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Headline Data – February 2022

Child Protection & Welfare

- 21,763 cases open to social work at the end of February 2022, 67 fewer than January 2022 (21,830).
- 80% (17,313) of cases open to social work had an allocated social worker.
- 4,450 (20%) cases awaiting allocation of a social worker, 130 (3%) fewer than January 2022 (4,580).
- Five areas account for 56% (2,483) of cases awaiting allocation: Louth/Meath (591), Waterford/Wexford (525), Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (478), Dublin South Central (460) and Cork (429).
- 9% (408) of cases awaiting allocation at the end of February 2022 were categorised as high priority, 28 (7%) more than January 2022 (380).

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

Cases of Retrospective Abuse

- 1,566 cases open to social work at the end of February 2022, 43 fewer than January 2022 (1,609) and 70 (5%) more than February 2021 (1,496).
- 59% (930) of cases of retrospective abuse open to social work had an allocated social worker.
- 636 cases awaiting allocation at the end of February 2022, 16 (2%) fewer than January 2022 (652) and 61 (9%) fewer than February 2021 (697).
- Six areas account for 61% (389) of all cases awaiting allocation: Midwest (80), Dublin North City (76), Galway/Roscommon (69), Dublin South West / Kildare / West Wicklow (60), Cork (53) and Donegal (51).

Children in Care

- 5,826 children in care at the end of February 2022; 24 fewer than January 2022 (5,850) and 47 fewer than the same time last year (5,873).
- 811 (14%) children in care at the end of February 2022 were in placements with private providers; 14 (2%) more than January 2022 (797 revised figure).
- 89% (5,192) of children in care at the end of February 2022 had an allocated social worker; up one percentage point from January 2022.
- A total of 634 children were awaiting an allocated social worker; 45 (7%) fewer than January 2022 (679).

Child Protection Notification System (CPNS)

- 975 children listed as “active” on the CPNS at the end of February 2022; nine more than January 2022 (966). There were 36 (4%) more children “active” at the end of February 2022 than February 2021 (939).
- All children listed as “active” at the end of February 2022 had an allocated social worker.

Children’s Services Regulation

- 4,121 early years services on the register at the end of February 2022, seven fewer than January 2022 (4,128). There were 79 (2%) fewer services on the register at the end of February 2022 than February 2021 (4,200).
- 234 inspections of early years services done in February 2022, 36 (18%) more than January 2022 (198 revised figure). This brings to 432 the number of inspections for the first two months of 2022. *Number of inspections for early 2021 impacted due to the closure of services under the Covid-19 restrictions.*
- 1,838 children on the register for home education at the end of February 2022, one more than January 2022 (1,837) and the highest number for the period Jan-2021 to Feb-2022. The number of children on the register is up 6% (97) on February 2021 (1,741).
- 1,897 children on a waiting list for assessment at the end of February 2022, 43 (2%) fewer than January 2022 (1,940). The number of children on the waiting list is up 34% (480) on February 2021 (1,417).

Tusla Education Support Services

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

- 711 referrals screened by senior educational welfare services in February 2022, 184 (35%) more than January 2022 (527) and 510 (254%) more than February 2021 (201). Brings to 3,052 the number of referrals screened for the six months Sept 2021 – February 2022, 106 (4%) more than Sept 2020 – Feb 2021 (2,946).
- 2,461 referrals on a waiting list for educational welfare services at the end of February 2022, 536 (28%) more than January 2022 (1,925) and 543 (28%) more than February 2021 (1,918).
- 338 new individual children worked with in February 2022, 75 (18%) fewer than January 2022 (413) and 197 (140%) more than February 2021 (141). Brings to 1,863 the number of new individual children worked with for the six months Sept 2021 – February 2022, 269 (17%) more than Sept 2020 – Feb 2021 (1,594).

Child Protection and Welfare

Referrals¹

- **6,281 referrals** in February 2022, 308 (5%) fewer than January 2022 (6,589) and 1,183 (23%) more than February 2021 (5,098).

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.

