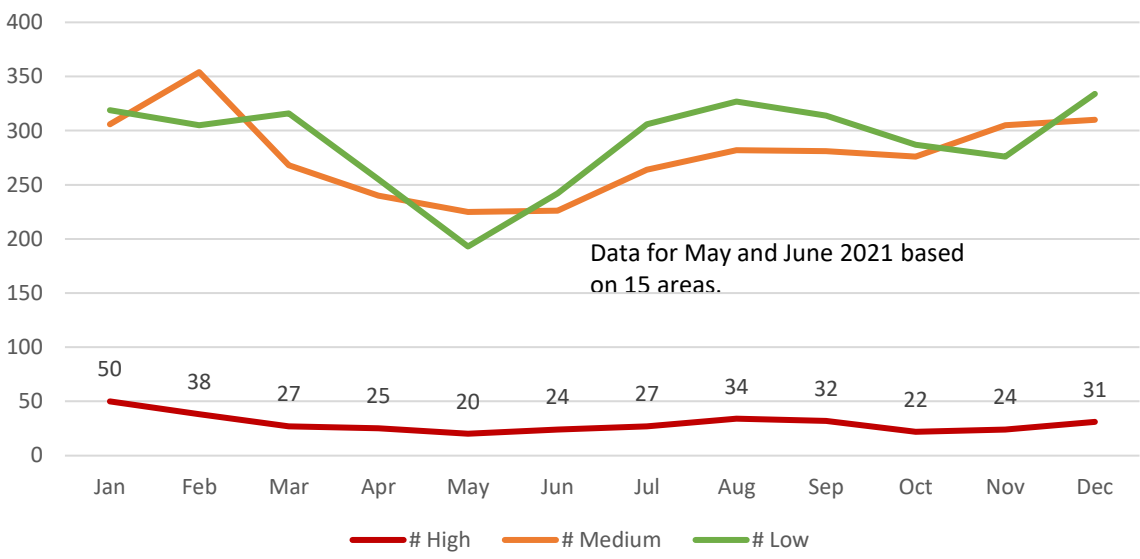


- **31 high priority cases awaiting allocation** at the end of December 2021, seven (29%) more than November 2021 (24) and 36 (54%) fewer than December 2020 (67).
- High priority cases accounted for 5% of cases awaiting allocation at the end of December 2021 (675).
- High priority cases are reported by five areas with the highest numbers reported by Midwest (9).

Unallocated Cases by Priority Level and Area



Unallocated Cases by Priority Level



# Retrospective Cases of Abuse

- **10 areas reported an increase** in cases awaiting allocation from November 2021. Largest increase reported by Galway/Roscommon (up 27) followed by Dublin South Central (up 13) and Midlands (up 13).
- **5 areas reported an decrease** with the largest decrease reported by Dublin North (down 10) followed by Kerry (down 5).
- The remaining two areas (Donegal and Mayo) reported no change.
- 43% (675) 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 (80%), Midlands (72%), Galway/Roscommon (71%), Donegal (59%) and Dublin South East/Wicklow (59%).

- **10 areas** had more cases awaiting allocation at the end of December 2021 than December 2020, while six areas had fewer cases. One area (Mayo) had no cases awaiting allocation at the end of either month. Largest increase reported by Midlands (up 42) and largest decrease reported by Carlow/Kilkenny/South Tipperary (down 76).

| Area         | Dec-20<br># Unallocated | Dec-20<br>% Unallocated | Oct-21<br># Unallocated | Nov-21<br># Unallocated | Dec-21<br># Unallocated | Dec-21<br>% Unallocated | Oct-Dec | Dec-2021 v<br>Dec-2020 | % Δ       | Dec-2021 v<br>Nov- 2021 | % Δ2       |
|--------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------|------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|------------|
| DSE/WW       | 13                      | 100%                    | 49                      | 53                      | 52                      | 59%                     |         | 39                     | 300%      | -1                      | -2%        |
| DSW/K/WW     | 85                      | 58%                     | 47                      | 45                      | 51                      | 51%                     |         | -34                    | -40%      | 6                       | 13%        |
| DSC          | 52                      | 54%                     | 35                      | 32                      | 45                      | 80%                     |         | -7                     | -13%      | 13                      | 41%        |
| Midlands     | 0                       | 0%                      | 26                      | 29                      | 42                      | 72%                     |         | 42                     |           | 13                      | 45%        |
| DNC          | 25                      | 26%                     | 51                      | 59                      | 66                      | 43%                     |         | 41                     | 164%      | 7                       | 12%        |
| Dublin North | 34                      | 23%                     | 26                      | 31                      | 21                      | 15%                     |         | -13                    | -38%      | -10                     | -32%       |
| LH/MH        | 5                       | 9%                      | 4                       | 6                       | 7                       | 27%                     |         | 2                      | 40%       | 1                       | 17%        |
| CN/MN        | 0                       | 0%                      | 0                       | 3                       | 4                       | 8%                      |         | 4                      |           | 1                       | 33%        |
| Kerry        | 0                       | 0%                      | 24                      | 13                      | 8                       | 24%                     |         | 8                      |           | -5                      | -38%       |
| Cork         | 59                      | 40%                     | 44                      | 56                      | 65                      | 39%                     |         | 6                      | 10%       | 9                       | 16%        |
| CW/KK/ST     | 92                      | 100%                    | 23                      | 17                      | 16                      | 37%                     |         | -76                    | -83%      | -1                      | -6%        |
| WD/WX        | 99                      | 61%                     | 80                      | 97                      | 96                      | 44%                     |         | -3                     | -3%       | -1                      | -1%        |
| Donegal      | 59                      | 82%                     | 48                      | 44                      | 44                      | 59%                     |         | -15                    | -25%      | 0                       | 0%         |
| SLWC         | 3                       | 19%                     | 6                       | 6                       | 8                       | 35%                     |         | 5                      | 167%      | 2                       | 33%        |
| Mayo         | 0                       | 0%                      | 0                       | 0                       | 0                       | 0%                      |         | 0                      |           | 0                       |            |
| GY/RN        | 76                      | 73%                     | 85                      | 69                      | 96                      | 71%                     |         | 20                     | 26%       | 27                      | 39%        |
| Midwest      | 40                      | 36%                     | 37                      | 45                      | 54                      | 40%                     |         | 14                     | 35%       | 9                       | 20%        |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>642</b>              | <b>45%</b>              | <b>585</b>              | <b>605</b>              | <b>675</b>              | <b>43%</b>              |         | <b>33</b>              | <b>5%</b> | <b>70</b>               | <b>12%</b> |

