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# Headline Data – December 2022

## Child Protection & Welfare

- 22,033 cases open to social work at the end of December 2022, nine fewer than November 2022 (22,042) and 785 (4%) more than December 2021 (21,248).
- 72% (15,920) of cases open to social work had an allocated social worker.
- 6,113 cases awaiting allocation of a social worker at the end of December 2022, 502 (9%) more than November 2022 (5,611) and 1,306 (27%) more than December 2021 (4,807).
- Six areas account for 66% (4,035) of cases awaiting allocation: Dublin South West / Kildare/West Wicklow (801), followed by Dublin South Central (797), Cork (735), Waterford/Wexford (675), Dublin North City (540) and Dublin North (487).
- 6% (391) of cases awaiting allocation at the end of December 2022 were categorised as high priority, 18 (5%) more than November 2022 (373), but 45 (10%) fewer than December 2021 (436).

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

## Cases of Retrospective Abuse

**Cases of retrospective abuse are undergoing review and categorisation following the implementation of the Tusla Child Abuse Substantiation Procedure (CASP) on the 27 June 2022. Hence data is not available at this time. The CASP replaces the “Policy and Procedures for Responding to Allegations of Abuse and Neglect”, which has been in use since 2014.**

- 1,501 cases open to social work at the end of June 2022, 22 fewer than May 2022 (1,523).
- 62% (936) of cases of retrospective abuse open to social work had an allocated social worker, up from 59% at the end of May 2022.
- 565 cases awaiting allocation at the end of June 2022, 65 (10%) fewer than May 2022 (630) and the third consecutive decrease.
- Five areas account for 67% (377) of all cases awaiting allocation: Midwest (110), Galway/Roscommon (77), Dublin North City (74), Cork (64) and Donegal (52).

## Children in Care

- 5,759 children in care at the end of December 2022; 16 fewer than November 2022 (5,775) and 104 (2%) fewer than the same time last year (5,863).
- 874 (15%) children in care at the end of December 2022 were in placements with private providers, eight more than November 2022 (866) and 89 (11%) more than the end of December 2021 (785).

- 85% (4,916) of children in care at the end of December 2022 had an allocated social worker; down one percentage point from November 2022.

- A total of 843 children were awaiting an allocated social worker, 40 (5%) more than November 2022 (803).

## Child Protection Notification System (CPNS)

- 845 children listed as “active” at the end of December 2022; 16 (2%) fewer than November 2022 (861) and the fourth consecutive monthly decrease.
- There were 138 (14%) fewer children “active” at the end of December 2022 than at the end of December 2021 (983).
- All of the children listed as “active” at the end of December 2022 had an allocated social worker.

## Children’s Services Regulation

- 4,074 early years services on the register at the end of December 2022, one fewer than November 2022 (4,075). There were 59 (1.4%) fewer services on the register at the end of December 2022 than December 2021 (4,133).
- 108 inspections of early years services done in December 2022. This brings to 2,480 the number of inspections for 2022, 24 (1%) fewer than the same period in 2021 (2,504). *Number of inspections for early 2021 impacted due to the closure of services under the Covid-19 restrictions.*
- 1,931 children on the register for home education at the end of December 2022, 30 (1.6%) more than November 2022 (1,901) and 123 (7%) more than December 2021 (1,808).
- 1,425 children on a waiting list for assessment at the end of December 2022, 19 (1%) fewer than November 2022 (1,444), the fifth consecutive decrease and 497 (26%) fewer than December 2021 (1,922).

## Tusla Education Support Services

- 514 referrals screened by senior educational welfare services in December 2022. This brings to 1,835 the number of referrals screened for the first four months of the 2022/2023 academic year, 21 (1%) more than the same period in 2021/2022 (1,814).
- 3,120 referrals on a waiting list for educational welfare services at the end of December 2022, 50 (2%) more than November 2022 (3,070) and 1,210 (63%) more than December 2021 (1,910). First increase after six consecutive monthly decreases.
- 207 new individual children worked with in December 2022. This brings to 1,173 the number of new individual children worked with for the first four months of the 2022/2023 academic year, 61 (5%) more than the same period in 2021/2022 (1,112).

# Child Protection and Welfare

## Referrals<sup>1</sup>

- **6,469 referrals** in December 2022, 935 (13%) fewer than November 2022 (7,404) and 465 (8%) more than December 2021 (6,004). This brings to at least 82,231 the number of referrals for 2022, 9,162 (13%) more 2021 (73,069).

*It should be noted that the data presented for January – September 2022 has been updated to reflect final validated figures for this period. Data for the remaining months of 2022 is based on referrals logged on NCCIS at the time the data was extracted for reporting. Referrals logged after the date the data was extracted are not included, nor are figures updated until quarterly validation is complete.*

## Open Cases

- **22,033 cases open to social work** at the end of December 2022, nine fewer than November 2022 (22,042) and 785 (4%) more than December 2021 (21,248).

*Note: open cases include, all cases held on duty, allocated and unallocated child protection and welfare cases including children in care.*

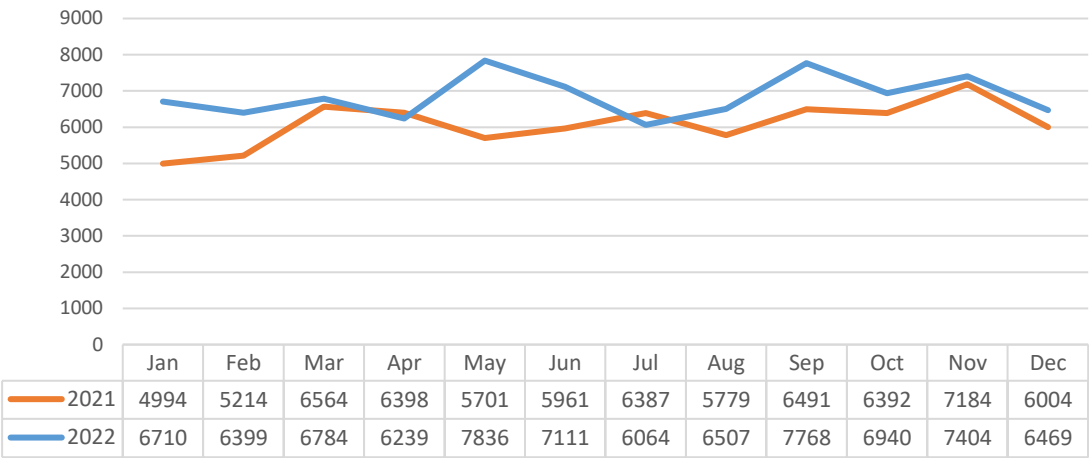
**The data presented on cases is based on the status of cases on the National Child Care Information System (NCCIS) at month end.**

***Data for May and June 2021 is not available due to the impact of the HSE 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).***

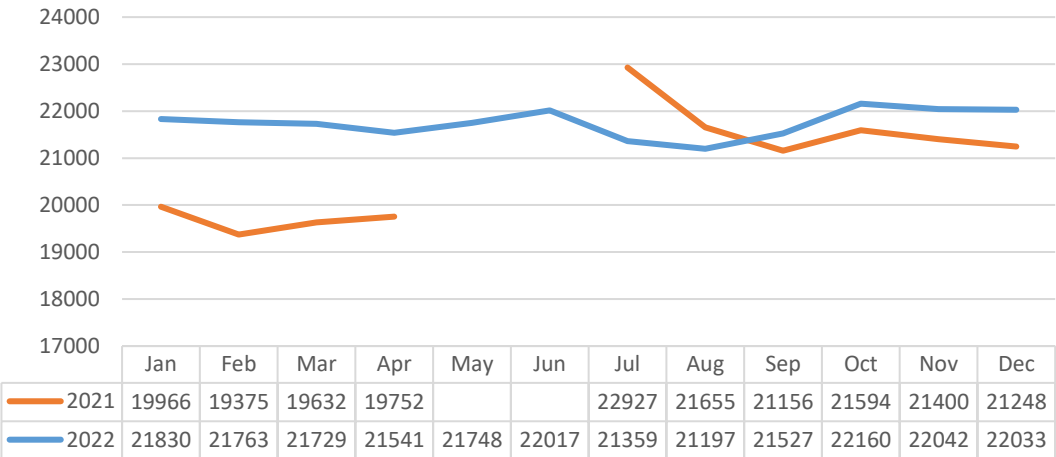
## Allocated Cases

- **15,920 open cases allocated** to a social worker at the end of December 2022, 511 (3%) fewer than November 2022 (16,431) and 521 (3%) fewer than December 2021 (16,441).
- Allocated cases account for 72% of open cases, down three percentage points from November 2022 (75%).

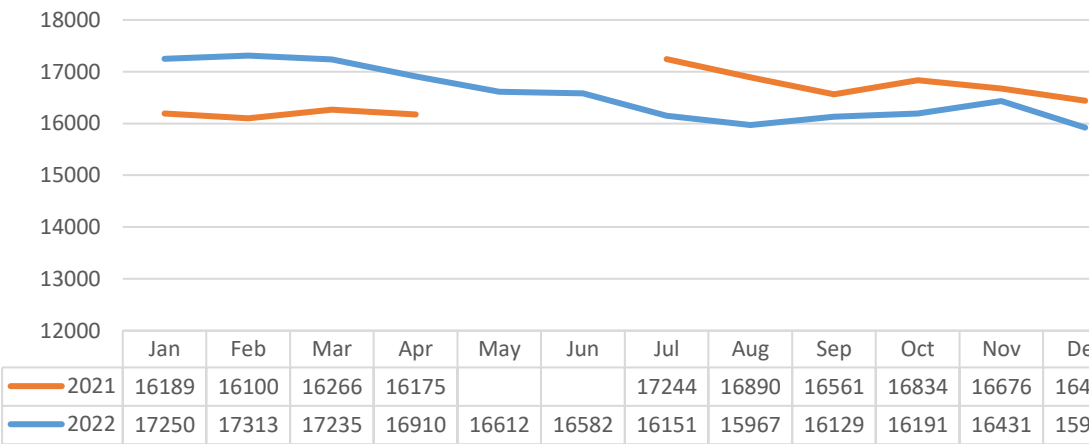
# Referrals



Number of Open Cases



Number of Allocated Cases



<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. It should also be noted that more than one referral can be received in relation to a child, hence the number of children involved is likely to be fewer.

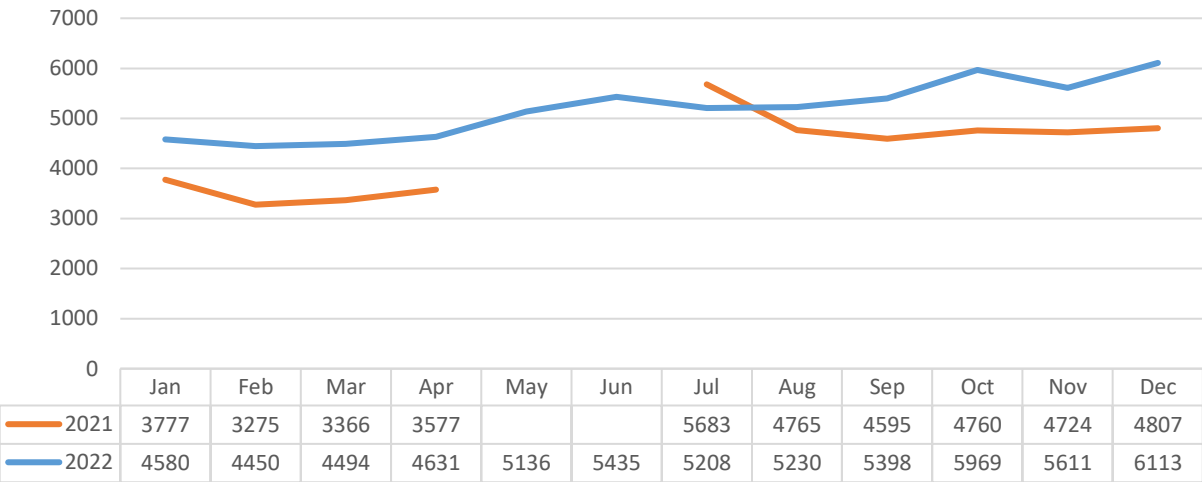
# Child Protection & Welfare

## Cases Awaiting Allocation of a Social Worker

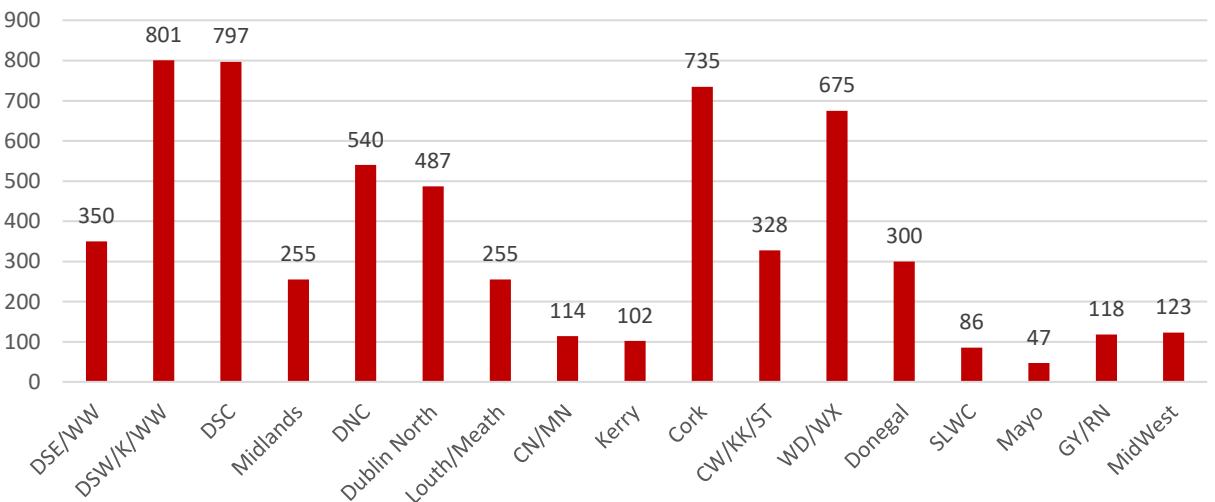
Cases awaiting allocation include cases held on duty, unallocated child protection and welfare cases including children in care