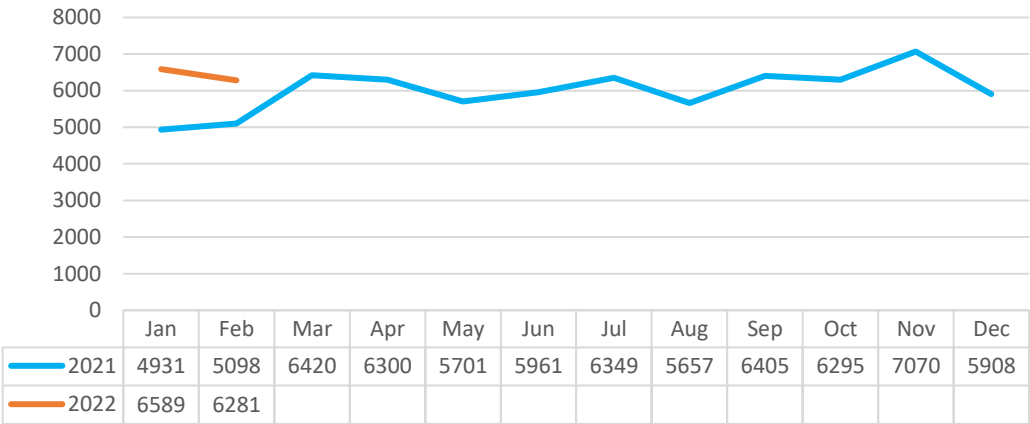
Data for May and June 2021 is not available due to the impact of the cyber attack. The data on open cases is based on the time actions are recorded on NCCIS, hence data during the period when the system was not available is not meaningful (pages 4 -7).

- **21,763 cases open to social work** at the end of February 2022, 67 fewer than January 2022 (21,830). *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 2,388 (12%) on February 2021 (19,375).

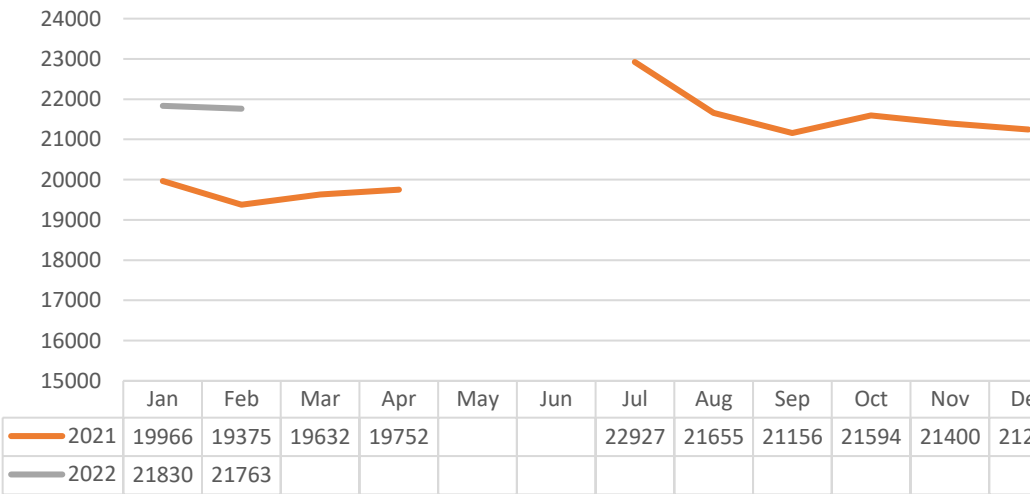
Allocated Cases

- **17,313 open cases allocated** to a social worker at the end of February 2022, 63 more than January 2022 (17,250). Allocated cases are up 1,213 (8%) from February 2021 (16,100)
- Allocated cases account for 80% of open cases, up one percentage point from January 2022 (79%).