# Retrospective Cases of Abuse

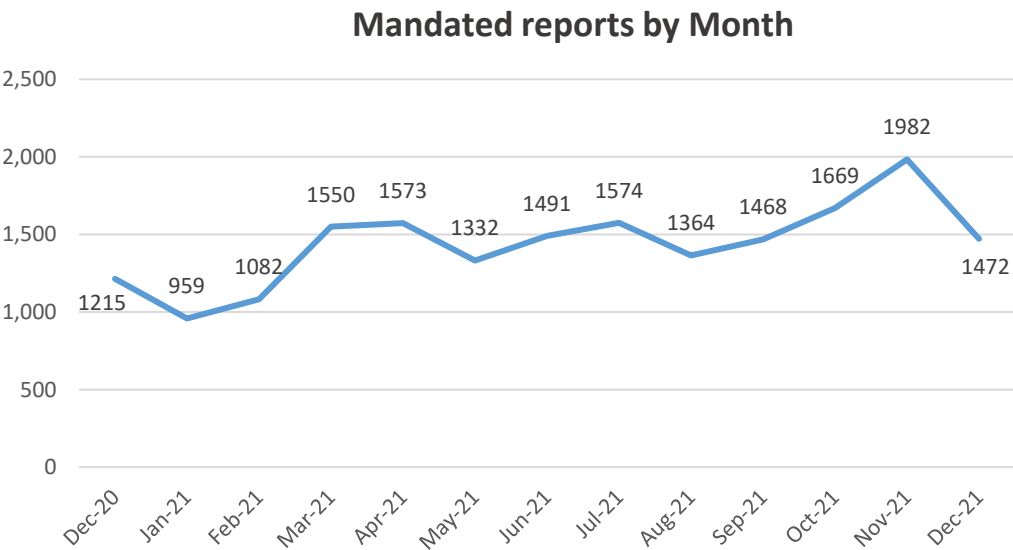
## Summary Tables

| Area         | Referrals<br>Nov 2021 | Referrals<br>Dec 2021 | Δ   | Open Cases<br>Nov 2021 | Open Cases<br>Dec 2021 | Δ2  | Allocated<br>Cases<br>Nov 2021 | Allocated<br>Cases<br>Dec 2021 | Δ3  | Unallocated<br>Cases<br>Nov 2021 | Unallocated<br>Cases<br>Dec 2021 | Δ4  |
|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----|------------------------|------------------------|-----|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----|
| DSE/WW       | 12                    | 10                    | -2  | 77                     | 88                     | 11  | 24                             | 36                             | 12  | 53                               | 52                               | -1  |
| DSW/K/WW     | 4                     | 2                     | -2  | 107                    | 100                    | -7  | 62                             | 49                             | -13 | 45                               | 51                               | 6   |
| DSC          | 12                    | 11                    | -1  | 50                     | 56                     | 6   | 18                             | 11                             | -7  | 32                               | 45                               | 13  |
| Midlands     | 31                    | 19                    | -12 | 62                     | 58                     | -4  | 33                             | 16                             | -17 | 29                               | 42                               | 13  |
| DNC          | 15                    | 3                     | -12 | 150                    | 153                    | 3   | 91                             | 87                             | -4  | 59                               | 66                               | 7   |
| Dublin North | 14                    | 19                    | 5   | 153                    | 141                    | -12 | 122                            | 120                            | -2  | 31                               | 21                               | -10 |
| LH/MH        | 23                    | 12                    | -11 | 27                     | 26                     | -1  | 21                             | 19                             | -2  | 6                                | 7                                | 1   |
| CN/MN        | 14                    | 7                     | -7  | 59                     | 51                     | -8  | 56                             | 47                             | -9  | 3                                | 4                                | 1   |
| Kerry        | 14                    | 14                    | 0   | 48                     | 33                     | -15 | 35                             | 25                             | -10 | 13                               | 8                                | -5  |
| Cork         | 23                    | 48                    | 25  | 161                    | 168                    | 7   | 105                            | 103                            | -2  | 56                               | 65                               | 9   |
| CW/KK/ST     | 16                    | 17                    | 1   | 45                     | 43                     | -2  | 28                             | 27                             | -1  | 17                               | 16                               | -1  |
| WD/WX        | 45                    | 31                    | -14 | 221                    | 217                    | -4  | 124                            | 121                            | -3  | 97                               | 96                               | -1  |
| Donegal      | 3                     | 8                     | 5   | 73                     | 74                     | 1   | 29                             | 30                             | 1   | 44                               | 44                               | 0   |
| SLWC         | 2                     | 0                     | -2  | 24                     | 23                     | -1  | 18                             | 15                             | -3  | 6                                | 8                                | 2   |
| Mayo         | 8                     | 12                    | 4   | 57                     | 67                     | 10  | 57                             | 67                             | 10  | 0                                | 0                                | 0   |
| GY/RN        | 33                    | 45                    | 12  | 109                    | 136                    | 27  | 40                             | 40                             | 0   | 69                               | 96                               | 27  |
| Midwest      | 18                    | 16                    | -2  | 126                    | 134                    | 8   | 81                             | 80                             | -1  | 45                               | 54                               | 9   |
| TOTAL        | 287                   | 274                   | -13 | 1549                   | 1568                   | 19  | 944                            | 893                            | -51 | 605                              | 675                              | 70  |

| Area         | High Priority<br>Awaiting<br>Nov 2021 | High Priority<br>Awaiting<br>Dec 2021 | Δ | Medium<br>Priority<br>Awaiting<br>Nov 2021 | Medium<br>Priority<br>Awaiting<br>Dec 2021 | Δ 2 | Low Priority<br>Awaiting<br>Nov 2021 | Low Priority<br>Awaiting<br>Dec 2021 | Δ 3 |
|--------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|--|--|-----|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----|
| DSE/WW       | 0                                     | 0                                     | 0 | 21   | 17   | -4  | 32                                   | 35                                   | 3   |
| DSW/K/WW     | 0                                     | 0                                     | 0 | 18   | 17   | -1  | 27                                   | 34                                   | 7   |
| DSC          | 0                                     | 0                                     | 0 | 11   | 16   | 5   | 21                                   | 29                                   | 8   |
| Midlands     | 0                                     | 0                                     | 0 | 10   | 16   | 6   | 19                                   | 26                                   | 7   |
| DNC          | 4                                     | 7                                     | 3 | 47   | 50   | 3   | 8                                    | 9                                    | 1   |
| Dublin North | 0                                     | 0                                     | 0 | 3  | 3  | 0   | 28                                   | 18                                   | -10 |
| LH/MH        | 3                                     | 3                                     | 0 | 2  | 2  | 0   | 1                                    | 2                                    | 1   |
| CN/MN        | 0                                     | 0                                     | 0 | 1  | 2  | 1   | 2                                    | 2                                    | 0   |
| Kerry        | 0                                     | 0                                     | 0 | 6  | 4  | -2  | 7                                    | 4                                    | -3  |
| Cork         | 0                                     | 0                                     | 0 | 56   | 63   | 7   | 0                                    | 2                                    | 2   |
| CW/KK/ST     | 0                                     | 0                                     | 0 | 12   | 9  | -3  | 5                                    | 7                                    | 2   |
| WD/WX        | 0                                     | 0                                     | 0 | 51   | 39   | -12 | 46                                   | 57                                   | 11  |
| Donegal      | 6                                     | 6                                     | 0 | 30   | 30   | 0   | 8                                    | 8                                    | 0   |
| SLWC         | 0                                     | 0                                     | 0 | 6  | 8  | 2   | 0                                    | 0                                    | 0   |
| Mayo         | 0                                     | 0                                     | 0 | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0                                    | 0                                    | 0   |
| GY/RN        | 6                                     | 6                                     | 0 | 5  | 5  | 0   | 58                                   | 85                                   | 27  |
| Midwest      | 5                                     | 9                                     | 4 | 26   | 29   | 3   | 14                                   | 16                                   | 2   |
| TOTAL        | 24                                    | 31                                    | 7 | 305  | 310  | 5   | 276                                  | 334                                  | 58  |

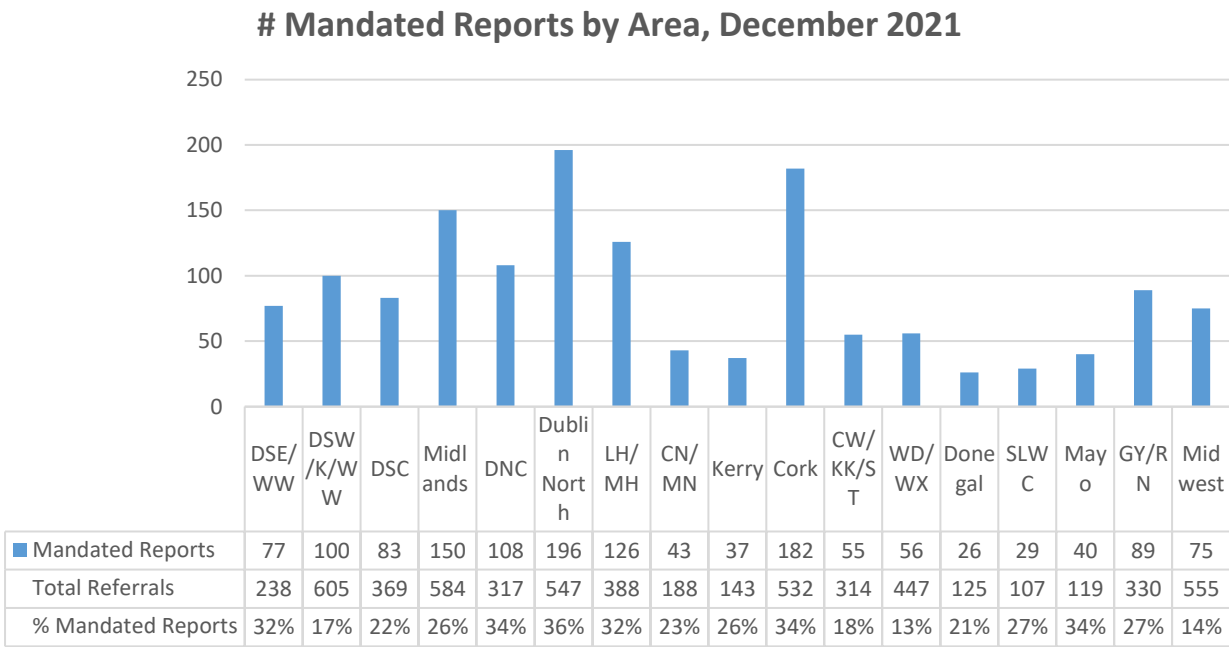
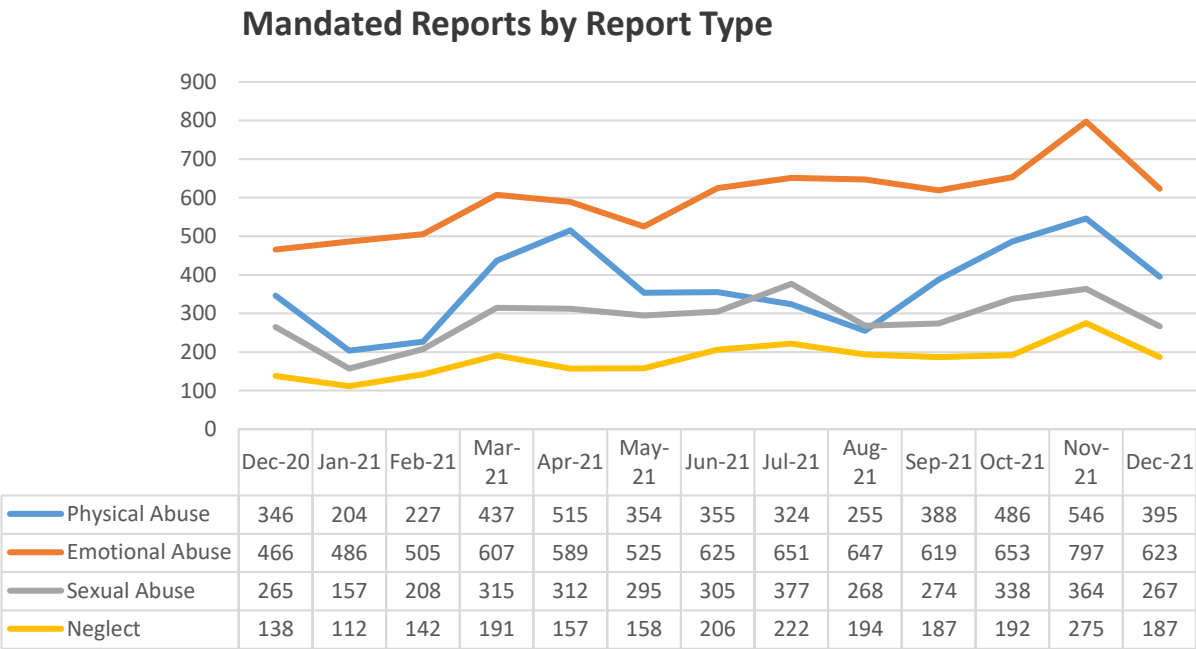
# Mandated Reports<sup>1</sup> – Child Protection & Welfare