- **6,113 cases awaiting allocation of a social worker** at the end of December 2022, 502 (9%) more than November 2022 (5,611) and 1,306 (27%) more than December 2021 (4,807). Cases awaiting allocation account for 28% of open cases (22,033), up three percentage points from November 2022.
- 58% (3,537) of cases awaiting allocation at the end of December 2022 were “active on duty”. *This means that actions were undertaken by dedicated duty teams or rotating social workers on a duty roster to progress the protection and welfare of the cases. Examples of actions undertaken include telephone calls relating to the concern, visits to see children, completing initial assessments and child in care reviews or care plans.*
- Highest number of cases awaiting allocation reported by Dublin South West / Kildare/West Wicklow (801), followed by Dublin South Central (797), Cork (735), Waterford/Wexford (675), Dublin North City (540) and Dublin North (487). These six areas account for 66% (4,035) of all cases awaiting allocation.
- 391 cases awaiting allocation at the end of December 2022 were categorised as high priority, 18 (5%) more than November 2022 (373), but 45 (10%) fewer than December 2021 (436).
- High priority cases account for 6% of cases awaiting allocation.
- 53% (3,213) of cases awaiting allocation were categorised at medium priority while the remaining 41% (2,509) were low priority.
- Highest number of high priority cases reported by Louth/Meath (62) followed by Waterford/Wexford (52), Dublin North (49), Dublin South Central (36) and Midlands (36). These five areas account for 60% (235) of all high priority cases awaiting.

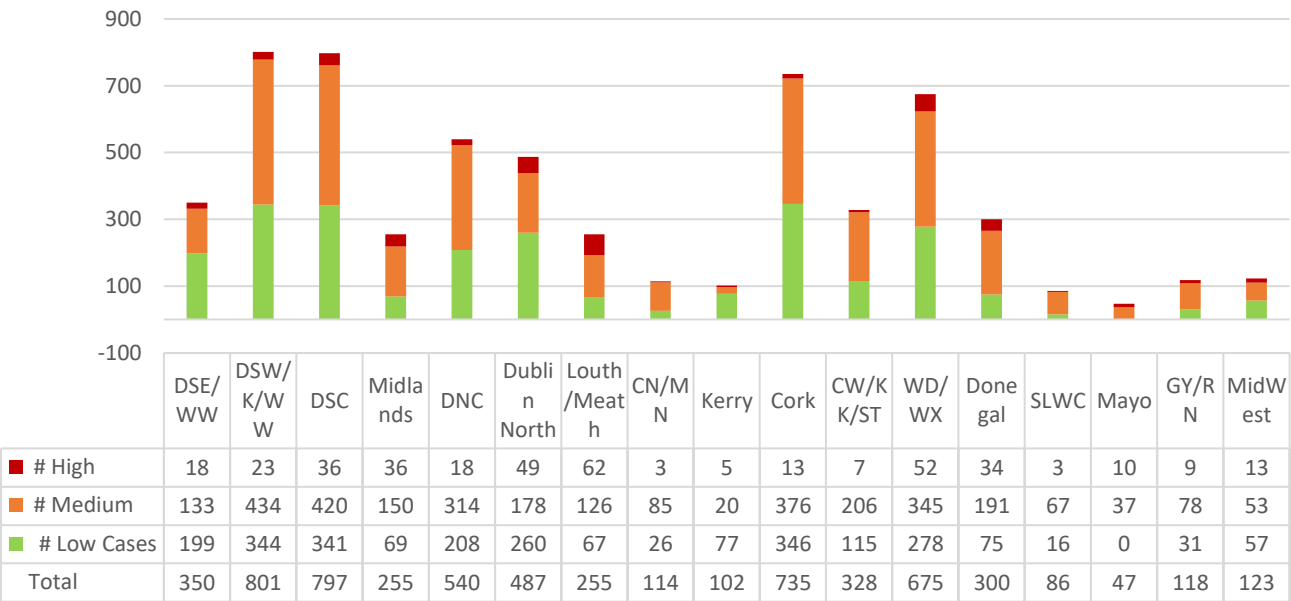
Number of Unallocated Cases



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Number Unallocated Cases by Priority Level



# Child Protection & Welfare

## Cases Awaiting Allocation

- 12/17 areas reported an increase in unallocated cases from November 2022.
- Largest increases reported by Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (up 149), Cork (up 135) and Dublin North (up 116).
- Of the five areas that reported a decrease, the largest decrease was reported by Carlow/Kilkenny/South Tipperary (down 50) followed by Dublin North City (down 44) and Midlands (down 32).
- Nationally 28% of open cases were unallocated at the end of November 2022. Seven areas reported a percentage equal to or higher than the national average of 28%. Highest percentages reported by Dublin South Central (52%), Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (43%), Carlow/Kilkenny/South Tipperary (39%), Donegal (37%), Dublin South East/Wicklow (35%), Waterford/Wexford (33%) and Cork (28%).
- 12 areas had more cases awaiting allocation at the end of December 2022 than at the end of December 2021. Largest increases reported by Dublin North City (up 352), Dublin South Central (up 304), Cork (up 264) and Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (up 258).
- Of the five areas that reported a decrease, the largest decrease was reported by Louth/Meath (down 239) followed by Dublin South East/Wicklow (down 136), Midwest (down 77), Midlands (down 21) and Galway/Roscommon (down 5).

Area	Dec-21 # Unallocated	Dec-21 % Unallocated	Oct-22 # Unallocated	Nov-22 # Unallocated	Dec-22 # Unallocated	Dec-22 % Unallocated	Jun-Aug	Dec 22 v Dec-21	% Δ	Dec 22 v Nov-22	% Δ2
DSE/WW	486	38%	437	369	350	35%		-136	-28%	-19	-5%
DSW/K/WW	543	33%	729	652	801	43%		258	48%	149	23%
DSC	493	35%	763	774	797	52%		304	62%	23	3%
Midlands	276	16%	223	287	255	14%		-21	-8%	-32	-11%
DNC	188	11%	699	584	540	27%		352	187%	-44	-8%
Dublin North	324	13%	416	371	487	21%		163	50%	116	31%
Louth/Meath	494	32%	308	224	255	22%		-239	-48%	31	14%
CN/MN	65	11%	102	101	114	19%		49	75%	13	13%
Kerry	49	11%	97	67	102	18%		53	108%	35	52%
Cork	471	23%	617	600	735	28%		264	56%	135	23%
CW/KK/ST	221	27%	386	378	328	39%		107	48%	-50	-13%
WD/WX	598	34%	657	598	675	33%		77	13%	77	13%
Donegal	198	28%	263	266	300	37%		102	52%	34	13%
SLWC	50	16%	44	56	86	25%		36	72%	30	54%
Mayo	28	5%	29	44	47	12%		19	68%	3	7%
GY/RN	123	13%	93	114	118	13%		-5	-4%	4	4%
MidWest	200	15%	106	126	123	10%		-77	-39%	-3	-2%
TOTAL	4807	23%	5969	5611	6113	28%		1306	27%	502	9%



# Child Protection & Welfare

## Summary Tables

Referrals				Open Cases			Allocated Cases			Unallocated Cases		
Area	Nov-22	Dec-22	Δ	Nov-22	Dec-22	Δ2	Nov-22	Dec-22	Δ3	Nov-22	Dec-22	Δ4
DSE/WW	275	216	-59	1,025	1,006	-19	656	656	0	369	350	-19
DSW/K/WW	768	645	-123	1,863	1,882	19	1,211	1,081	-130	652	801	149
DSC	633	475	-158	1,480	1,530	50	706	733	27	774	797	23
Midlands	752	607	-145	1,755	1,765	10	1,468	1,510	42	287	255	-32
DNC	391	359	-32	1,907	2,006	99	1,323	1,466	143	584	540	-44
Dublin North	541	646	105	2,316	2,374	58	1,945	1,887	-58	371	487	116
Louth/Meath	617	452	-165	1,194	1,152	-42	970	897	-73	224	255	31
CN/MN	194	174	-20	635	586	-49	534	472	-62	101	114	13
Kerry	184	235	51	577	557	-20	510	455	-55	67	102	35
Cork	681	640	-41	2,572	2,612	40	1,972	1,877	-95	600	735	135
CW/KK/ST	346	349	3	939	842	-97	561	514	-47	378	328	-50
WD/WX	555	511	-44	1,998	2,042	44	1,400	1,367	-33	598	675	77
Donegal	231	141	-90	784	818	34	518	518	0	266	300	34
SLWC	112	102	-10	377	340	-37	321	254	-67	56	86	30
Mayo	164	115	-49	439	392	-47	395	345	-50	44	47	3
GY/RN	359	308	-51	953	900	-53	839	782	-57	114	118	4
MidWest	601	494	-107	1,228	1,229	1	1,102	1,106	4	126	123	-3
Total	7,404	6469	-935	22,042	22,033	-9	16,431	15,920	-511	5,611	6113	502

High Priority				Medium Priority			Low Priority		
Area	Awaiting Nov-22	Awaiting Dec-22	Δ	Awaiting Nov-22	Awaiting Dec-22	Δ 2	Awaiting Nov-22	Awaiting Dec-22	Δ 3
DSE/WW	15	18	3	149	133	-16	205	199	-6
DSW/K/WW	11	23	12	364	434	70	277	344	67
DSC	39	36	-3	391	420	29	344	341	-3
Midlands	43	36	-7	137	150	13	107	69	-38
DNC	17	18	1	368	314	-54	199	208	9
Dublin North	33	49	16	108	178	70	230	260	30
Louth/Meath	46	62	16	115	126	11	63	67	4
CN/MN	2	3	1	62	85	23	37	26	-11
Kerry	5	5	0	27	20	-7	35	77	42
Cork	19	13	-6	324	376	52	257	346	89
CW/KK/ST	10	7	-3	219	206	-13	149	115	-34
WD/WX	67	52	-15	293	345	52	238	278	40
Donegal	39	34	-5	179	191	12	48	75	27
SLWC	1	3	2	43	67	24	12	16	4
Mayo	9	10	1	30	37	7	5	0	-5
GY/RN	9	9	0	67	78	11	38	31	-7
MidWest	8	13	5	40	53	13	78	57	-21
TOTAL	373	391	18	2916	3213	297	2322	2509	187

# Retrospective Cases of Abuse

Cases of retrospective abuse are undergoing review and categorisation following the implementation of the Tusla [Child Abuse Substantiation Procedure \(CASP\)](#) on the 27 June 2022. Hence data is not available at this time. The CASP replaces the “Policy and Procedures for Responding to Allegations of Abuse and Neglect”, which has been in use since 2014.