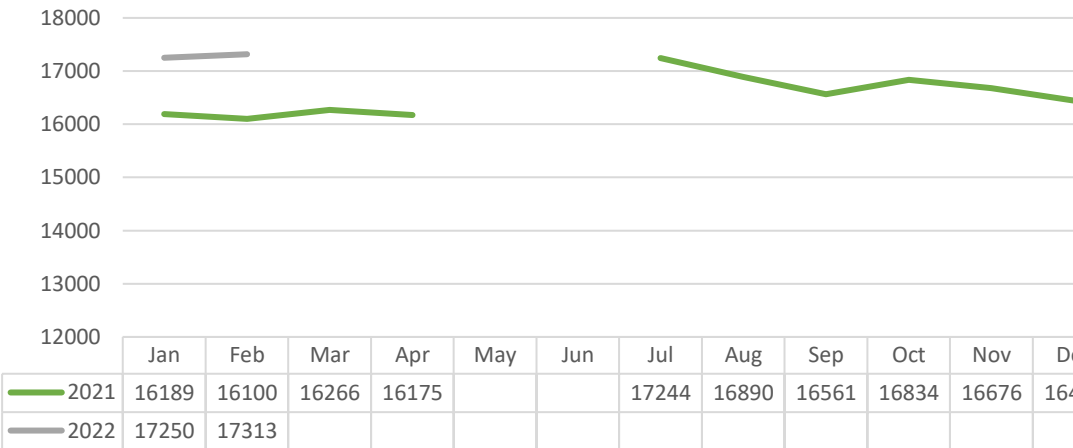
Referrals



Number of Open Cases



Number of Allocated Cases

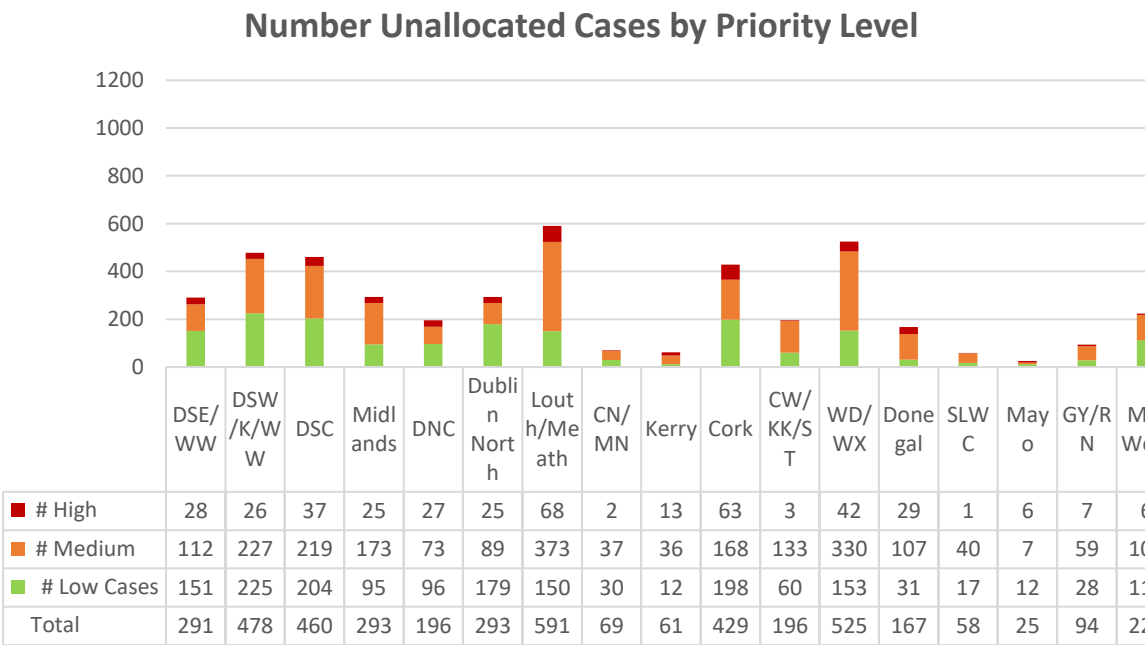
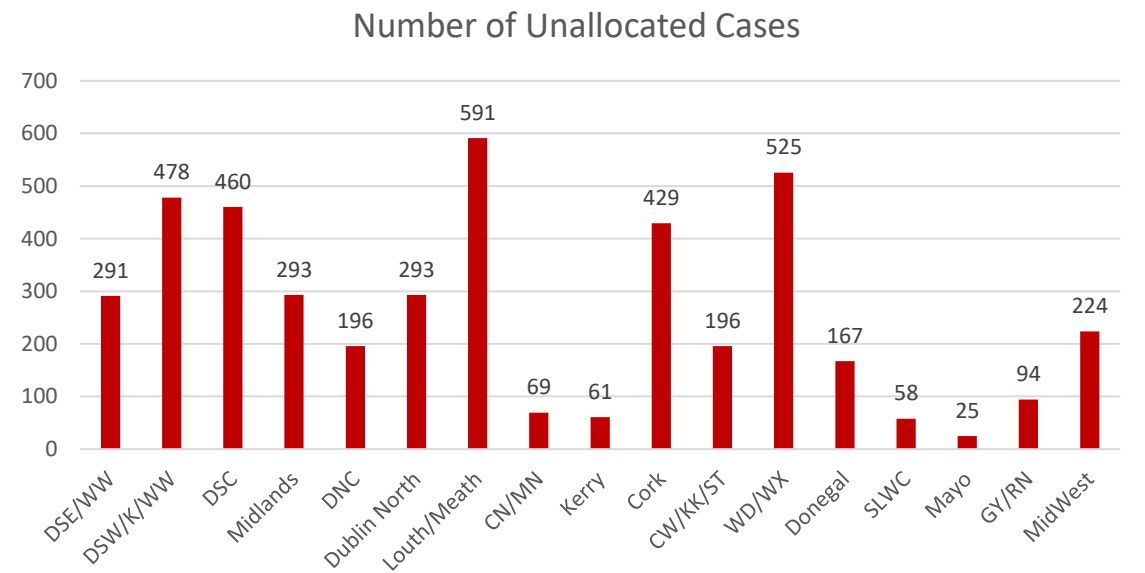
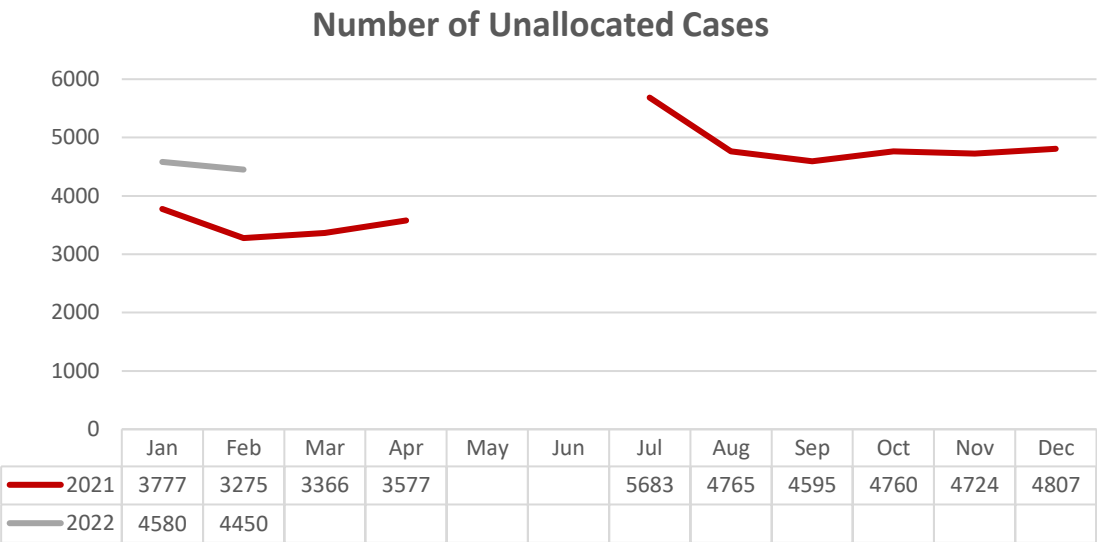