- **1,472 mandated reports of abuse** received in December 2021. Brings to 17,516 the number of reports for 2021 (provisional figure). *It should be noted that the data presented is based on mandated reports 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.*
- Mandated reports accounted for 25% (1,472) of all referrals received (5,908) in December 2021.



- The number of mandated reports for December 2021, by area ranged from 26 (Donegal) to 196 (Dublin North).
- As a percentage of referrals, the highest percentage (36%) was reported by Dublin North followed by Dublin North City (34%), Cork (34%) and Mayo (34%).
- The lowest percentage was reported by Waterford/Wexford (13%) followed by Midwest (14%) and Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (17%).

- Highest number of reports for December 2021 for emotional abuse (623; 42%) followed by physical abuse (395; 27%), sexual abuse (267; 18%) and neglect (187; 13%).



<sup>1</sup> Mandated reports are included in the data on referrals (slide 4)

# Mandated Reports – Child Protection & Welfare

## Source of Reports

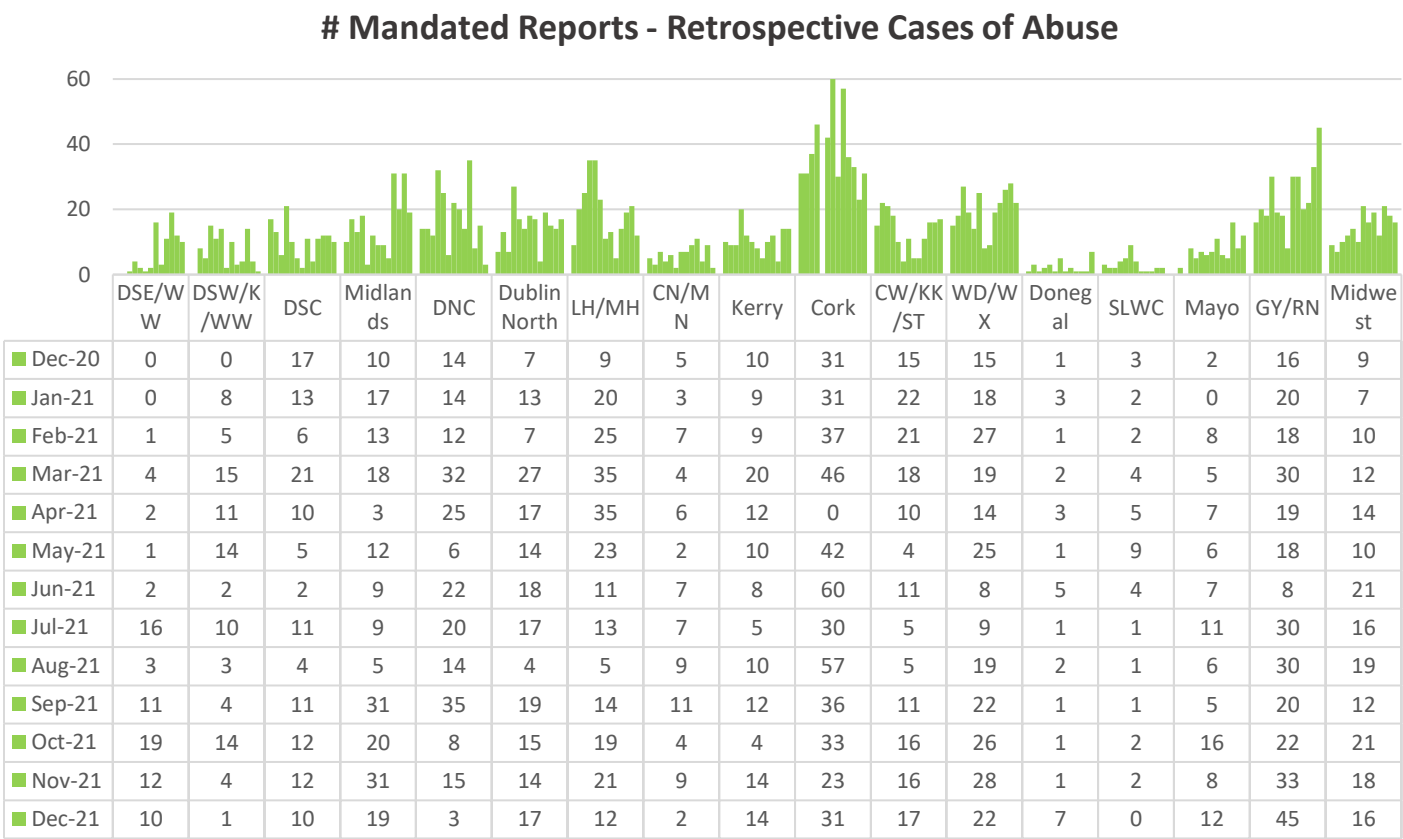
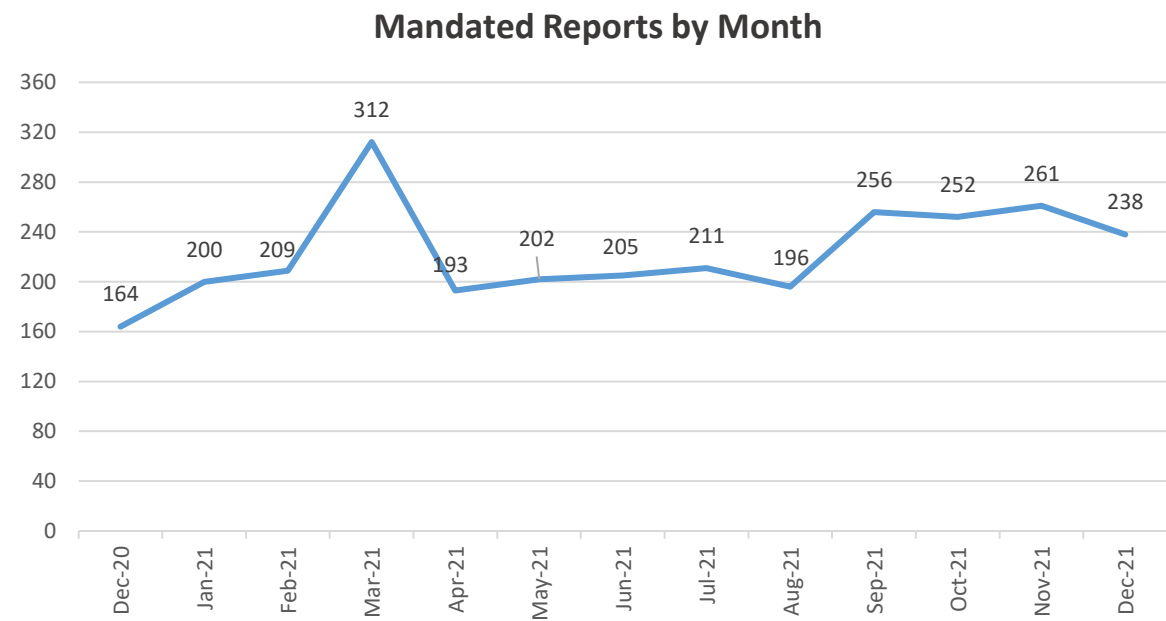
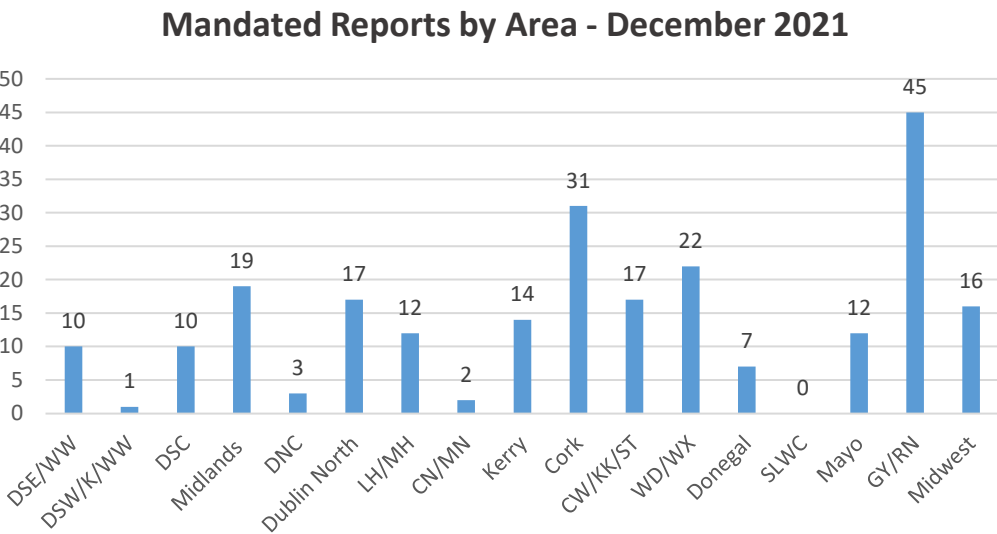
- Highest number of reports for December 2021 from An Garda Síochána (592; 40%) followed by teachers (274; 19%), social workers (183; 12%), social care workers (82; 6%), safe guarding officers (58; 4%), medical practitioners (57; 4%) and managers of domestic violence shelters. (52). These seven sources account for 88% (1,298) of reports for November 2021.
- The highest number of reports year to date has been from An Garda Síochána (7,614; 44%) followed by teachers (2,534; 15%), social workers (2,183; 13%); social care workers (927; 5%), safeguarding officers (751; 4%), medical practitioners (731; 4%) and managers of domestic violence shelters (550; 3%).
- These seven sources account for 87% (15,290) of all reports.