## Referrals

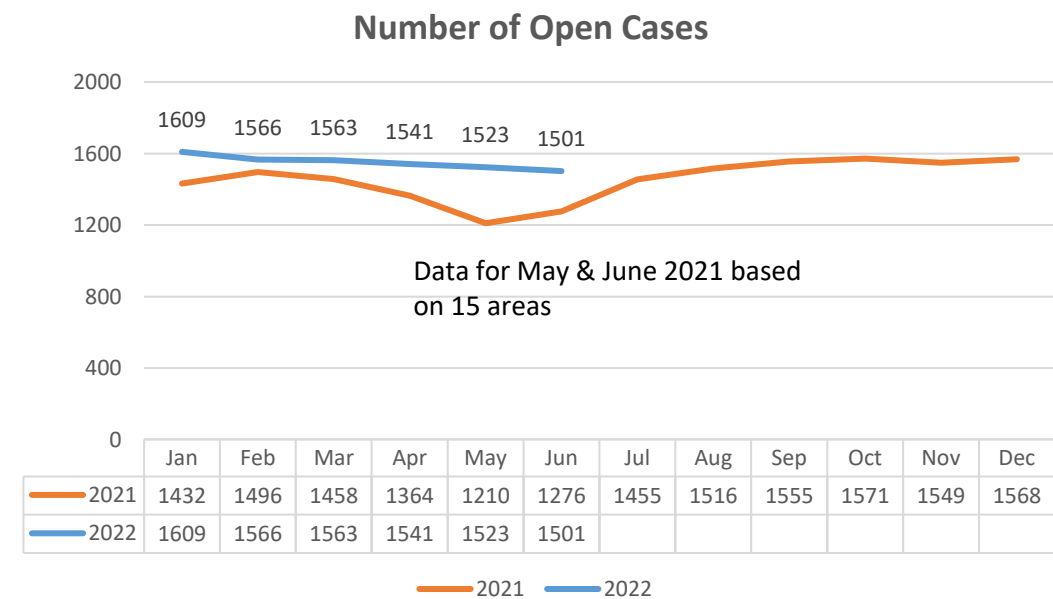
- 428 referrals of retrospective abuse in June 2022, 42 (9%) fewer than May 2022 (470) and 194 (83%) more than June 2021 (234). Brings to 2,539 the number of referrals for the first six months of 2022, 1,014 (66%) more than the same period in 2021 (1,525).

Data for June 2022 is up to the 27 June 2022 when Tusla [Child Abuse Substantiation Procedure \(CASP\)](#) was implemented.

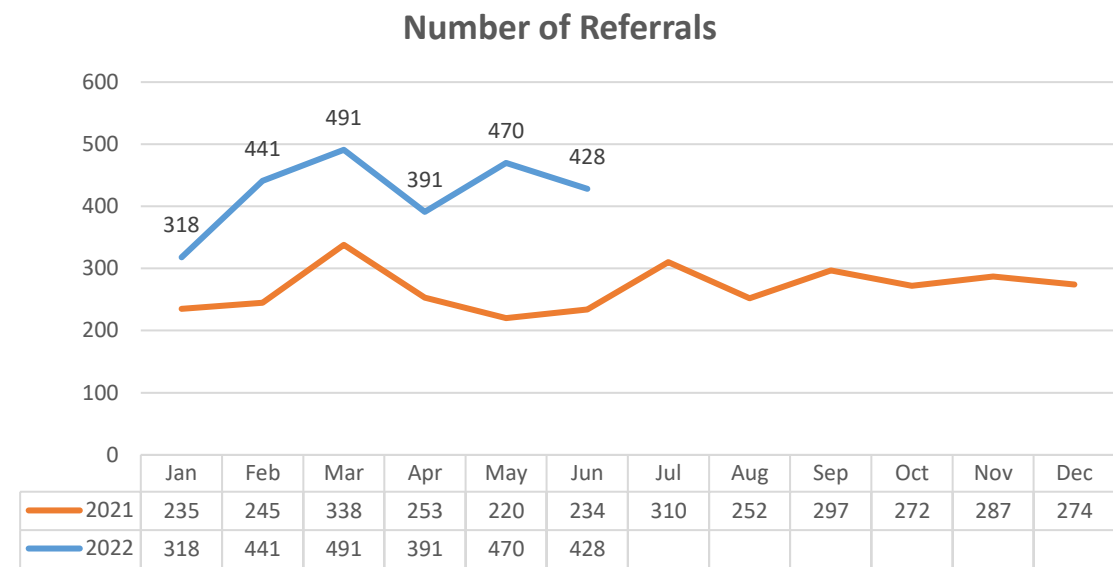
Data presented on retrospective cases of abuse (pages 8-11) for May and June 2021 is based on 15 areas. Data for Donegal and Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan not available due to the impact of the cyber-attack.

## Open Cases

- 1,501 cases open to social work at the end of June 2022, 22 fewer than May 2022 (1,523).

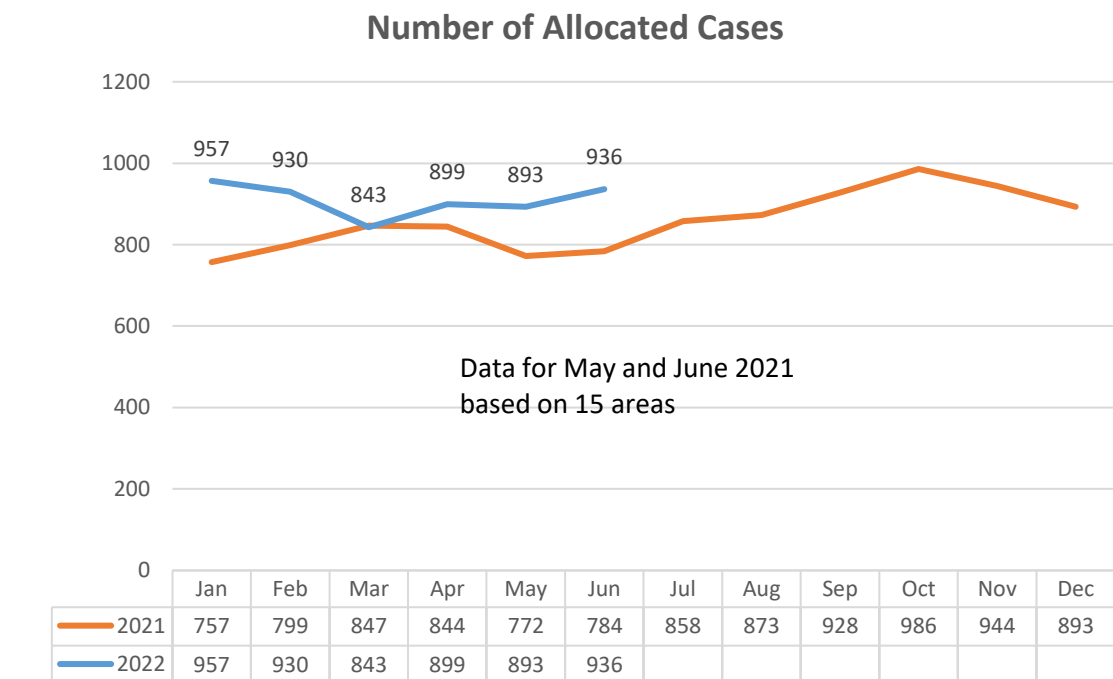


Note: all data on cases of retrospective abuse needs to be interpreted with caution due to concerns about the consistent interpretation of definitions.



## Allocated Cases

- 936 cases allocated to a social worker at the end of June 2022, 43 more than at the end of May 2022 (893).
- Allocated cases account for 62% of open cases, up from 59% at the end of May 2022.



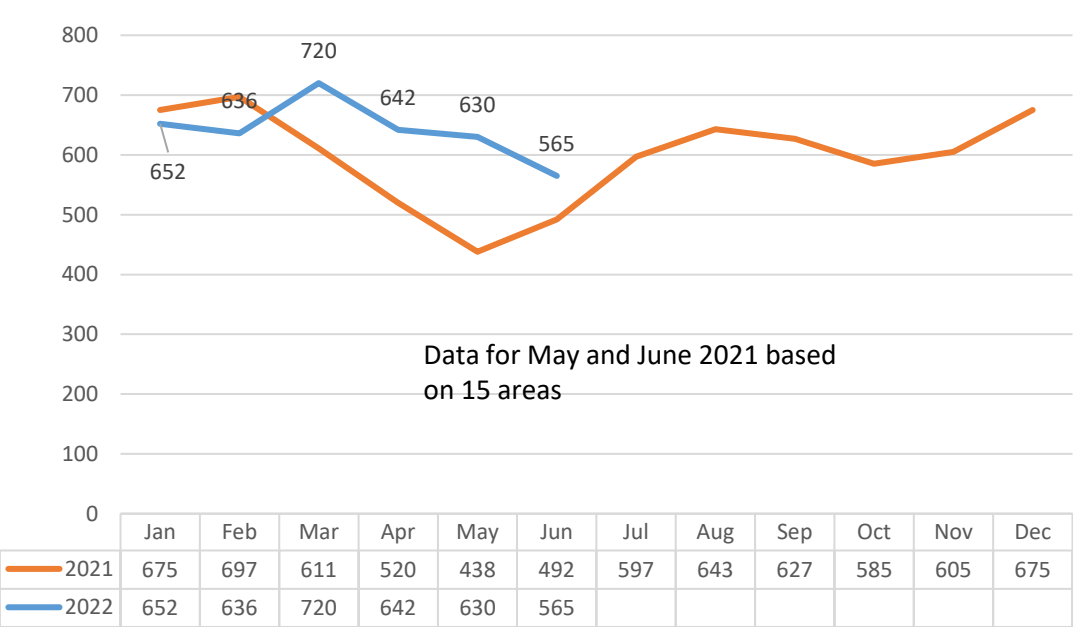


# Retrospective Cases of Abuse

## Cases Awaiting Allocation of a Social Worker

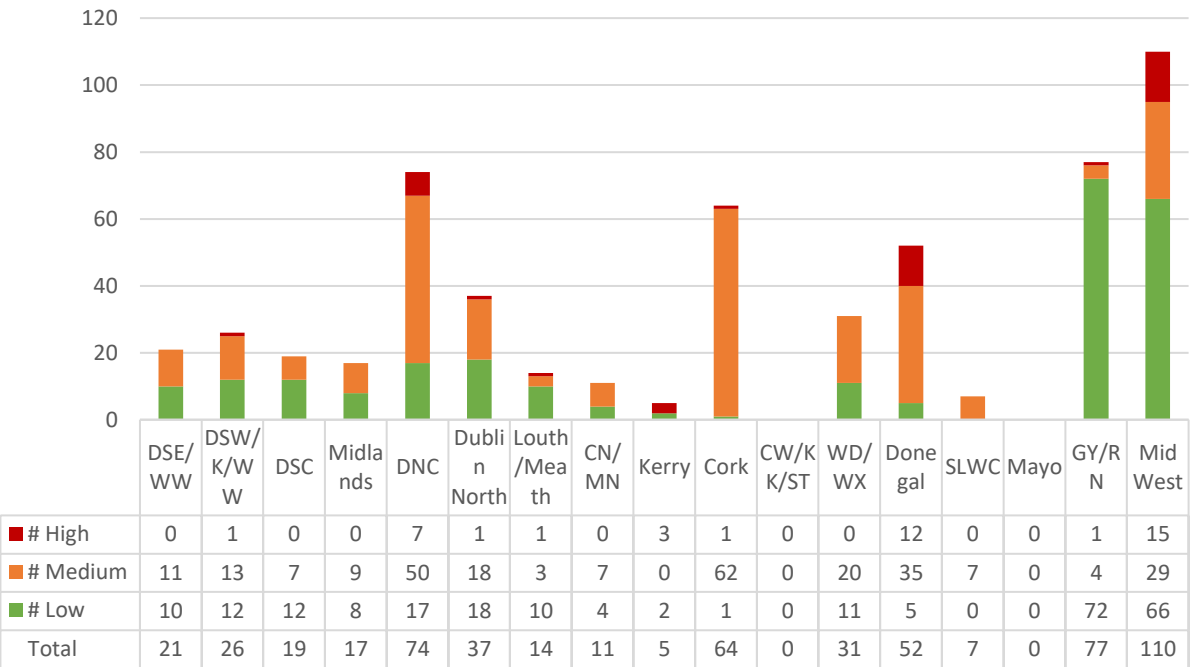
- **565 cases awaiting allocation** at the end of June 2022, 65 (10%) fewer than May 2022 (630) and the third consecutive decrease.
- Cases awaiting allocation account for 38% of open cases, down from 41% at the end of May 2022.
- Highest number of cases awaiting in Midwest (110) followed by Galway/Roscommon (77), Dublin North City (74), Cork (64) and Donegal (52). These five areas account for 67% (377) of cases awaiting allocation. Two areas (Carlow/Kilkenny/South Tipperary and Mayo) have no cases awaiting allocation.