¹ Referrals include referrals meeting the eligibility criteria for child protection and welfare services, multiple reports of the same concern and referrals not meeting the eligibility criteria for child protection and welfare services. Referrals not meeting the eligibility criteria for child protection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

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*
- **4,450 cases awaiting allocation of a social worker** at the end of February 2022, 130 (3%) fewer than January 2022 (4,580).
 - Cases awaiting allocation are up 36% (1,175) from February 2021 (3,275).
 - Cases awaiting allocation account for 20% of open cases (21,763), down one percentage points from January 2022 (21%).
 - 63% (2,809) of cases awaiting allocation at the end of February 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 Louth/Meath (591) followed by Waterford/Wexford (525), Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (478), Dublin South Central (460) and Cork (429). These five areas account for 56% (2,483) of cases awaiting allocation.
 - 408 cases awaiting allocation at the end of February 2022 were categorised as high priority, 28 (7%) more than January 2022 (380). High priority cases are up 148 (57%) from February 2021 (260).
 - High priority cases account for 9% of cases awaiting allocation.
 - 51% (2,288) of cases awaiting allocation were categorised at medium priority while the remaining 39% (1,754) were low priority.
 - Highest number of high priority cases reported by Louth/Meath (68) followed by Cork (63), Waterford/Wexford (42), Dublin South Central (37), and Donegal (29). These five areas account for 59% (239) of all high priority cases awaiting.