\*Values <5 suppressed

| Source   | # Dec 2021  | % Dec 2021    | Total 2021 YTD | % Total 2021 YTD |
|--|-------------|---------------|----------------|------------------|
| Medical practitioner (Registered)  | 57          | 3.9%          | 731            | 4.2%             |
| Nurse or registered midwife (Registered)   | 36          | 2.4%          | 362            | 2.1%             |
| Physiotherapist (Registered)   | *           | *             | 84             | 0.5%             |
| Speech & language therapist (Registered)   | *           | *             | 38             | 0.2%             |
| Occupational therapist (Registered)  | 7           | 0.5%          | 43             | 0.2%             |
| Registered dentist   | 0           | 0.0%          | 6              | 0.0%             |
| Psychologist who practises as such and who is eligible for registration  | 38          | 2.6%          | 483            | 2.8%             |
| Social care worker who practises as such and who is eligible for registration  | 82          | 5.6%          | 927            | 5.3%             |
| Social worker who practises as such and who is eligible for registration   | 183         | 12.4%         | 2183           | 12.5%            |
| EMT, paramedic and advanced paramedic registered with the Pre-Hospital Emergency Care Council  | *           | *             | 25             | 0.1%             |
| Probation officer within the meaning of section 1 of the Criminal Justice (Community Service) Act 1983.  | *           | *             | 48             | 0.3%             |
| Teacher registered with the Teaching Council.  | 274         | 18.6%         | 2534           | 14.5%            |
| An Garda Síochána Member   | 592         | 40.2%         | 7614           | 43.5%            |
| Guardian ad litem appointed in accordance with section 26 of the Child Care Act 1991   | 0           | 0.0%          | 25             | 0.1%             |
| Domestic violence shelter manager  | 52          | 3.5%          | 550            | 3.1%             |
| Homeless provision or emergency accommodation facility manager   | 7           | 0.5%          | 136            | 0.8%             |
| Asylum seeker accommodation (direct provision) centre manager  | *           | *             | 38             | 0.2%             |
| Addiction counsellor employed by a body funded, wholly or partly, out of moneys provided by the Oireachtas   | *           | *             | 20             | 0.1%             |
| Psychotherapist or a person providing counselling who is registered with one of the voluntary professional bodies  | 37          | 2.5%          | 421            | 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;  | 0           | 0.0%          | 8              | 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; | 58          | 3.9%          | 751            | 4.3%             |
| Child care staff member employed in a pre-school service within the meaning of Part VIIA of the Child Care Act 1991;   | 8           | 0.5%          | 60             | 0.3%             |
| Youth work service - person responsible for the care or management within the meaning of section 2 of the Youth Work Act 2001  | 8           | 0.5%          | 107            | 0.6%             |
| Youth worker holds a professional qualification and who is employed in a youth work service  | 15          | 1.0%          | 221            | 1.3%             |
| Foster carer registered with the Agency.   | *           | *             | 54             | 0.3%             |
| Pre-school service within the meaning of Part VIIA of the Child Care Act 1991.   | *           | *             | 39             | 0.2%             |
| <b>Total (includes suppressed values)</b>  | <b>1472</b> | <b>100.0%</b> | <b>17516</b>   | <b>100.0%</b>    |

# Mandated Reports<sup>1</sup> – Retrospective Abuse

- **238 mandated reports of retrospective abuse** in December 2021. Brings to 2,735 the number of reports for 2021.
- Mandated reports accounted for 87% (274) of all reports of retrospective abuse received in December 2021 (274).
- The majority (92%; 218) of mandated reports for December 2021 were for sexual abuse.
- Highest number of mandated reports (45) reported by Galway/Roscommon followed by Cork (31) and Waterford/Wexford (22).



<sup>1</sup> Mandated reports are included in the data on referrals (slide 8)



# Mandated Reports – Retrospective Abuse

## Source of Reports

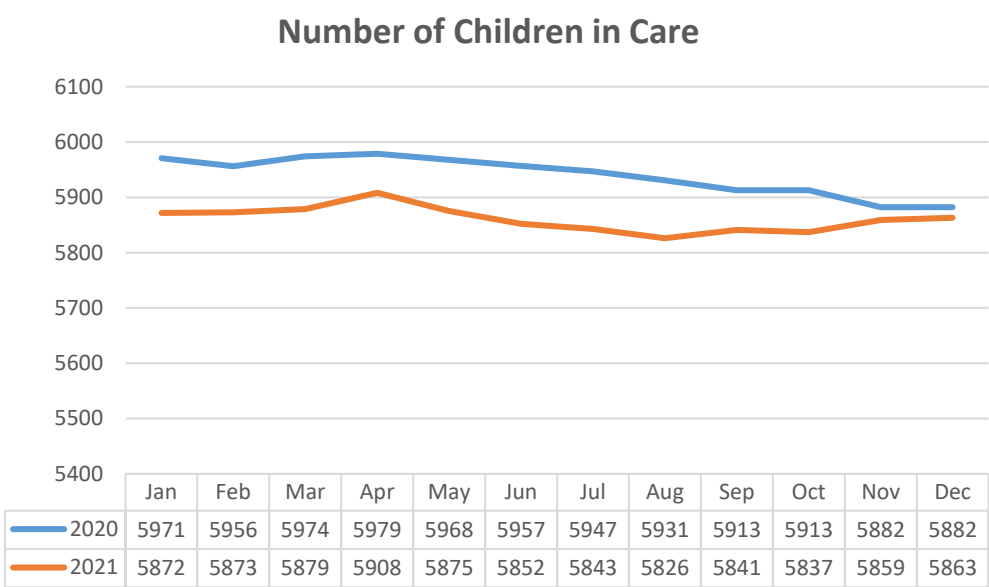
- Highest number of reports for December 2021 from social workers (61; 26%) followed by An Garda Síochána (52; 22%), psychotherapists (42; 18%), psychologists (22; 9%) and medical practitioners (15; 6%). These five sources account for 81% (192) of all reports received.
- The highest number of reports year to date has been from An Garda Síochána (745; 27%) followed by psychotherapists (538; 20%), social workers (430; 16%), psychologists (264; 10%), medical practitioners (201; 7%) and safeguarding officers (139; 5%). These six sources account for 85% (2,317) of all reports received.