Number of Unallocated Cases

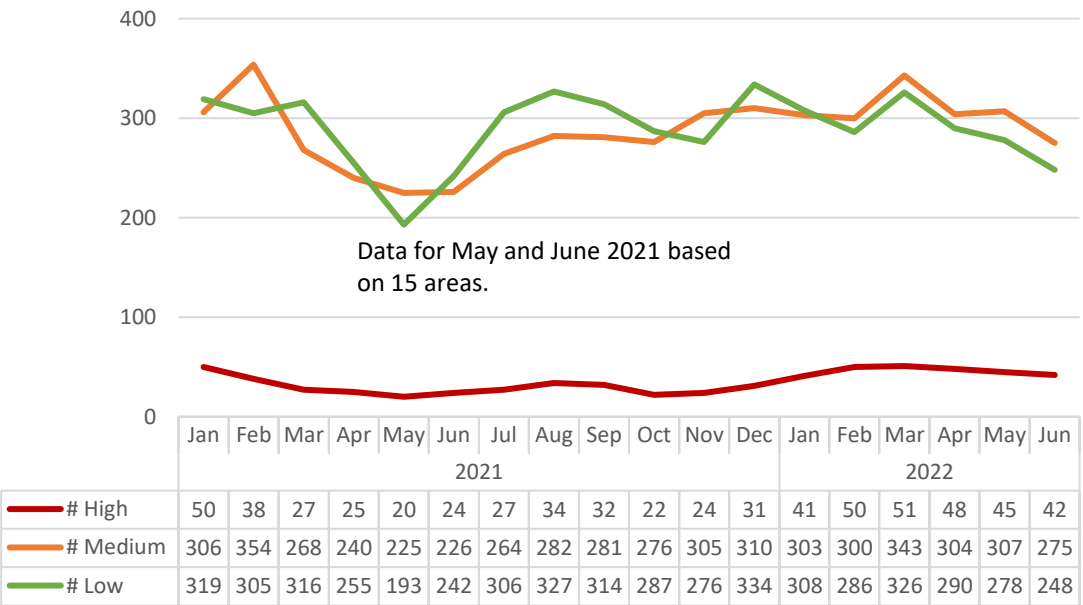


- **42 high priority cases awaiting allocation** at the end of June 2022, three fewer than May 2022 (45) and the third consecutive decrease after five consecutive monthly increases.
- High priority cases accounted for 7% of cases awaiting allocation at the end of June 2022 (565), no change from May 2022.
- High priority cases are reported by nine areas with the highest numbers reported by Midwest (15), Donegal (12) and Dublin North City (7).

Unallocated Cases by Priority Level and Area





















Unallocated Cases by Priority Level



# Retrospective Cases of Abuse

- **6 areas reported an increase** in cases awaiting allocation from May 2022, Waterford/Wexford (up 6), Galway/Roscommon (up 6), Midwest (up 6), Louth/Meath (up 5), Kerry (up 5) and Cavan/Monaghan (up 1).
- **8 areas reported an decrease** with the largest decrease reported by Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (down 21) followed by Dublin South Central (down 18), Carlow/Kilkenny/South Tipperary (down 16), Midlands (down 15) and Dublin South East/Wicklow (down 12).
- The remaining three areas (Donegal, Mayo and Sligo/Leitrim/ West Cavan) reported no change.
- 38% (565) of open cases are awaiting allocation nationally, with seven areas reporting a percentage equal to or higher than the national average. Highest percentages reported by Dublin South Central (73%), Donegal (70%), Galway/Roscommon (70%), Midwest (62%) and Louth/Meath (61%).

- **7/15 areas** had more cases awaiting allocation at the end of June 2022 than June 2021, while seven areas had fewer cases. Of the remaining three areas Mayo reported no change while data for Donegal and Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan was not available for June 2021 due to the HSE cyber-attack. .
- Largest increases reported by Midwest (up 103), Dublin North City (up 40) and Galway/Roscommon (up 21). Largest decrease reported by Waterford/Wexford (down 43) followed by Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (down 42) and Kerry (down 37).

Area	Jun-21 # Unallocated	Jun-21 % Unallocated	Apr-22 # Unallocated	May-22 # Unallocated	Jun-22 # Unallocated	Jun-22 % Unallocated	Apr-Jun	Jun-22 v Jun- 21	% Δ	Jun 22 v May- 22	% Δ2
DSE/WW	9	90%	28	33	21	38%		12	133%	-12	-36%
DSW/K/WW	68	60%	61	47	26	33%		-42	-62%	-21	-45%
DSC	31	53%	33	37	19	73%		-12	-39%	-18	-49%
Midlands	26	72%	32	32	17	33%		-9	-35%	-15	-47%
DNC	34	25%	76	75	74	54%		40	118%	-1	-1%
Dublin North	34	21%	39	40	37	25%		3	9%	-3	-8%
LH/MH	2	6%	11	9	14	61%		12	600%	5	56%
CN/MN	0	0%	10	10	11	22%		11		1	10%
Kerry	42	49%	0	0	5	11%		-37	-88%	5	
Cork	90	60%	69	72	64	32%		-26	-29%	-8	-11%
CW/KK/ST	19	45%	22	16	0	0%		-19	-100%	-16	-100%
WD/WX	74	51%	30	25	31	16%		-43	-58%	6	24%
Donegal			53	52	52	70%				0	0%
SLWC			8	7	7	30%				0	0%
Mayo	0	0%	0	0	0	0%		0		0	
GY/RN	56	67%	63	71	77	70%		21	38%	6	8%
Midwest	7	6%	107	104	110	62%		103	1471%	6	6%
TOTAL	492	39%	642	630	565	38%				-65	-10%

# Retrospective Cases of Abuse

## Summary Tables

Area	Referrals May-22	Referrals Jun-22	Δ	Open Cases May-22	Open Cases Jun-22	Δ2	Allocated Cases May-22	Allocated Cases Jun-22	Δ3	Unallocated Cases May-22	Unallocated Cases Jun-22	Δ4
DSE/WW	21	20	-1	69	55	-14	36	34	-2	33	21	-12
DSW/K/WW	13	17	4	95	80	-15	48	54	6	47	26	-21
DSC	22	21	-1	48	26	-22	11	7	-4	37	19	-18
Midlands	30	16	-14	61	51	-10	29	34	5	32	17	-15
DNC	9	19	10	140	136	-4	65	62	-3	75	74	-1
Dublin North	47	28	-19	152	148	-4	112	111	-1	40	37	-3
LH/MH	65	44	-21	22	23	1	13	9	-4	9	14	5
CN/MN	17	14	-3	41	49	8	31	38	7	10	11	1
Kerry	25	11	-14	27	44	17	27	39	12	0	5	5
Cork	63	51	-12	190	198	8	118	134	16	72	64	-8
CW/KK/ST	31	36	5	41	29	-12	25	29	4	16	0	-16
WD/WX	50	77	27	189	194	5	164	163	-1	25	31	6
Donegal	4	4	0	75	74	-1	23	22	-1	52	52	0
SLWC	1	2	1	25	23	-2	18	16	-2	7	7	0
Mayo	4	27	23	63	83	20	63	83	20	0	0	0
GY/RN	35	27	-8	109	110	1	38	33	-5	71	77	6
Midwest	33	14	-19	176	178	2	72	68	-4	104	110	6
TOTAL	470	428	-42	1523	1501	-22	893	936	43	630	565	-65

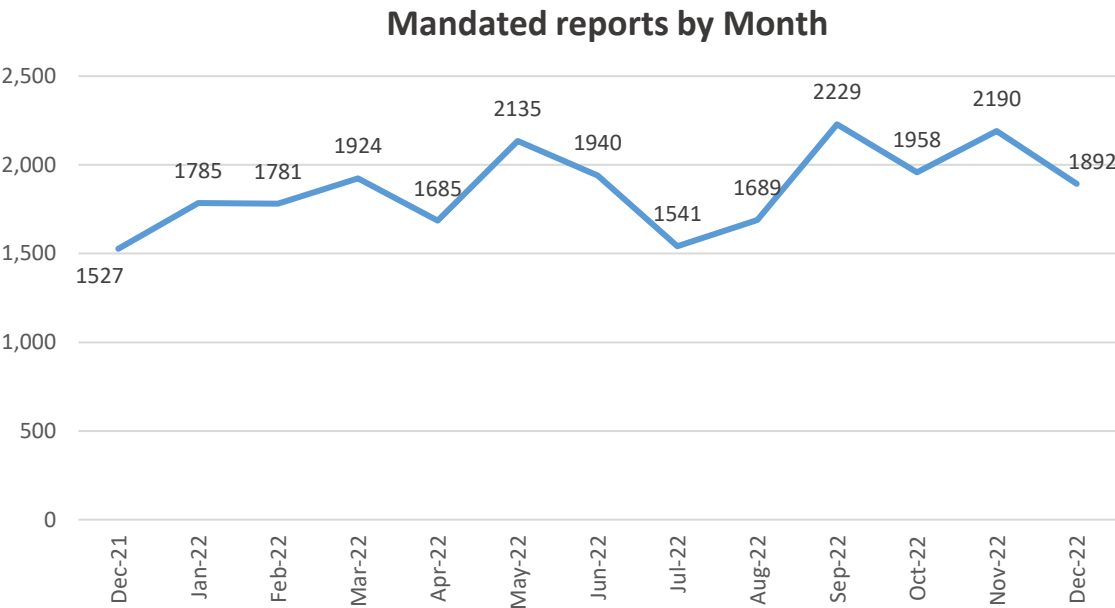
Area	High Priority Awaiting May-22	High Priority Awaiting Jun-22	Δ	Medium Priority Awaiting May-22	Medium Priority Awaiting Jun-22	Δ 2	Low Priority Awaiting May-22	Low Priority Awaiting Jun-22	Δ 3
DSE/WW	0	0	0	15	11	-4	18	10	-8
DSW/K/WW	6	1	-5	19	13	-6	22	12	-10
DSC	1	0	-1	15	7	-8	21	12	-9
Midlands	0	0	0	17	9	-8	15	8	-7
DNC	6	7	1	51	50	-1	18	17	-1
Dublin North	1	1	0	20	18	-2	19	18	-1
LH/MH	1	1	0	3	3	0	5	10	5
CN/MN	0	0	0	7	7	0	3	4	1
Kerry	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	2	2
Cork	1	1	0	70	62	-8	1	1	0
CW/KK/ST	0	0	0	8	0	-8	8	0	-8
WD/WX	0	0	0	9	20	11	16	11	-5
Donegal	12	12	0	35	35	0	5	5	0
SLWC	0	0	0	7	7	0	0	0	0
Mayo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GY/RN	1	1	0	3	4	1	67	72	5
Midwest	16	15	-1	28	29	1	60	66	6
TOTAL	45	42	-3	307	275	-32	278	248	-30

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

- **1,892 mandated reports of abuse** received in December 2022, 298 (14%) fewer than November 2022 (2,190). This brings to at least 22,749 mandated reports for 2022, 4,376 (24%) more than the same period in 2021 (18,373).