Child Protection & Welfare

Cases Awaiting Allocation

- 9 areas reported a decrease in unallocated cases from January 2022.
- Largest decrease reported by Dublin South East/Wicklow (down 105) followed by Dublin South West / Kildare / West Wicklow (down 58), Donegal (down 50), Kerry (down 37) and Carlow/Kilkenny/South Tipperary (down 31). Largest increase reported by Midlands (up 91) followed by Midwest (up 50), Cork (up 30) and Dublin South Central (up 26).
- All but four areas (Dublin North, Dublin South Central, Midwest and Kerry) had more cases awaiting allocation at the end of February 2022 than at the same time last year.
- Largest increases reported by Louth/ Meath (up 331), Waterford/Wexford (up 265), Cork (up 189), Midlands (up 160), Dublin North City (up 126) and Dublin South West/Kildare/West/Wicklow (up 116).
- Largest decreases reported by Dublin North (down 135) followed by Dublin South Central (down 68), Midwest (down 58) and Kerry (down 5).
- Nationally 20% of open cases were unallocated at the end of February 2022. Eight areas reported a percentage equal to or higher than the national average of 20%. Highest percentage (37%) reported by Louth/Meath followed by Dublin South Central (32%), Waterford/Wexford (30%), Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (29%), Dublin South East/Wicklow (26%), Donegal (23%), Carlow/Kilkenny/South Tipperary (22%) and Cork (20%).

Area	Feb-21 # Unallocated	Feb-21 % Unallocated	Dec-21 # Unallocated	Jan-22 # Unallocated	Feb-22 # Unallocated	Feb-22 % Unallocated	Dec - Feb	Feb-22 v Feb-21	% Δ	Feb-22 v Jan-22	% Δ2
DSE/WW	203	23%	486	396	291	26%		88	43%	-105	-27%
DSW/K/WW	362	23%	543	536	478	29%		116	32%	-58	-11%
DSC	528	36%	493	434	460	32%		-68	-13%	26	6%
Midlands	133	11%	276	202	293	16%		160	120%	91	45%
DNC	70	5%	188	207	196	11%		126	180%	-11	-5%
Dublin North	428	17%	324	291	293	12%		-135	-32%	2	1%
Louth/Meath	260	20%	494	590	591	37%		331	127%	1	0%
CN/MN	31	6%	65	92	69	11%		38	123%	-23	-25%
Kerry	66	13%	49	98	61	13%		-5	-8%	-37	-38%
Cork	240	11%	471	399	429	20%		189	79%	30	8%
CW/KK/ST	180	23%	221	227	196	22%		16	9%	-31	-14%
WD/WX	260	17%	598	547	525	30%		265	102%	-22	-4%
Donegal	129	21%	198	217	167	23%		38	29%	-50	-23%
SLWC	9	4%	50	49	58	15%		49	544%	9	18%
Mayo	11	4%	28	32	25	4%		14	127%	-7	-22%
GY/RN	83	8%	123	89	94	10%		11	13%	5	6%
MidWest	282	21%	200	174	224	17%		-58	-21%	50	29%
TOTAL	3,275	17%	4807	4580	4450	20%		1175	36%	-130	-3%

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

Child Protection & Welfare

Summary Tables

Referrals				Open Cases			Allocated Cases			Unallocated Cases		
Area	Jan-22	Feb-22	Δ	Jan-22	Feb-22	Δ2	Jan-22	Feb-22	Δ3	Jan-22	Feb-22	Δ4
DSE/WW	291	216	-75	1,246	1,118	-128	850	827	-23	396	291	-105
DSW/K/WW	644	639	-5	1,686	1,642	-44	1,150	1,164	14	536	478	-58
DSC	484	502	18	1,396	1,423	27	962	963	1	434	460	26
Midlands	697	655	-42	1,843	1,779	-64	1,641	1,486	-155	202	293	91
DNC	354	372	18	1,814	1,847	33	1,607	1,651	44	207	196	-11
Dublin North	448	472	24	2,428	2,453	25	2,137	2,160	23	291	293	2
Louth/Meath	587	500	-87	1,604	1,600	-4	1,014	1,009	-5	590	591	1
CN/MN	224	174	-50	633	626	-7	541	557	16	92	69	-23
Kerry	175	147	-28	506	488	-18	408	427	19	98	61	-37
Cork	665	617	-48	2,081	2,153	72	1,682	1,724	42	399	429	30
CW/KK/ST	329	310	-19	873	896	23	646	700	54	227	196	-31
WD/WX	462	484	22	1,778	1,775	-3	1,231	1,250	19	547	525	-22
Donegal	197	188	-9	729	736	7	512	569	57	217	167	-50
SLWC	125	91	-34	372	375	3	323	317	-6	49	58	9
Mayo	117	113	-4	601	626	25	569	601	32	32	25	-7
GY/RN	308	339	31	906	900	-6	817	806	-11	89	94	5
MidWest	482	462	-20	1,334	1,326	-8	1,160	1,102	-58	174	224	50
Total	6589	6281	-308	21,830	21,763	-67	17,250	17,313	63	4580	4450	-130