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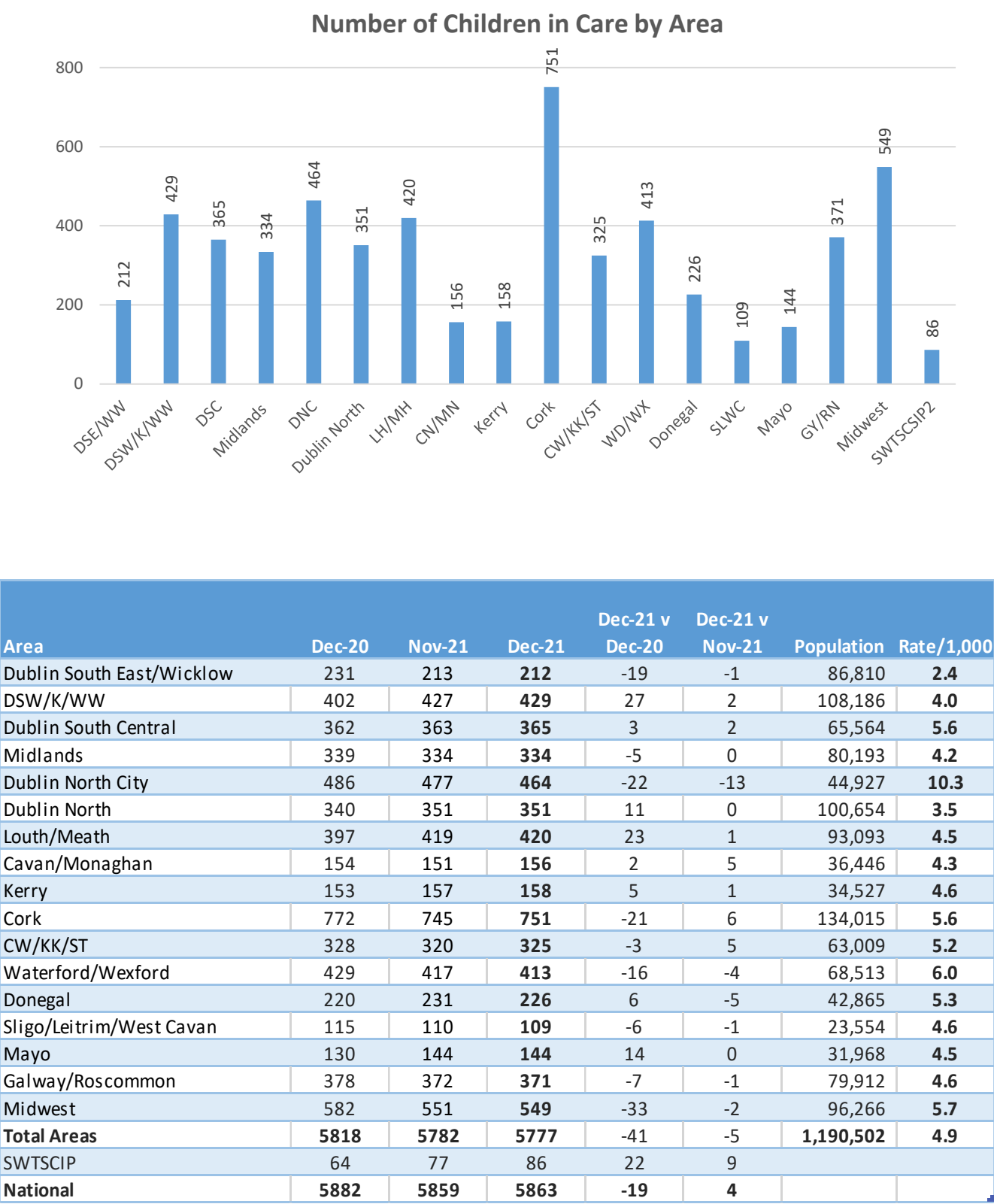
| Source   | # Dec 2021 | % Dec 2021 | Total 2021 | % Total 2021 |
|--|------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| Medical practitioner (Registered)  | 15         | 6.3%       | 201        | 7.3%         |
| Nurse or registered midwife (Registered)   | 9          | 3.8%       | 120        | 4.4%         |
| Physiotherapist (Registered)   | 13         | 5.5%       | 42         | 1.5%         |
| Speech & language therapist (Registered)   | 0          | 0.0%       | *          | *            |
| Occupational therapist (Registered)  | *          | *          | 16         | 0.6%         |
| Registered dentist   | 0          | 0.0%       | *          | *            |
| Psychologist who practises as such and who is eligible for registration  | 22         | 9.2%       | 264        | 9.7%         |
| Social care worker who practises as such and who is eligible for registration  | *          | *          | 44         | 1.6%         |
| Social worker who practises as such and who is eligible for registration   | 61         | 25.6%      | 430        | 15.7%        |
| 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.  | *          | *          | 44         | 1.6%         |
| Teacher registered with the Teaching Council.  | 5          | 2.1%       | 29         | 1.1%         |
| An Garda Síochána Member   | 52         | 21.8%      | 745        | 27.2%        |
| Guardian ad litem appointed in accordance with section 26 of the Child Care Act 1991   | 0          | 0.0%       | 11         | 0.4%         |
| Domestic violence shelter manager  | *          | *          | 6          | 0.2%         |
| Homeless provision or emergency accommodation facility manager   | 0          | 0.0%       | 16         | 0.6%         |
| 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   | *          | *          | 27         | 1.0%         |
| Psychotherapist or a person providing counselling who is registered with one of the voluntary professional bodies  | 42         | 17.6%      | 538        | 19.7%        |
| Language school or other recreational school where children reside away from home manager  | 0          | 0.0%       | 5          | 0.2%         |
| Clergy member (howsoever described) or pastoral care worker (howsoever described) of a church or other religious community;  | *          | *          | 40         | 1.5%         |
| 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; | 7          | 2.9%       | 139        | 5.1%         |
| 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  | 0          | 0.0%       | 5          | 0.2%         |
| 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)   | 238        | 100.0%     | 2735       | 100.0%       |

# Children in Care

- **5,863 children in care at the end of December 2021**; four more than November 2021 (5,859)
- 19 fewer children in care than the same time last year (5,882).
- 64% (3,768) of children in care are in general foster care, 26% (1,498) are in relative foster care, 8% (459) are in residential care and 2% (138) are in “other” care placements.
- 16 (3%) of the 459 children in residential placements are in special care



- Highest number of children in care reported by Cork (751) followed by Midwest (549) and Dublin North City (464).
- Fewest number reported by the Social Work Team for Separated Children Seeking International Protection (86) followed by Sligo/Leitrim West Cavan (109) and Mayo (144).
- Highest rate of children in care per 1,000 children was reported by Dublin North City (10.3/1,000) followed by Waterford/Wexford (6.0/1,000) and Midwest (5.7/1,000). Lowest rate reported by Dublin South East/Wicklow (2.4/1,000) followed by Dublin North (3.5/1,000) and Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (4.0/1,000).
- Seven areas reported a percentage equal to or higher than the national average of 4.9/1,000 children.

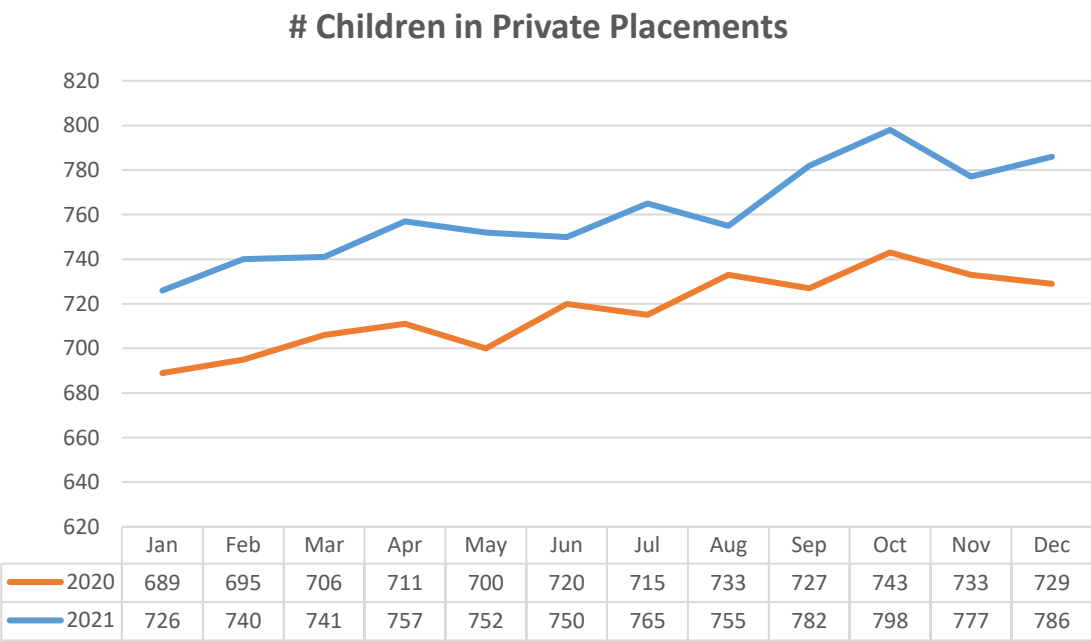


# Children in Care

- 786 (13%) children in care at the end of December 2021 were in placements with private providers; 9 (1%) more than November 2021 (777 revised figure).