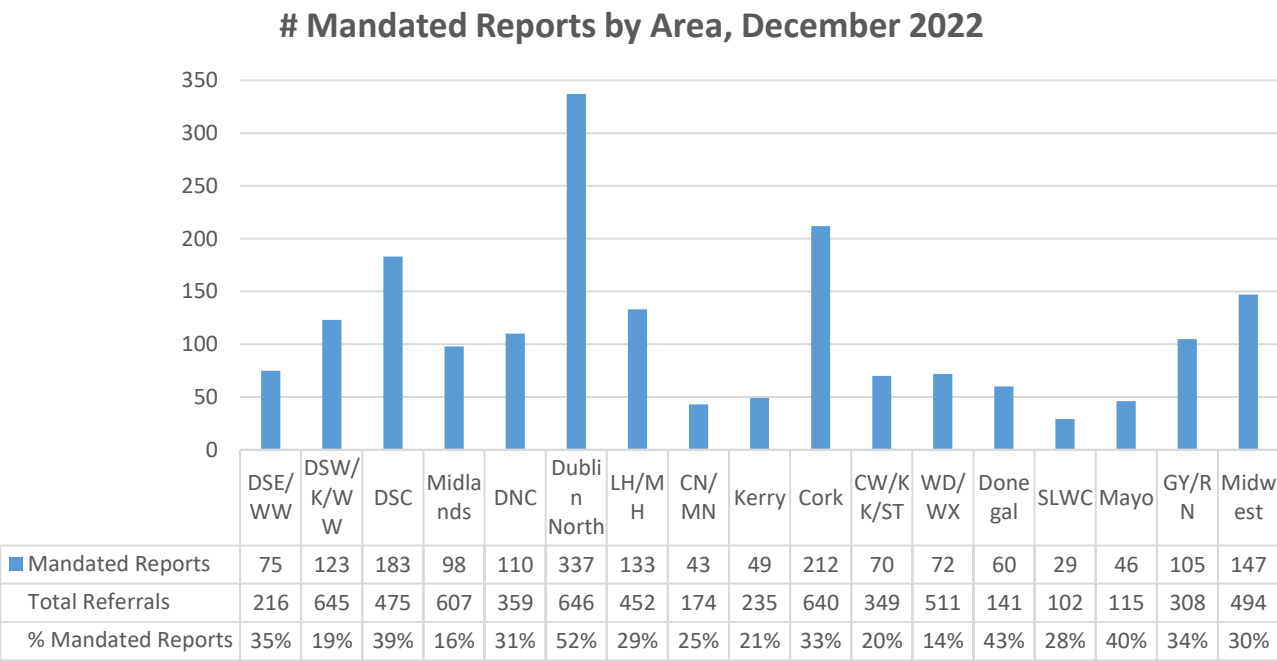
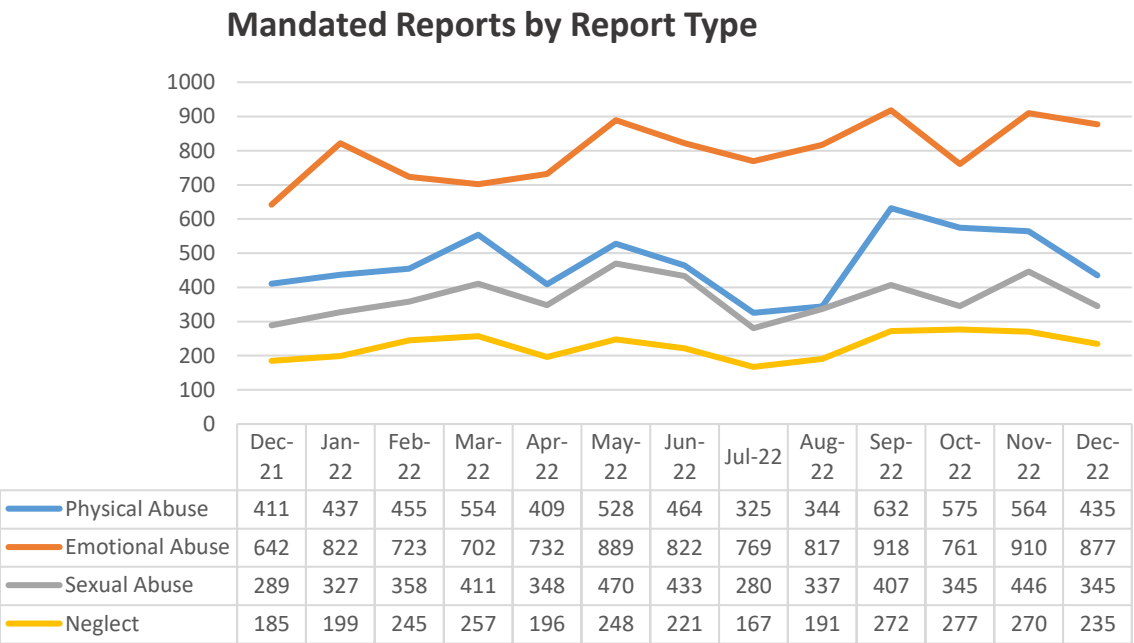
*It should be noted that the data presented for January – September 2022 has been updated to reflect final validated figures for this period. Data for the remaining months of 2022 is based on referrals logged on NCCIS at the time the data was extracted for reporting. Referrals logged after the date the data was extracted are not included, nor are figures updated until quarterly validation is complete.*

- Mandated reports accounted for 29% (1,892) of all referrals received (6,469) in December 2022.



- The number of mandated reports for December 2022, by area ranged from 29 (Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan) to 337 (Dublin North).
- As a percentage of referrals, the highest percentage (52%) was reported by Dublin North followed by Donegal (43%) and Mayo (40%).
- The lowest percentages were reported by Waterford/Wexford (14%), Midlands (16%) and Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (19%).

- Highest number of reports for December 2022 were for emotional abuse (877; 46%) followed by physical abuse (435; 23%), sexual abuse (345; 18%) and neglect (235; 12%).



<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 2022 from An Garda Síochána (863; 46%) followed by teachers (312; 17%), social workers (180; 10%), safeguarding officers (124; 7%), social care workers (92; 5%), psychotherapists (66; 4%), medical practitioners (66; 4%). These seven sources account for 90% (1,703) of reports for December 2022.
- Highest number of reports year to date from An Garda Síochána (9,642; 42%) followed by teachers (3,518; 15%), social workers (2,728; 12%), safeguarding officers (1,301; 6%), social care workers (1,159; 5%), medical practitioners (823; 4%) and psychotherapists (737; 3%). These seven sources account for 88% (19,908) of reports year to date.

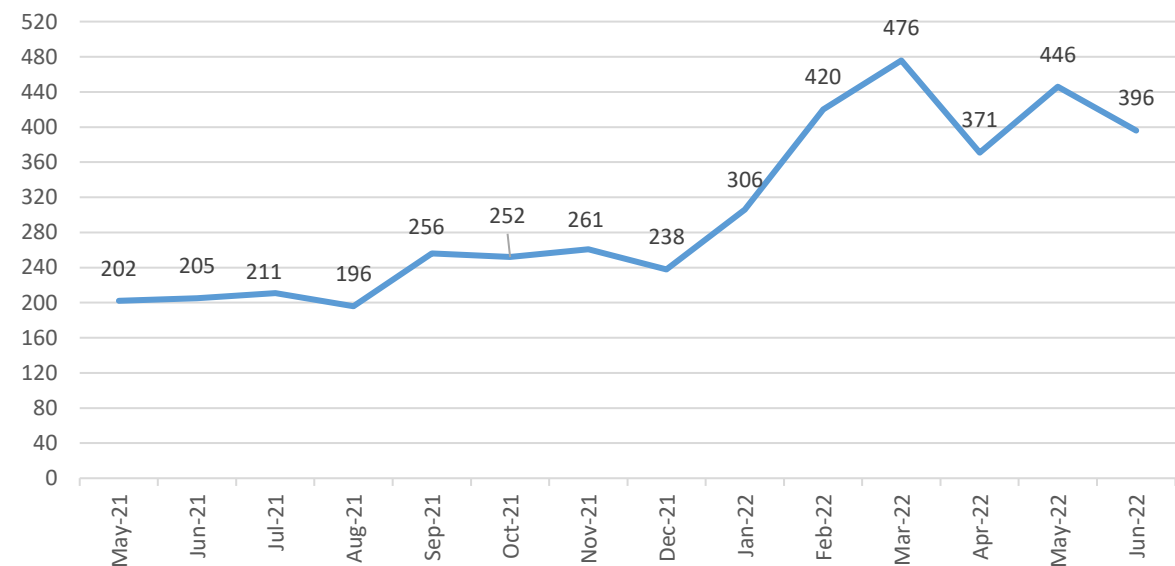
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Source	# Dec 2022	% Dec 2022	# YTD 2022	% YTD 2022
Medical practitioner (Registered)	66	3.5%	823	4%
Nurse or registered midwife (Registered)	24	1.3%	463	2%
Physiotherapist (Registered)	*	*	38	0%
Speech & language therapist (Registered)	11	0.6%	53	0%
Occupational therapist (Registered)	5	0.3%	61	0%
Registered dentist	0	0.0%	5	0%
Psychologist who practises as such and who is eligible for registration	42	2.2%	503	2%
Social care worker who practises as such and who is eligible for registration	92	4.9%	1,159	5%
Social worker who practises as such and who is eligible for registration	180	9.5%	2,728	12%
EMT, paramedic and advanced paramedic registered with the Pre-Hospital Emergency Care Council	0	0.0%	25	0%
Probation officer within the meaning of section 1 of the Criminal Justice (Community Service) Act 1983.	5	0.3%	66	0%
Teacher registered with the Teaching Council.	312	16.5%	3,518	15%
An Garda Síochána Member	863	45.6%	9,642	42%
Guardian ad litem appointed in accordance with section 26 of the Child Care Act 1991	*	*	34	0%
Domestic violence shelter manager	30	1.6%	706	3%
Homeless provision or emergency accommodation facility manager	9	0.5%	129	1%
Asylum seeker accommodation (direct provision) centre manager	6	0.3%	54	0%
Addiction counsellor employed by a body funded, wholly or partly, out of moneys provided by the Oireachtas	*	*	22	0%
Psychotherapist or a person providing counselling who is registered with one of the voluntary professional bodies	66	3.5%	737	3%
Language school or other recreational school where children reside away from home manager	0	0.0%	11	0%
Clergy member (howsoever described) or pastoral care worker (howsoever described) of a church or other religious community;	0	0.0%	5	0%
Institution where a child is detained by an order of a court (Director)	*	*	9	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;	124	6.6%	1,301	6%
Child care staff member employed in a pre-school service within the meaning of Part VIIA of the Child Care Act 1991;	12	0.6%	123	1%
Youth work service - person responsible for the care or management within the meaning of section 2 of the Youth Work Act 2001	*	*	117	1%
Youth worker holds a professional qualification and who is employed in a youth work service	21	1.1%	303	1%
Foster carer registered with the Agency.	6	0.3%	61	0%
Pre-school service within the meaning of Part VIIA of the Child Care Act 1991.	6	0.3%	53	0%
<b>Total (includes suppressed values)</b>	<b>1,892</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>22,749</b>	<b>100%</b>

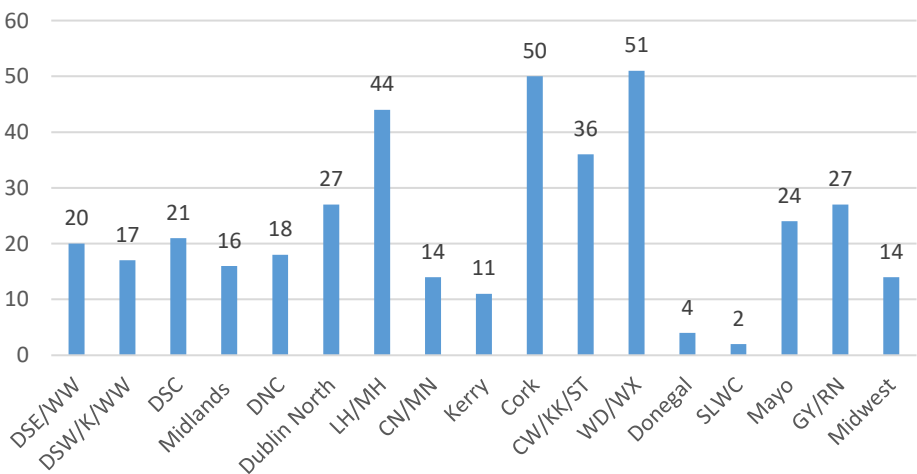
# Mandated Reports<sup>1</sup> – Retrospective Abuse

- **396 mandated reports of retrospective abuse** in June 2022, brings to 2,415 the number of reports for the first six months of 2022.
- Mandated reports accounted for 93% of all reports of retrospective abuse received in June 2022 (428).
- The majority (87%; 345) of mandated reports for June 2022 were for sexual abuse.
- Highest number of mandated reports reported by Waterford/Wexford (51) followed by Cork (50) and Louth/Meath (44).