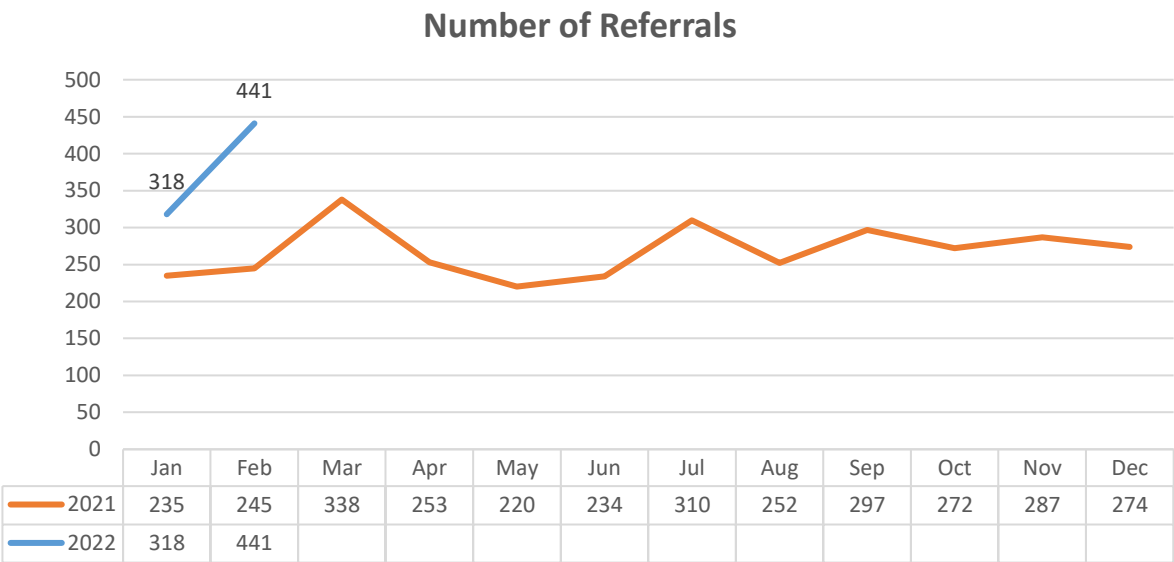
High Priority				Medium Priority			Low Priority		
Area	Awaiting Jan-22	Awaiting Feb-22	Δ	Awaiting Jan-22	Awaiting Feb-22	Δ 2	Awaiting Jan-22	Awaiting Feb-22	Δ 3
DSE/WW	26	28	2	156	112	-44	214	151	-63
DSW/K/WW	30	26	-4	216	227	11	290	225	-65
DSC	11	37	26	269	219	-50	154	204	50
Midlands	17	25	8	144	173	29	41	95	54
DNC	28	27	-1	108	73	-35	71	96	25
Dublin North	29	25	-4	91	89	-2	171	179	8
Louth/Meath	62	68	6	389	373	-16	139	150	11
CN/MN	3	2	-1	55	37	-18	34	30	-4
Kerry	20	13	-7	60	36	-24	18	12	-6
Cork	34	63	29	179	168	-11	186	198	12
CW/KK/ST	5	3	-2	156	133	-23	66	60	-6
WD/WX	44	42	-2	362	330	-32	141	153	12
Donegal	37	29	-8	138	107	-31	42	31	-11
SLWC	0	1	1	34	40	6	15	17	2
Mayo	17	6	-11	8	7	-1	7	12	5
GY/RN	13	7	-6	58	59	1	18	28	10
MidWest	4	6	2	51	105	54	119	113	-6
TOTAL	380	408	28	2474	2288	-186	1726	1754	28