*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 December 2021 than at the end of December 2020 (729).

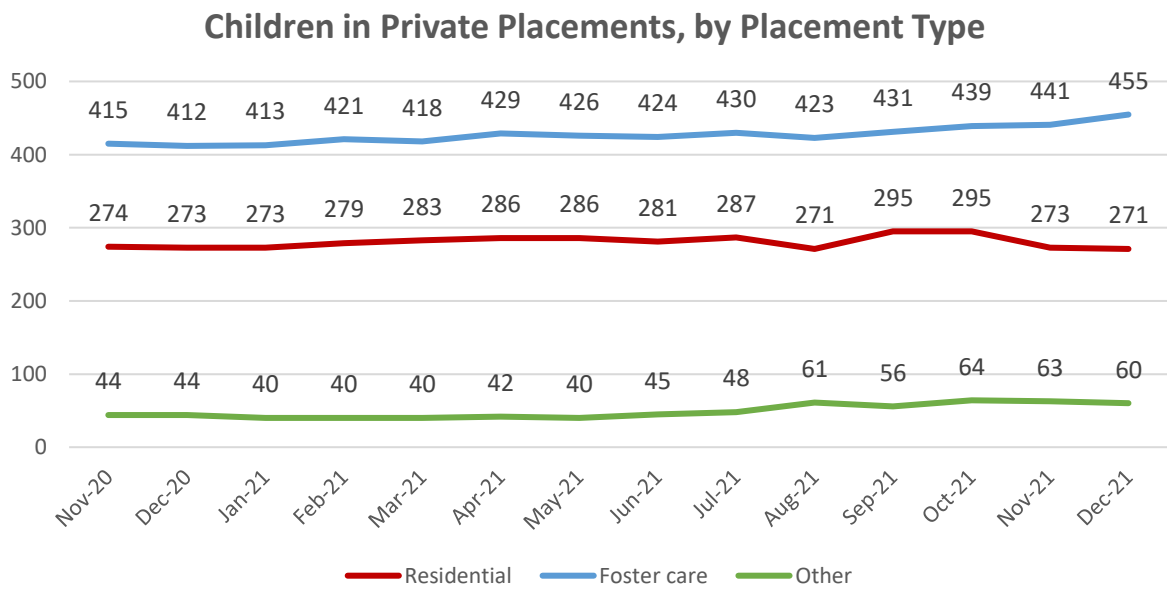


- 58% (455) of children in placements with private providers were in **foster care**, 14 (3%) more than November (441). This number (455) is up 43 (10%) on December 2020 (412)
- 34% (271) of children in placements with private providers were in **residential care**, two fewer than November 2021 (273) and down two from December 2020 (273). *[Ref note above re: voluntary organisations]*

- Highest number of children in placements with private providers reported by Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (108) followed by Dublin South Central (107), Dublin North City (97), Dublin North (82), Midlands (66) and Cork (64). These six areas account for 67% (524) of all children in placements with private providers.

| Children with Private Providers | Dec-20 | Nov-21 | Dec-21 | Dec-21 v | Dec-21 v |
|---------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|----------|----------|
|                                 |        |        |        | Dec-20   | Nov-21   |
| Dublin South East/Wicklow       | 42     | 44     | 42     | 0        | -2       |
| DSW/K/WW                        | 90     | 107    | 108    | 18       | 1        |
| Dublin South Central            | 106    | 106    | 107    | 1        | 1        |
| Midlands                        | 51     | 65     | 66     | 15       | 1        |
| Dublin North City               | 82     | 85     | 97     | 15       | 12       |
| Dublin North                    | 72     | 86     | 82     | 10       | -4       |
| Louth/Meath                     | 29     | 33     | 36     | 7        | 3        |
| Cavan/Monaghan                  | 4      | 10     | 8      | 4        | -2       |
| Kerry                           | 13     | 17     | 16     | 3        | -1       |
| Cork                            | 65     | 69     | 64     | -1       | -5       |
| CW/KK/ST                        | 14     | 12     | 12     | -2       | 0        |
| Waterford/Wexford               | 51     | 36     | 36     | -15      | 0        |
| Donegal                         | 19     | 22     | 22     | 3        | 0        |
| Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan        | *      | *      | *      | 2        | 0        |
| Mayo                            | *      | *      | *      | 1        | 0        |
| Galway/Roscommon                | 10     | 6      | 7      | -3       | 1        |
| Midwest                         | 38     | 37     | 36     | -2       | -1       |
| SWTSCSIP                        | 37     | 33     | 38     | 1        | 5        |
| Total                           | 729    | 777    | 786    | 57       | 9        |

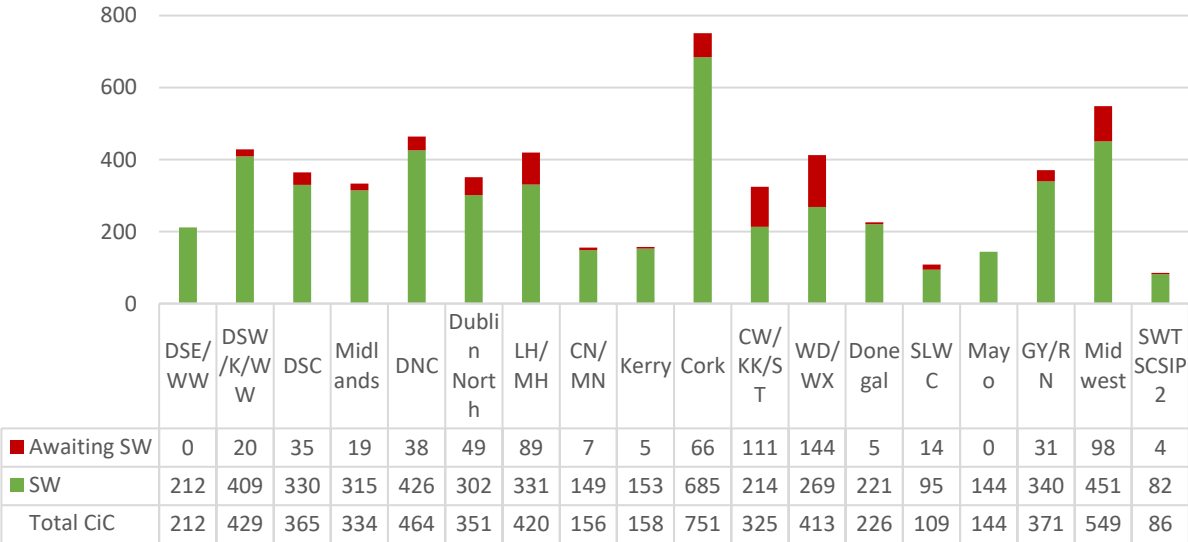
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# Children in Care

- **87% (5,128) of children in care at the end of December 2021 had an allocated social worker;** down one percentage point from November 2021.
- A total of 735 children were awaiting an allocated social worker; 46 (7%) more than November 2021 (689) and 336 (84%) more than Dec 2020 (399).
- Highest number awaiting reported by Waterford/Wexford (144) followed by Carlow/Kilkenny/South Tipperary (111), Midwest (98), Louth/Meath (89), Cork (66) and Dublin North (49). These six areas account for 76% (557) of all cases awaiting allocation.
- Two areas (Dublin South East/Wicklow and Mayo) reported no children awaiting allocation of a social worker.