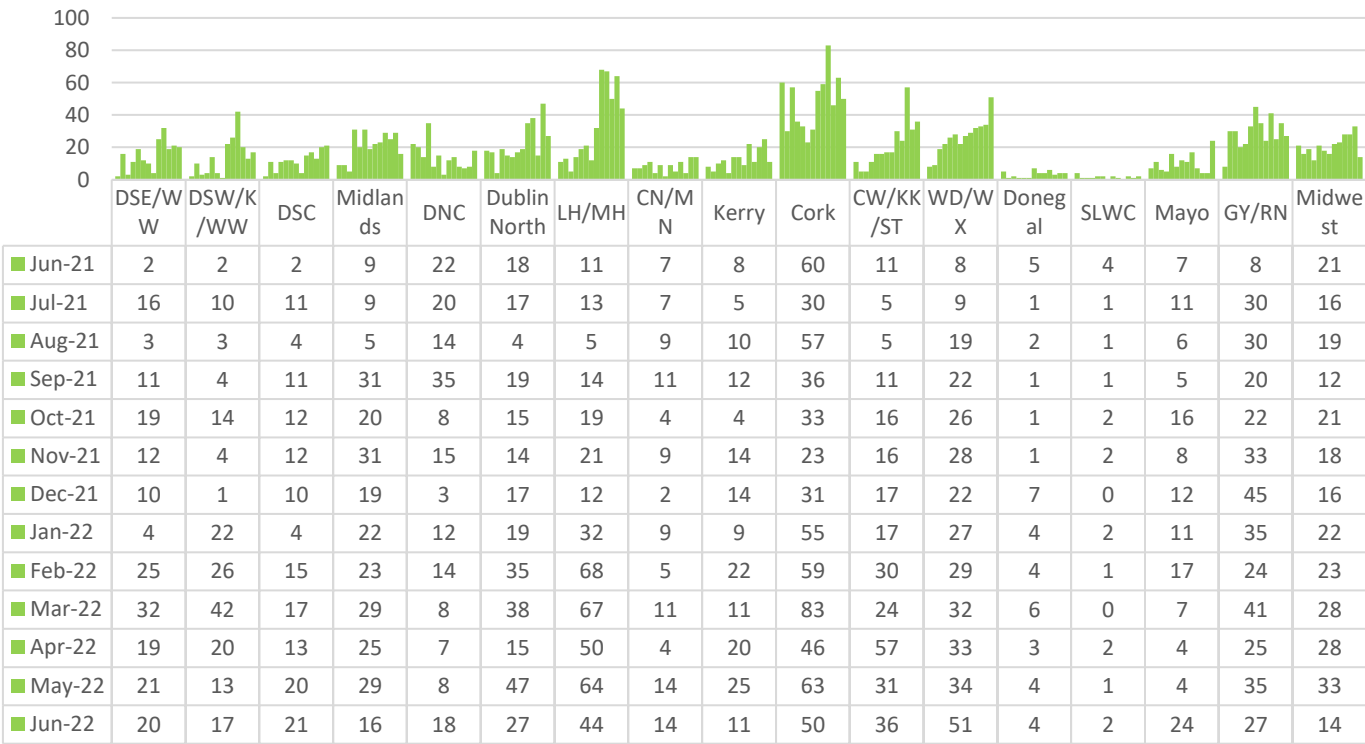
Mandated Reports by Month



Mandated Reports by Area - June 2022



# Mandated Reports - Retrospective Cases of Abuse



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# Mandated Reports – Retrospective Abuse

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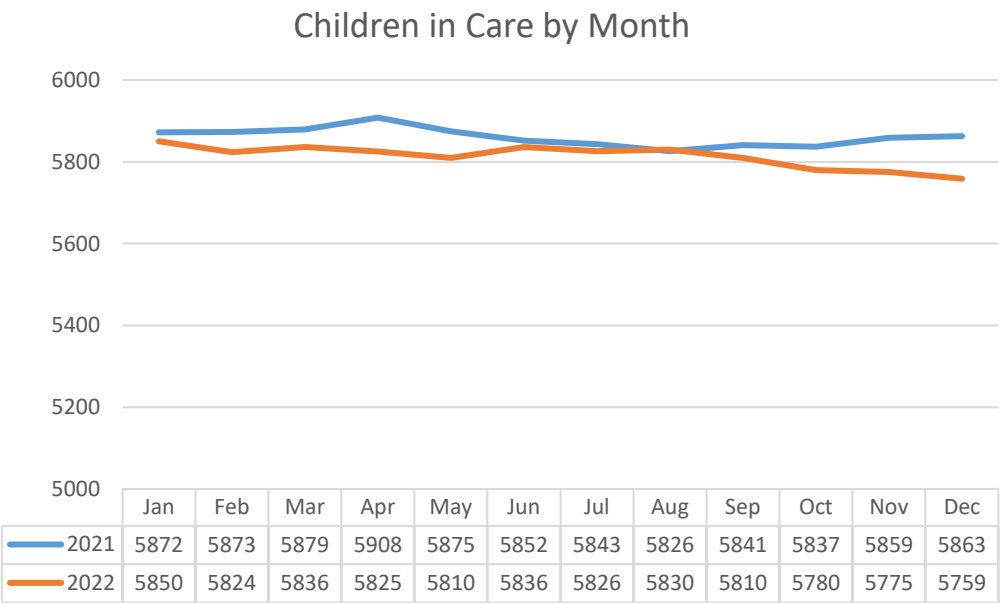
- Highest number of reports for June 2022 from psychotherapists (160; 40%) followed by An Garda Síochána (82; 21%), social workers (44; 11%), psychologists (32; 8%) and medical practitioners (25; 6%). These five sources account for 87% (343) of all reports received.
- Highest number of reports year to date from psychotherapists (1,060; 44%), An Garda Síochána (364; 15%), social workers (271; 11%), psychologists (252; 10%) and medical practitioners (143; 6%). These five sources account for 87% (2,090) of reports for June 2022.

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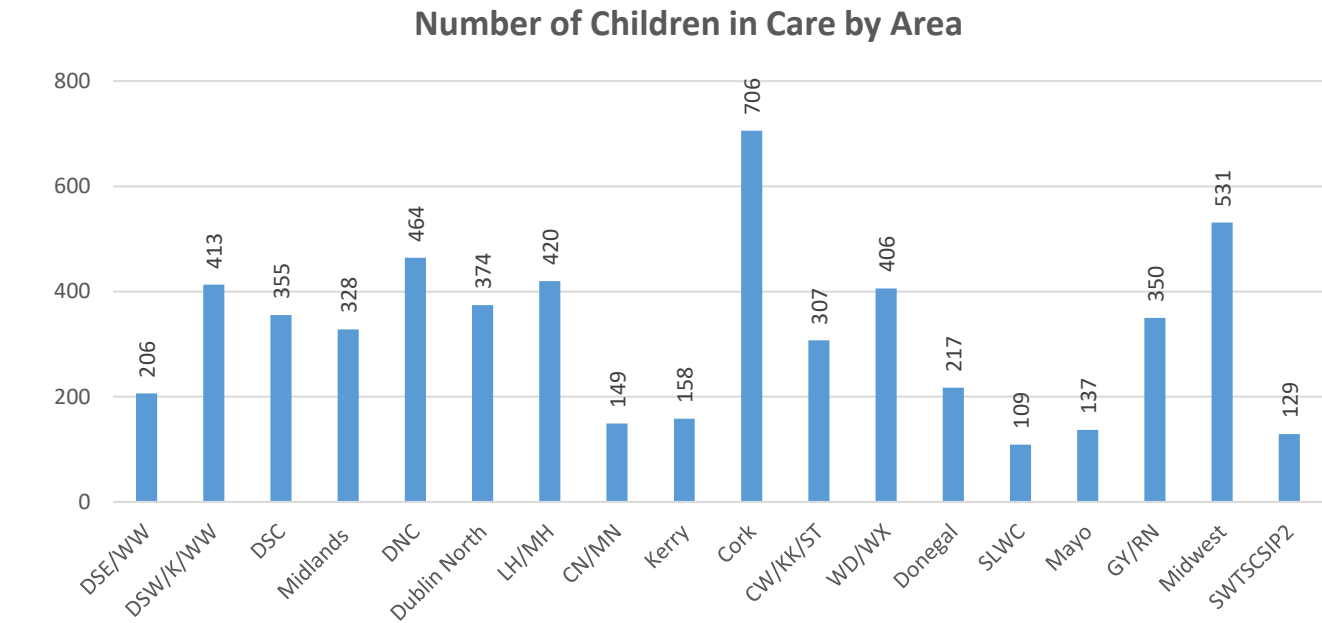
Source	# Jun 2022	% Jun 2022	# YTD 2022	% YTD 2022
Medical practitioner (Registered)	25	6.3%	143	5.9%
Nurse or registered midwife (Registered)	9	2.3%	76	3.1%
Physiotherapist (Registered)	*	*	8	0.3%
Speech & language therapist (Registered)	0	0.0%	*	*
Occupational therapist (Registered)	*	*	5	0.2%
Registered dentist	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Psychologist who practises as such and who is eligible for registration	32	8.1%	252	10.4%
Social care worker who practises as such and who is eligible for registration	7	1.8%	28	1.2%
Social worker who practises as such and who is eligible for registration	44	11.1%	271	11.2%
EMT, paramedic and advanced paramedic registered with the Pre-Hospital Emergency Care Council	*	*	*	*
Probation officer within the meaning of section 1 of the Criminal Justice (Community Service) Act 1983.	*	*	22	0.9%
Teacher registered with the Teaching Council.	9	2.3%	33	1.4%
An Garda Síochána Member	82	20.7%	364	15.1%
Guardian ad litem appointed in accordance with section 26 of the Child Care Act 1991	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Domestic violence shelter manager	0	0.0%	*	*
Homeless provision or emergency accommodation facility manager	*	*	8	0.3%
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	*	*	25	1.0%
Psychotherapist or a person providing counselling who is registered with one of the voluntary professional bodies	160	40.4%	1060	43.9%
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;	*	*	11	0.5%
Institution where a child is detained by an order of a court (Director)	0	0.0%	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;	11	2.8%	83	3.4%
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	*	*	10	0.4%
Youth worker holds a professional qualification and who is employed in a youth work service	*	*	*	*
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)	396	100.0%	2415	100.0%

# Children in Care

- **5,759 children in care at the end of December 2022**; 16 fewer than November 2022 (5,775).
- 104 (2%) fewer children in care than the same time last year (5,863).
- 63.5% (3,659) of children in care are in general foster care, 25.2% (1,453) are in relative foster care, 7.6% (439) are in residential care and 3.6% (208) are in “other” care placements.
- 14 (3.2%) of the 439 children in residential placements are in special care



- Highest number of children in care reported by Cork (706) followed by Midwest (531) and Dublin North City (464).
- Fewest number reported by Sligo/Leitrim West Cavan (109) the Social Work Team for Separated Children Seeking International Protection (129) and Mayo (137).
- Highest rate of children in care per 1,000 children was reported by Dublin North City (10.3/1,000) followed by Waterford/Wexford (5.9/1,000), Midwest (5.5/1,000) and Dublin South Central (5.4/1,000). Lowest rate reported by Dublin South East/Wicklow (2.4/1,000) followed by Dublin North (3.7/1,000) and Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (3.8/1,000).
- Seven areas reported a percentage equal to or higher than the national average of 4.7/1,000 children.



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

Area				Dec-22 v		Population	Rate/1,000
	Dec-21	Nov-22	Dec-22	Dec-21	Nov-22		
Dublin North City	470	471	464	-6	-7	44,927	10.3
Waterford/Wexford	413	406	406	-7	0	68,513	5.9
Midwest	550	528	531	-19	3	96,266	5.5
Dublin South Central	365	359	355	-10	-4	65,564	5.4
Cork	749	717	706	-43	-11	134,015	5.3
Donegal	226	217	217	-9	0	42,865	5.1
CW/KK/ST	325	309	307	-18	-2	63,009	4.9
Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan	109	110	109	0	-1	23,554	4.6
Kerry	159	158	158	-1	0	34,527	4.6
Louth/Meath	418	427	420	2	-7	93,093	4.5
Galway/Roscommon	370	352	350	-20	-2	79,912	4.4
Mayo	144	139	137	-7	-2	31,968	4.3
Midlands	334	326	328	-6	2	80,193	4.1
Cavan/Monaghan	153	150	149	-4	-1	36,446	4.1
DSW/K/WW	429	409	413	-16	4	108,186	3.8
Dublin North	351	370	374	23	4	100,654	3.7
Dublin South East/Wicklow	212	209	206	-6	-3	86,810	2.4
Total Areas	5777	5,657	5,630	-147	-27	1,190,502	4.7
SWTSCIP	86	118	129	43	11		
National	5,863	5,775	5,759	-104	-16		

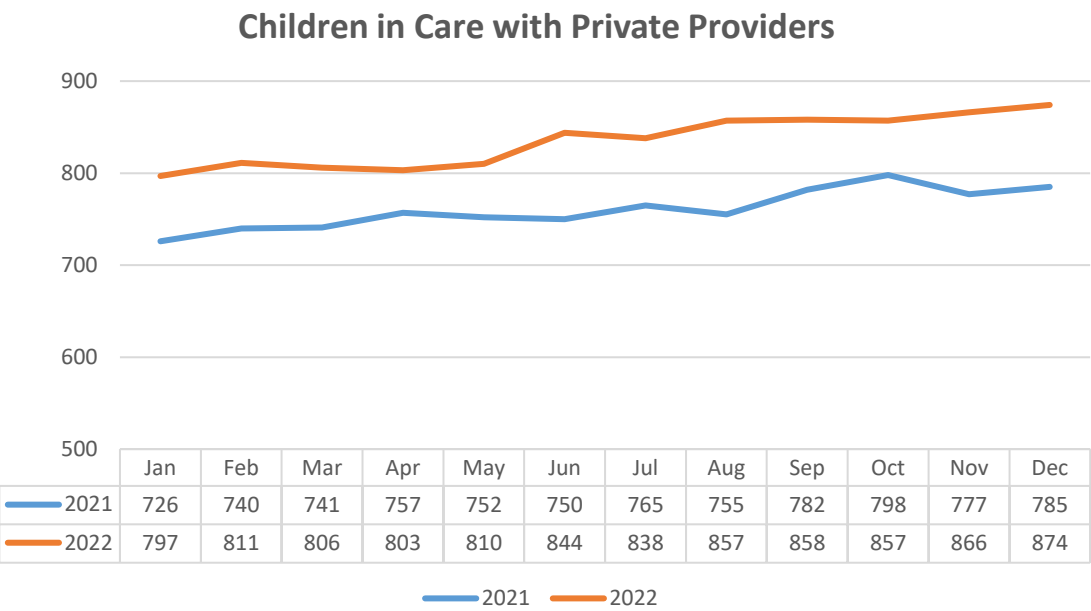
Social Work Team for Separated Children Seeking International Protection (SWTSCIP): in addition to the 129 children and young people in care at the end of December 2022, this service also had a further 66 children and young people accommodated under Section 5 Child Care Act 1991 (accommodation for homeless children).