Retrospective Cases of Abuse

Referrals

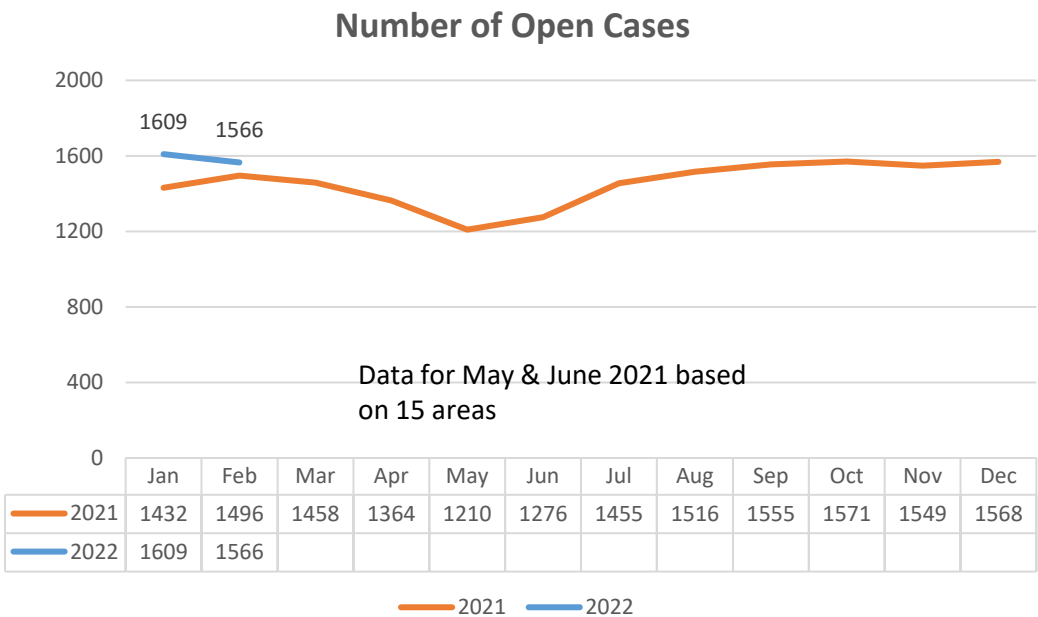
- **441 referrals of retrospective abuse** in February 2022, 123 (39%) more than January 2022 (318) and 196 (80%) more than February 2021 (245). Brings to 759 the number of referrals for the first two months of 2022, 279 (58%) more than the same period in 2021 (480).

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

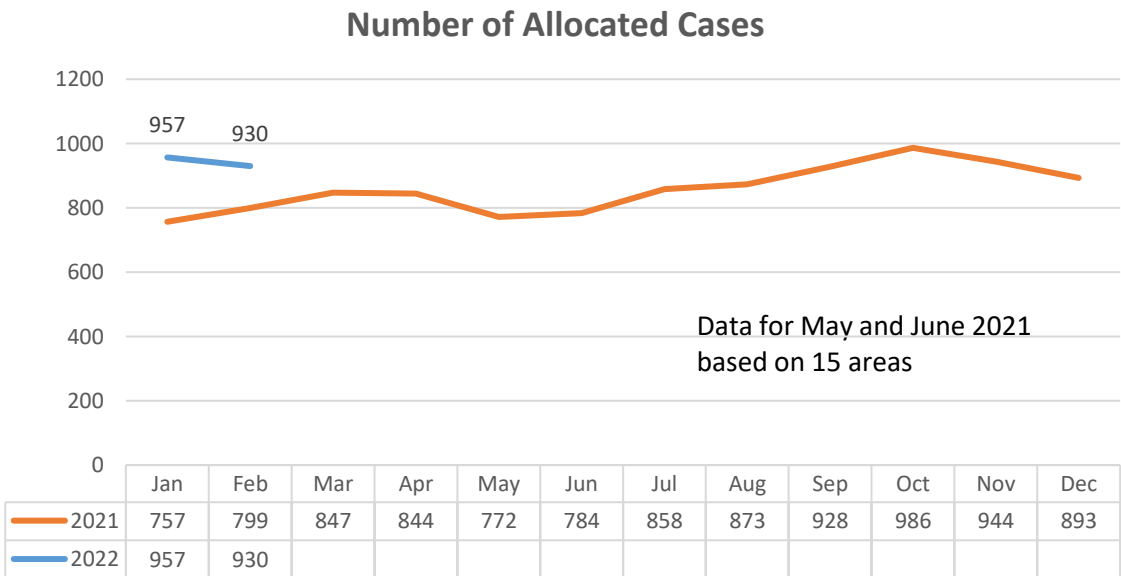
- **1,566 cases open to social work** at the end of February 2022, 43 fewer than January 2022 (1,609) and 70 (5%) more than February 2021 (1,496).