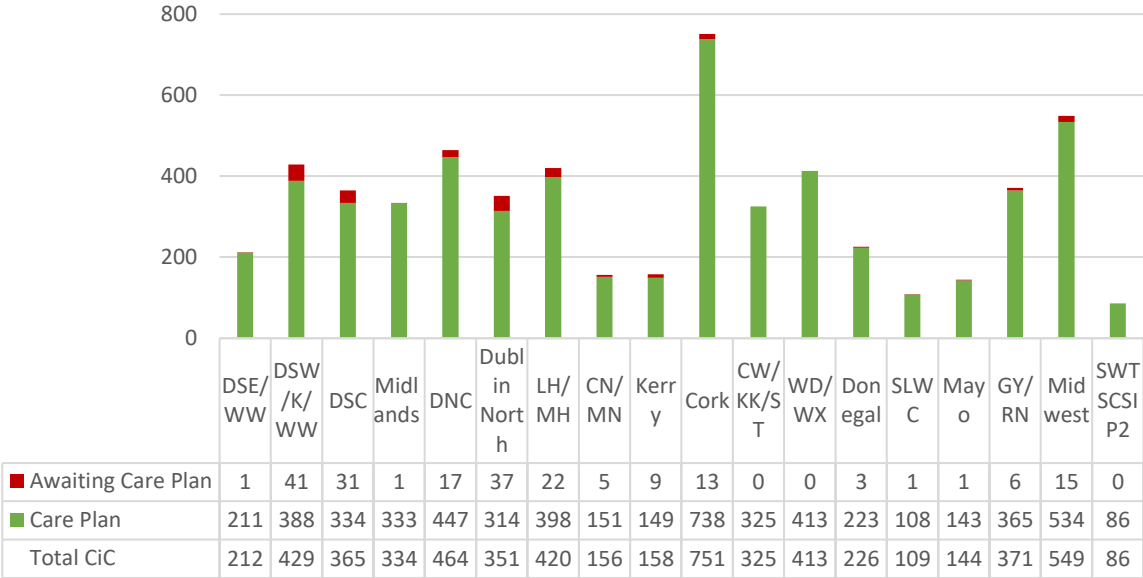
Children in Care with a Social Worker



- **97% (5,660) of children in care at the end of December 2021 had an up-to-date care plan;** no change from November 2021.
- A total of 203 children did not have an up-to-date care plan; three more than November 2021 (200) and Dec 2020 (200).
- Highest numbers with no up-to-date care plan reported by Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (41) followed by Dublin North (37), Dublin South Central (31) and Louth / Meath (22).

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

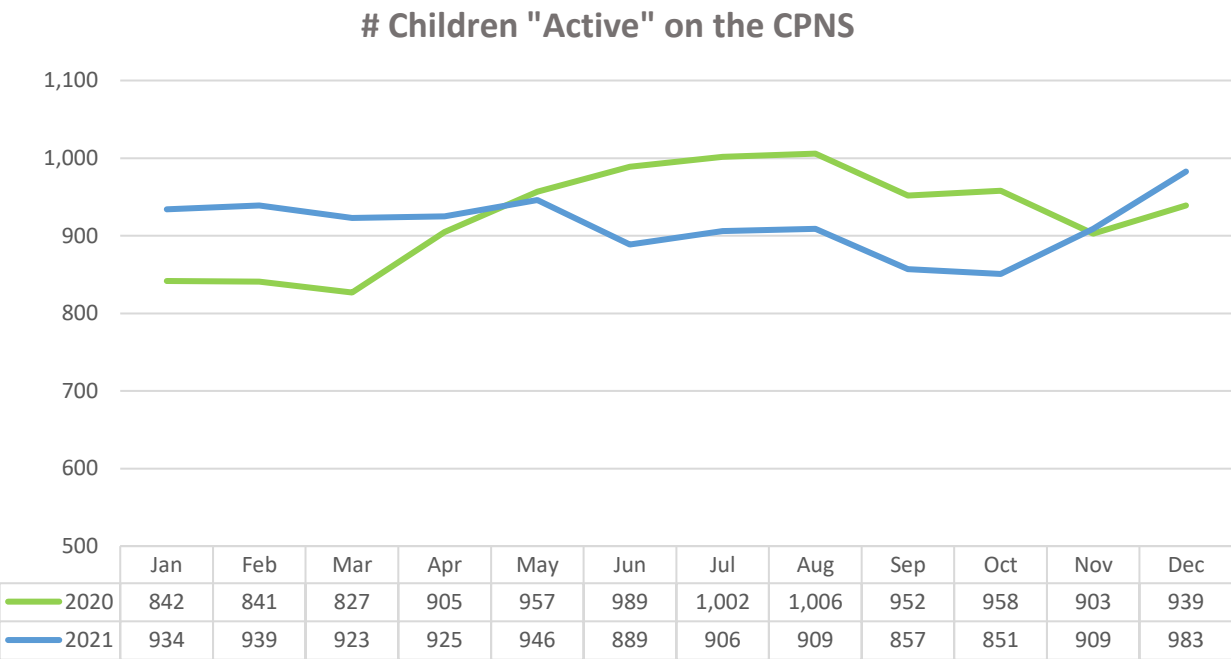


# Child Protection Notification System

- **983 children listed as “active” at the end of December 2021**; 74 (8%) more than November 2021 (909), second consecutive increase. There were 44 (5%) more children “active” at the end of December 2021 than December 2020 (939).

*The number of children listed as "active" from during 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 but two children listed as “active” at the end of December 2021 had an **allocated social worker**. The two children have since been allocated a social worker.
- Highest number of children listed as “active” at the end of December 2021 reported by Cork (96) followed by Dublin North City (83), Midwest (83), Midlands (81) and Dublin North (80).
- Fewest number listed as “active” reported by Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan (9) followed by Mayo (29), Kerry (29).
- Highest rate per 10,000 population under 18 years reported by Dublin North City (18.5/10,000) followed by Donegal (13.8/10,000) and Carlow/Kilkenny/South Tipperary (12.2/10,000).
- Lowest rates reported by Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan (3.8/10,000) followed by Louth/Meath (3.9/10,000) and Galway/Roscommon (5.3/10,000). Nine areas reported a rate equal to or higher than the national rate of 8.3/10,000
- 14/17 areas had more children listed as “active” at the end of December 2021 than November 2021. Largest increases reported by Dublin North City (up 15), Dublin North (up 10), Midwest (up 9) and Midlands (up 9). Largest decrease reported by Dublin South West / Kildare/ West Wicklow (down 5) followed by Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan (down 1) and Kerry (down 1).
- 9 areas had more children active at the end of December 2021 than at the same period last year. Largest increases reported by Dublin North (up 23), Cavan/Monaghan (up 20), Cork (up 19) Midlands (up 17) and Louth/Meath (up 15). Largest decreases reported by Waterford/Wexford (down 22), Dublin South Central (down 14), Kerry (down 13), Carlow/Kilkenny (down 11) and Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (down 10).



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

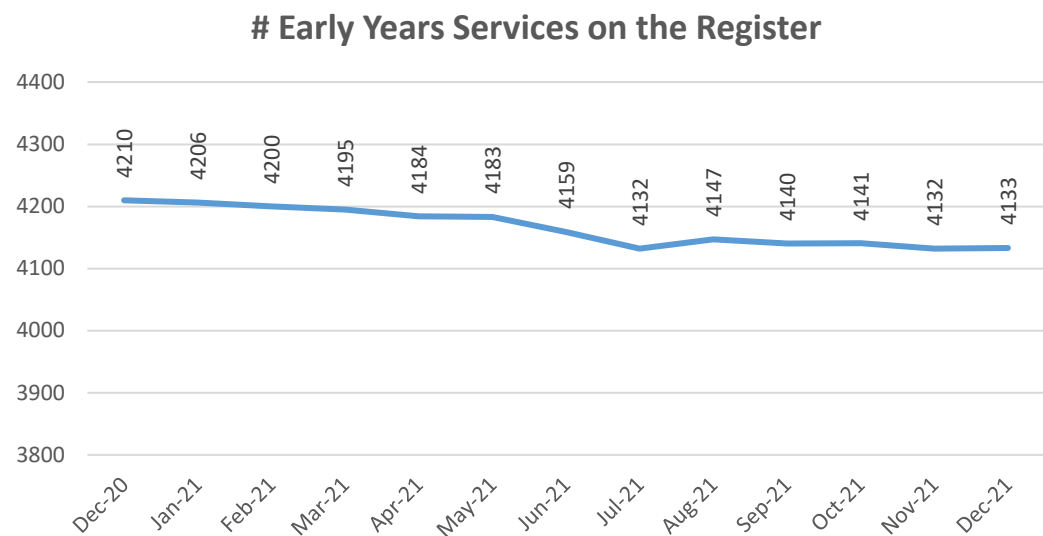
| Area                                       |        |        |        | Dec 21 v |        | Population | Rate/10,000 |
|--|--------|--------|--------|----------|--------|------------|-------------|
|  | Dec-20 | Nov-21 | Dec-21 | Dec 20   | Nov 21 |            |             |
| Dublin North City                          | 84     | 68     | 83     | -1       | 15     | 44927      | 18.5        |
| Donegal                                    | 53     | 54     | 59     | 6        | 5      | 42865      | 13.8        |
| Carlow / Kilkenny / South Tipperary        | 88     | 70     | 77     | -11      | 7      | 63009      | 12.2        |
| Cavan / Monaghan                           | 19     | 32     | 39     | 20       | 7      | 36446      | 10.7        |
| Midlands                                   | 64     | 72     | 81     | 17       | 9      | 80193      | 10.1        |
| Waterford / Wexford                        | 85     | 61     | 63     | -22      | 2      | 68513      | 9.2         |
| Mayo                                       | 25     | 25     | 29     | 4        | 4      | 31968      | 9.1         |
| Mid West                                   | 74     | 74     | 83     | 9        | 9      | 96266      | 8.6         |
| Kerry                                      | 42     | 30     | 29     | -13      | -1     | 34527      | 8.4         |
| Dublin North                               | 57     | 70     | 80     | 23       | 10     | 100654     | 7.9         |
| Dublin South Central                       | 61     | 44     | 47     | -14      | 3      | 65564      | 7.2         |
| Cork                                       | 77     | 90     | 96     | 19       | 6      | 134015     | 7.2         |
| Dublin South East / Wicklow                | 50     | 60     | 61     | 11       | 1      | 86810      | 7.0         |
| Dublin South West / Kildare / West Wicklow | 79     | 74     | 69     | -10      | -5     | 108186     | 6.4         |
| Galway / Roscommon                         | 49     | 41     | 42     | -7       | 1      | 79912      | 5.3         |
| Louth / Meath                              | 21     | 34     | 36     | 15       | 2      | 93093      | 3.9         |
| Sligo / Leitrim / West Cavan               | 11     | 10     | 9      | -2       | -1     | 23554      | 3.8         |
| Total                                      | 939    | 909    | 983    | 44       | 74     | 1190502    | 8.3         |