# Children in Care

- 874 (15%) children in care at the end of December 2022 were in placements with private providers, eight more than November 2022 (866).

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 89 (11%) more children in care in placements with private providers at the end of December 2022 than at the end of December 2021 (785).



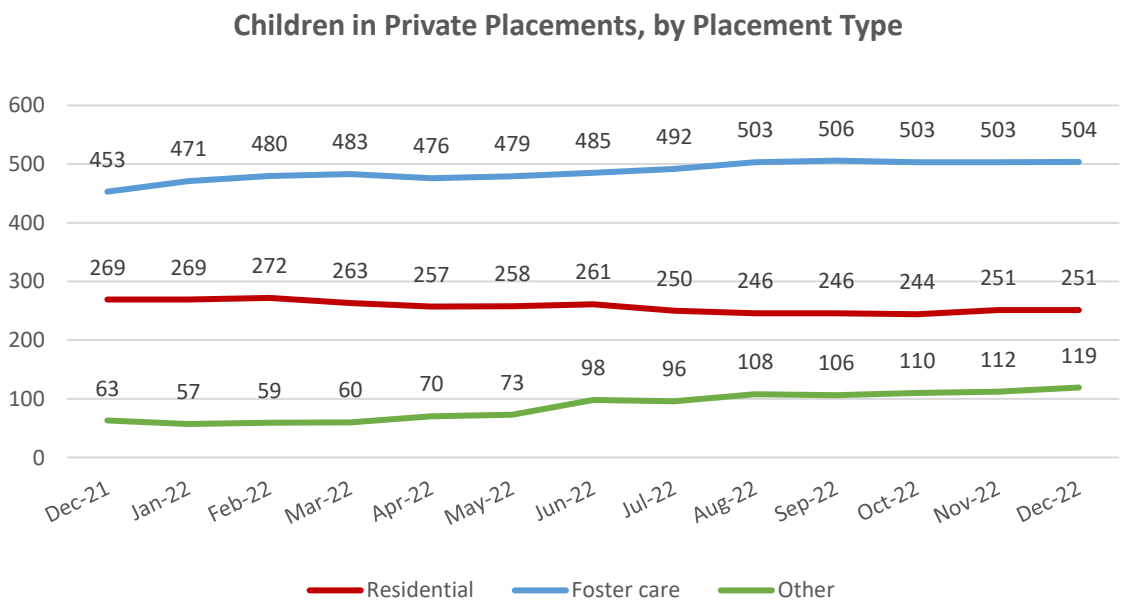
- 58% (504) of children in placements with private providers were in **foster care**, up one from November 2022 (503) and 51 (11%) more than December 2021 (785).
- 29% (251) of children in placements with private providers were in **residential care**, no change from November 2022 and down 18 (7%) on December 2021 (269). [Ref note above re: voluntary organisations]
- The remaining 14% (119) of children were in “Other” care placements with private providers, seven (6%) more than November 2022 (112) and 56 (89%) more than December 2021 (63). “Other” care placements include supported lodgings, other residential centres e.g., disability unit / drug and alcohol rehabilitation centres etc.).

- Highest number of children in placements with private providers reported by Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (116) followed by Dublin North City (107), Dublin North (100) and Dublin South Central (98).

## Children in care with private providers

Children with Private Providers	Dec-21	Nov-22	Dec-22	Dec-22 v Dec-21	Dec-22 v Nov-22
DSW/K/WW	108	114	116	8	2
DNC	96	110	107	11	-3
Dublin North	82	96	100	18	4
DSC	107	103	98	-9	-5
Midlands	66	65	67	1	2
Cork	61	66	62	1	-4
SWTSCSIP	38	55	60	22	5
DSE/WW	42	45	48	6	3
LH/MH	36	44	41	5	-3
Midwest	37	39	41	4	2
Kerry	16	28	29	13	1
WD/WX	36	25	25	-11	0
Donegal	22	24	23	1	-1
GY/RN	9	18	19	10	1
CW/KK/ST	12	13	15	3	2
SLWC	7	12	14	7	2
CN/MN	*	*	*	-1	0
Mayo	*	*	*	0	0
Total	785	866	874	89	8

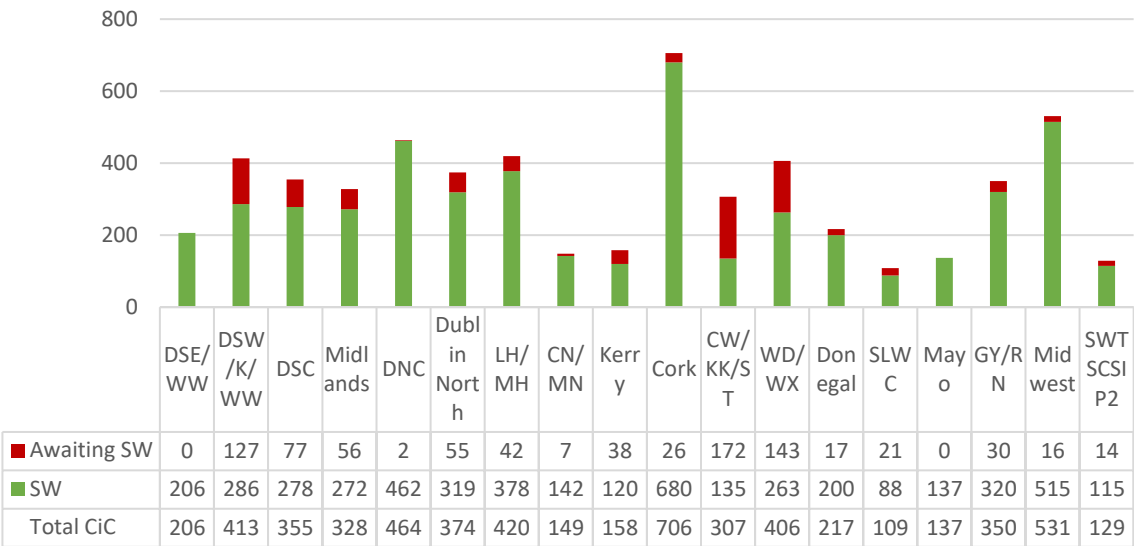
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# Children in Care

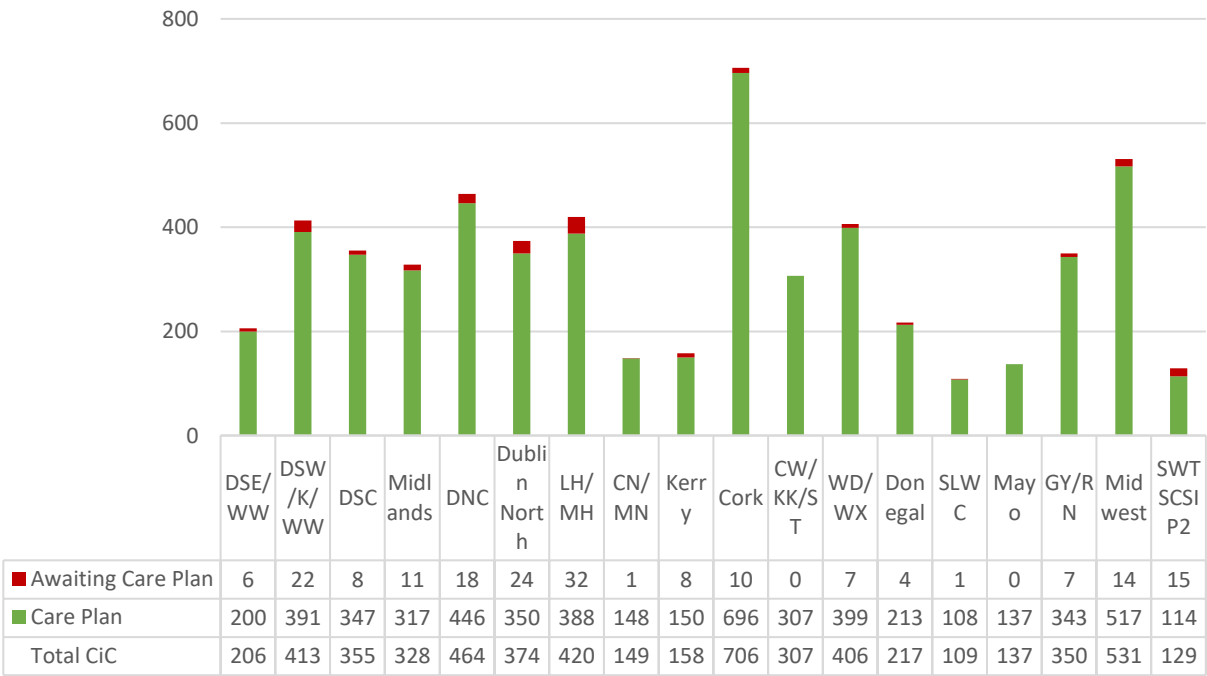
- **85% (4,916) of children in care at the end of December 2022 had an allocated social worker;** down one percentage point from November 2022.
- A total of 843 children were awaiting an allocated social worker, 40 (5%) more than November 2022 (803).
- Highest number awaiting reported by Carlow/Kilkenny/South Tipperary (172) followed by Waterford/Wexford (143), Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (127), Dublin South Central (77) and Midlands (56). These five areas account for 68% (575) of all cases awaiting allocation.

Children in Care with a Social Worker



- **97% (5,571) of children in care at the end of December 2022 had a care plan,** no change from November 2022.
- A total of 188 (3%) of children were awaiting a care plan.
- Highest numbers awaiting a care plan reported by Louth/Meath (32), Dublin North City (24), Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (22) and Dublin North City (18).

Children in Care with a Care Plan



# Child Protection Notification System

- **845 children listed as “active” at the end of December 2022**; 16 (2%) fewer than November 2022 (861) and the fourth consecutive monthly decrease.
- There were 138 (14%) fewer children “active” at the end of December 2022 than at the end of December 2021 (983).
- All of the children listed as “active” at the end of December 2022 had an **allocated social worker**.

- Highest number of children listed as “active” at the end of December 2022 reported by Cork (96) followed by Dublin North City (93), Dublin North (91) and Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (74).
- Fewest number listed as “active” reported by Mayo (12), Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan (16) and Galway/Roscommon (19).

- Highest rates per 10,000 population under 18 years reported by Dublin North City (20.7/10,000), Cavan/Monaghan (9.9/10,000) and Dublin North (9.0/10,000).
- Lowest rates reported by Galway/Roscommon (2.4/10,000), Louth/Meath (3.3/10,000) and Dublin South East/Wicklow (3.5/10,000).

- Ten areas reported a rate equal to or higher than the national rate of 7.1/10,000

- 7/17 areas had more children listed as “active” at the end of December 2022 than November 2022. Largest increases reported by Donegal (up 10), Dublin North (up 9) and Dublin North City (up 5).

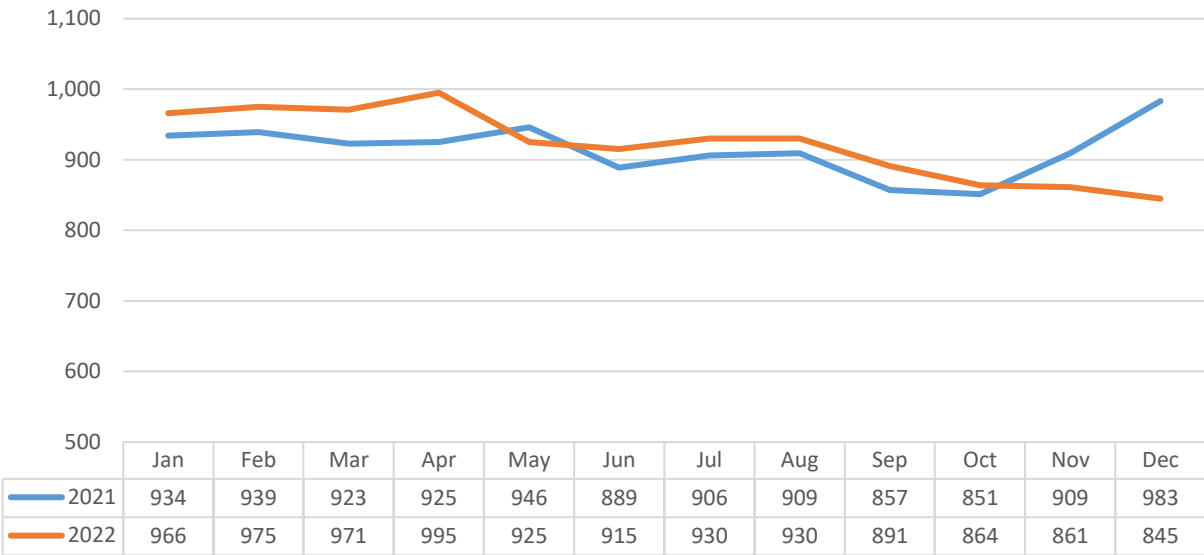
- 9/17 areas reported a decrease. Largest decreases reported by Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (down 11), Mayo (down 10) and Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan (down 8).

- The remining area (Kerry) reported no change from November 2022.

- 5/17 areas had more children active at the end of December 2022 than at the end of the same period last year. Largest increases reported by Dublin South Central (up 12), Dublin North (up 11) and Dublin North City (up 10).

- 11/17 areas reported a decrease. Largest decreases reported by Dublin South East/Wicklow (down 31), Donegal (down 27) and Galway/Roscommon (down 23). The remaining area (Cork) reported no change.

# Children "Active" on the CPNS



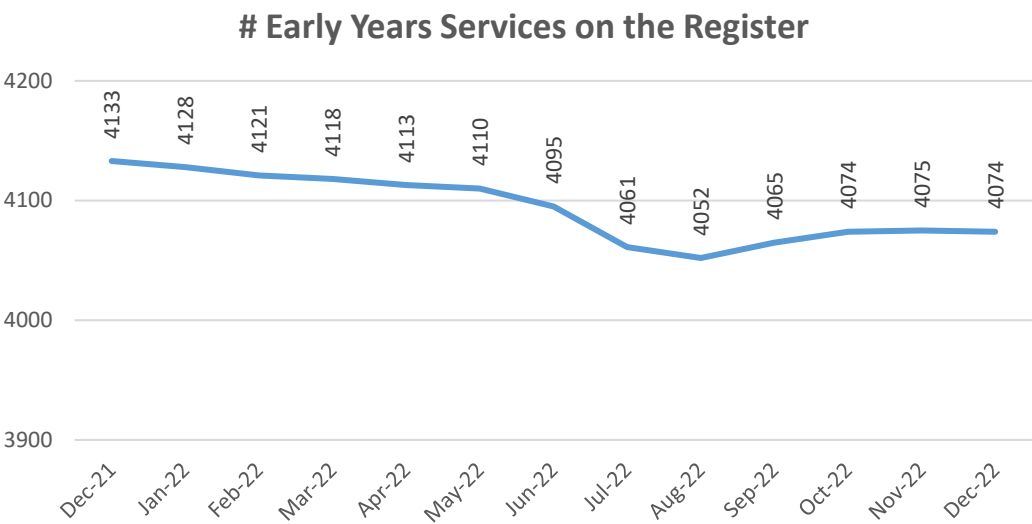
Number and rate of children “active” on the CPNS, by area (ranked by rate)

Area	Dec-21	Nov-22	Dec-22	Dec-22 v Dec-21	Dec-22 v Nov-22	Population	Rate/10,000
Dublin North City	83	88	93	10	5	44,927	20.7
Cavan / Monaghan	39	34	36	-3	2	36,446	9.9
Dublin North	80	82	91	11	9	100,654	9.0
Dublin South Central	47	65	59	12	-6	65,564	9.0
Carlow / Kilkenny / South Tipperary	77	59	56	-21	-3	63,009	8.9
Midlands	81	62	61	-20	-1	80,193	7.6
Donegal	59	22	32	-27	10	42,865	7.5
Waterford / Wexford	63	54	51	-12	-3	68,513	7.4
Cork	96	95	96	0	1	134,015	7.2
Mid West	83	70	68	-15	-2	96,266	7.1
Dublin South West / Kildare / West Wicklow	69	85	74	5	-11	108,186	6.8
Sligo / Leitrim / West Cavan	9	24	16	7	-8	23,554	6.8
Kerry	29	20	20	-9	0	34,527	5.8
Mayo	29	22	12	-17	-10	31,968	3.8
Dublin South East / Wicklow	61	29	30	-31	1	86,810	3.5
Louth / Meath	36	30	31	-5	1	93,093	3.3
Galway / Roscommon	42	20	19	-23	-1	79,912	2.4
Total	983	861	845	-138	-16	1,190,502	7.1

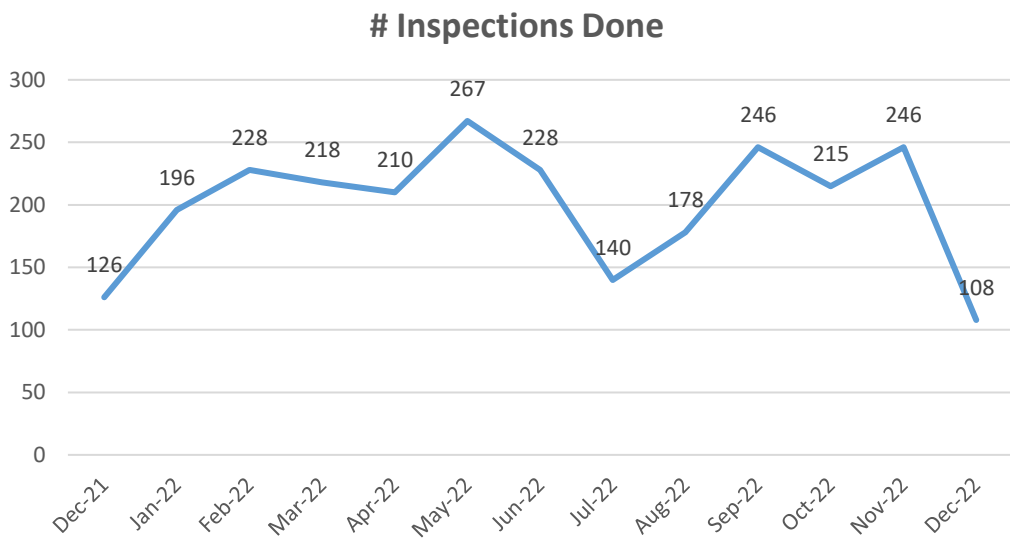
# Children’s Services Regulation

## EARLY YEARS INSPECTORATE

- **4,074 early years services on the register at the end of December 2022**, one fewer than November 2022 (4,075). There were 59 (1.4%) fewer services on the register at the end of December 2022 than December 2021 (4,133).

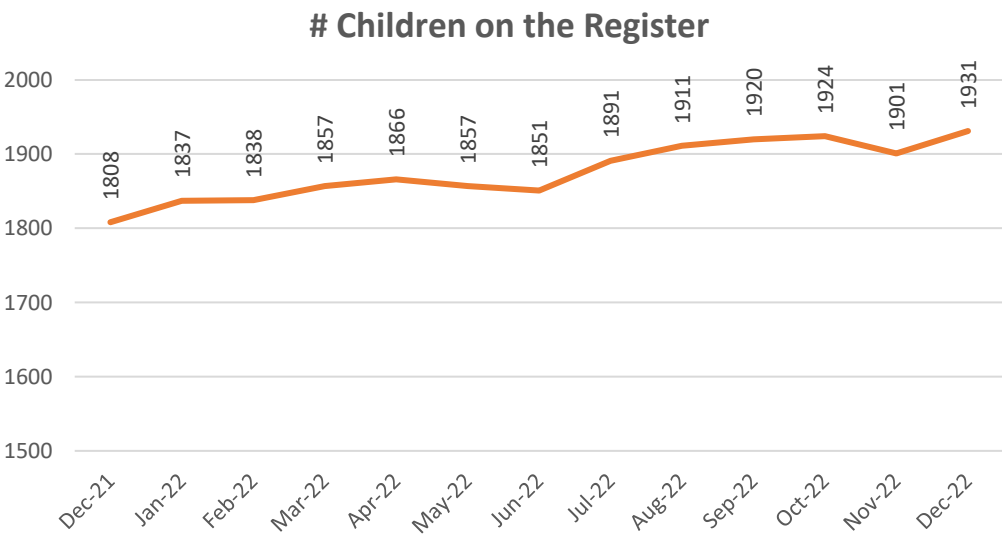


- **108 inspections of early years services done in December 2022.** This brings to 2,480 the number of inspections for 2022, 24 (1%) fewer than the same period in 2021 (2,504). *Number of inspections for early 2021 impacted due to the closure of services under the Covid-19 restrictions.*

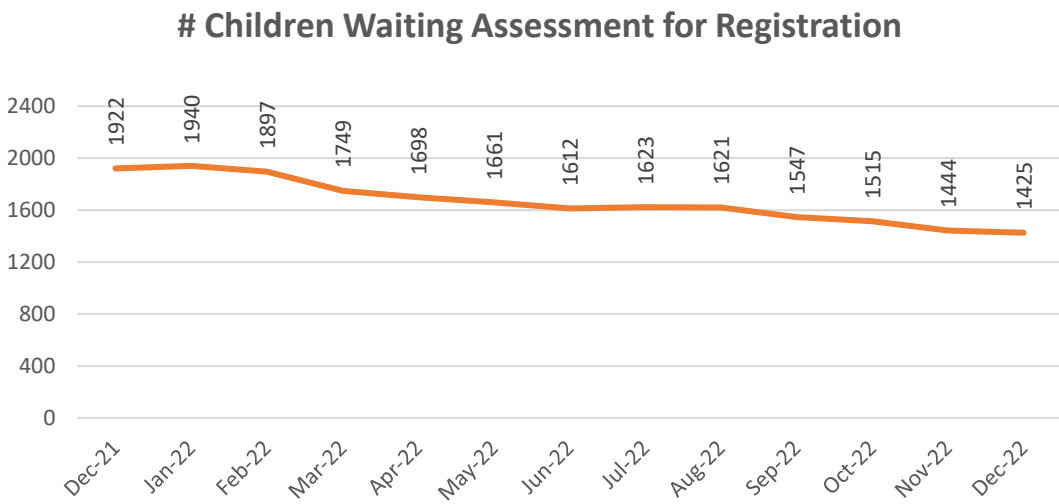


## ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION ASSESSMENT AND REGISTRATION SERVICE

- **1,931 children on the register for home education at the end of December 2022**, 30 (1.6%) more than November 2022 (1,901) and 123 (7%) more than December 2021 (1,808).



- **1,425 children on a waiting list for assessment at the end of December 2022**, 19 (1%) fewer than November 2022 (1,444), the fifth consecutive decrease and 497 (26%) fewer than December 2021 (1,922).





# Tusla Education Support Services

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

- **514 referrals screened** by senior educational welfare services in December 2022. This brings to 1,835 the number of referrals screened for the first four months of the 2022/2023 academic year, 21 (1%) more than the same period in 2021/2022 (1,814).

- **3,120 referrals on a waiting list** for educational welfare services at the end of December 2022, 50 (2%) more than November 2022 (3,070) and 1,210 (63%) more than December 2021 (1,910). First increase after six consecutive monthly decreases.

- **207 new individual children worked** with in December 2022. This brings to 1,173 the number of new individual children worked with for the first four months of the 2022/2023 academic year, 61 (5%) more than the same period in 2021/2022 (1,112).