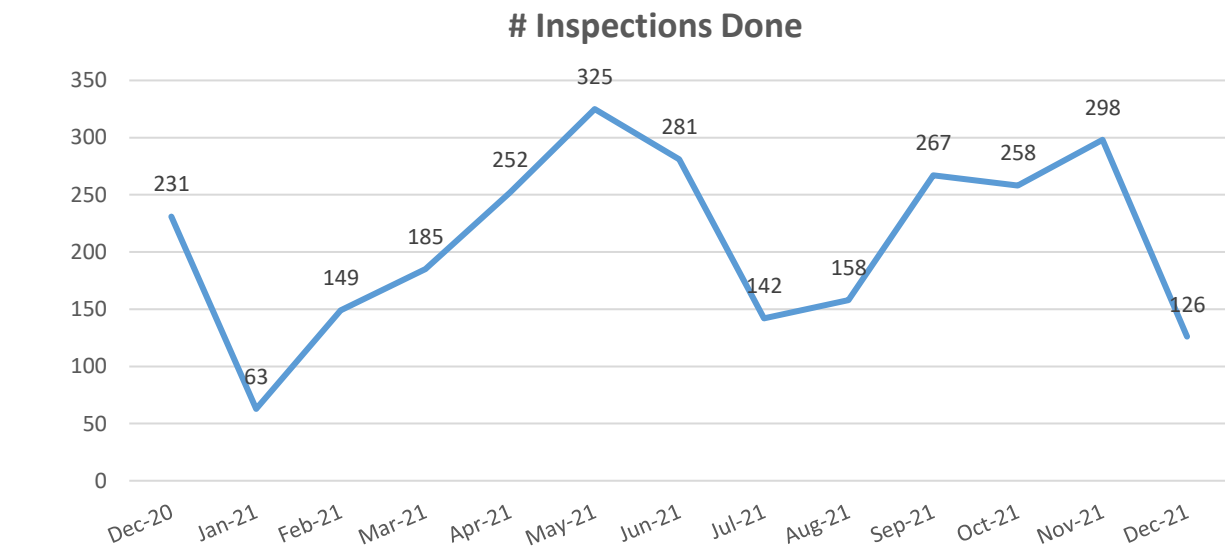
# Children’s Services Regulation

## EARLY YEARS INSPECTORATE

- **4,133 early years services on the register at the end of December 2021**, one more than November 2021 (4,132). There were 77 (2%) fewer services on the register at the end of December 2021 than December 2020 (4,210).

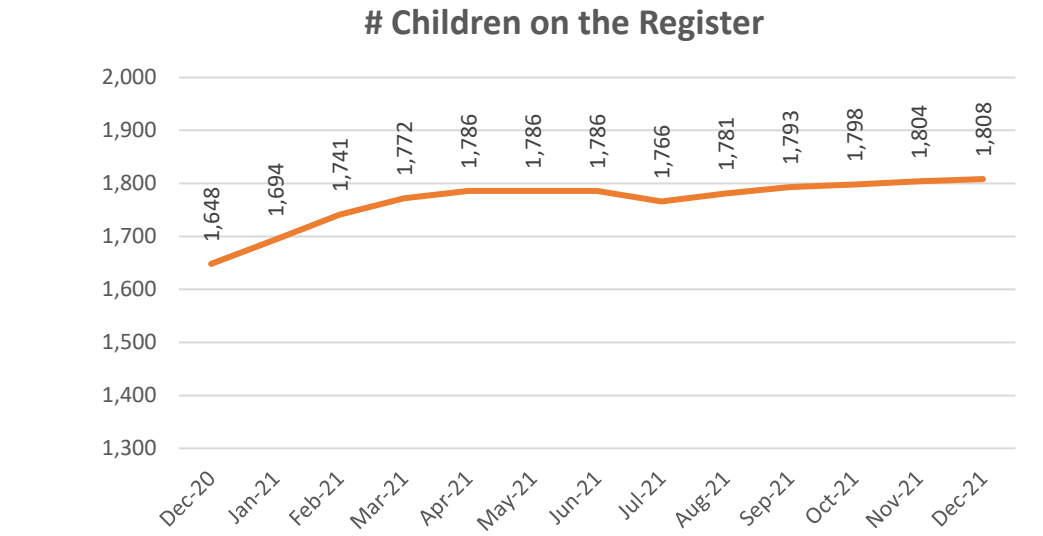


- **126 inspections of early years services done in December 2021.** Brings to 2,504 the number of inspections for 2021. *Number of inspections impacted, due to the closure of services under the Covid-19 restrictions.*

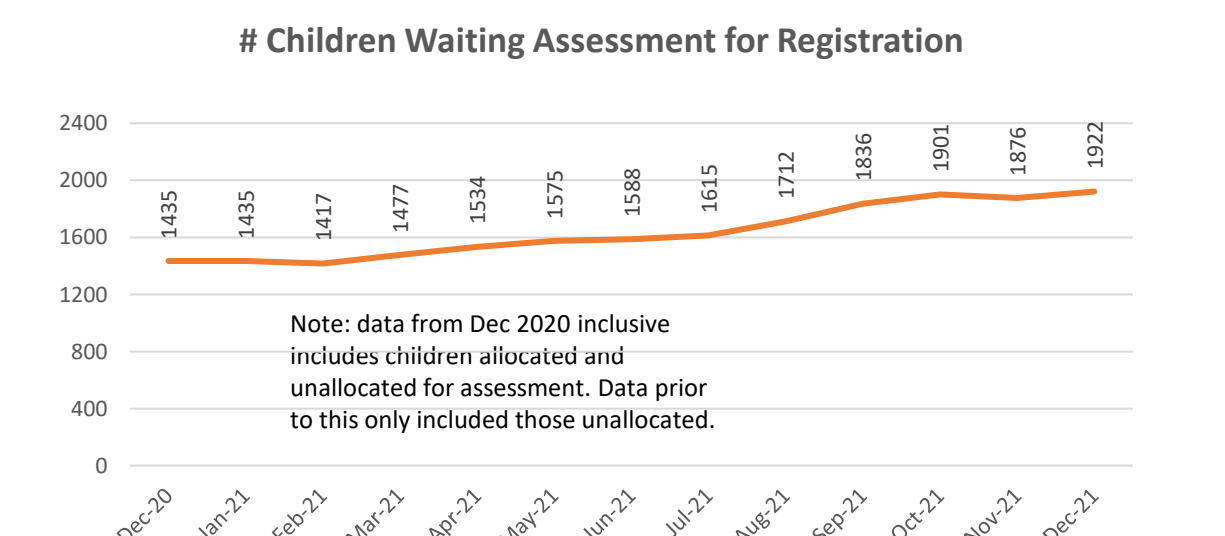


## ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION ASSESSMENT AND REGISTRATION SERVICE

- **1,808 children on the register for home education at the end of December 2021**, four more than November 2021 (1,804). The number of children on the register is up 10% (160) on December 2020 (1,648).



- **1,922 children on a waiting list for assessment at the end of December 2021**, 46 more than November 2021 (1,876). The number of children on the waiting list is up 34% (487) on December 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)

- **535 referrals screened** by senior educational welfare services in December 2021, five fewer than November 2021 (540) and 228 (30%) fewer than December 2020 (763). Brings to 1,814 the number of referrals screened for the four months Sept – Dec 2021.

- **1,910 referrals on a waiting list** for educational welfare services at the end of December 2021, 15 more than November 2021 (1,895) and 234 (14%) more than December 2020 (1,676).

- **244 new individual children worked with** in December 2021, 41 (14%) fewer than November 2021 (285) and 68 (22%) fewer than December 2020 (312).