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

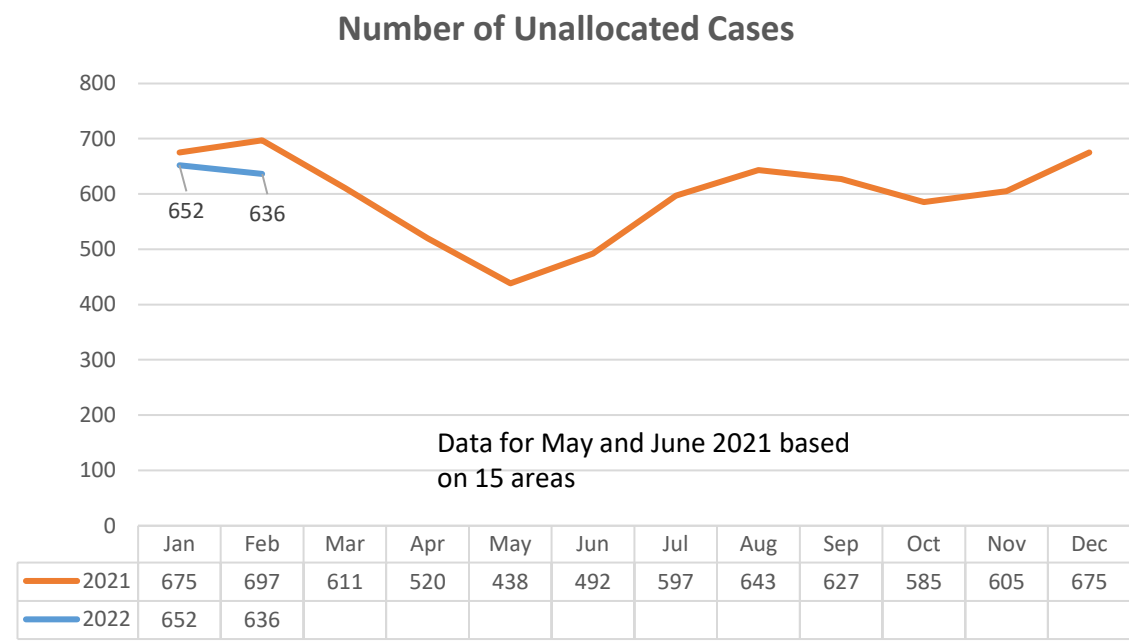
- **930 cases allocated to a social worker** at the end of February 2022, 27 fewer than January 2022 (957) and 131 (16%) more than February 2021 (799).
- Allocated cases account for 59% of open cases, no change from January 2022.



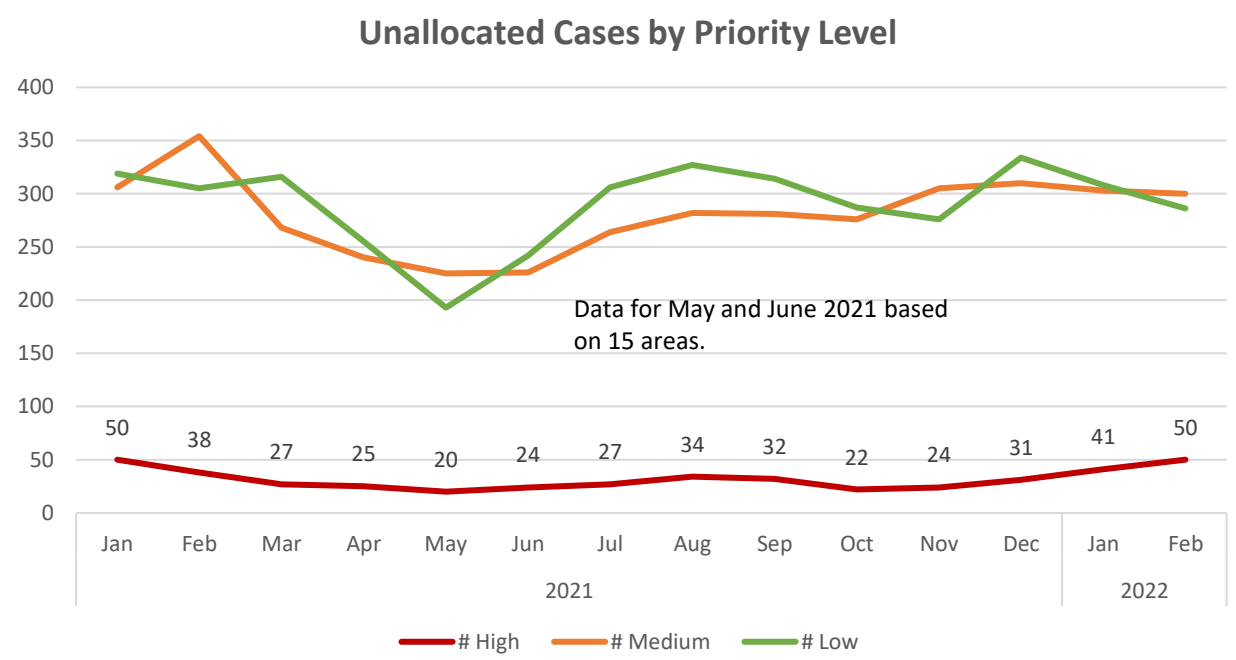
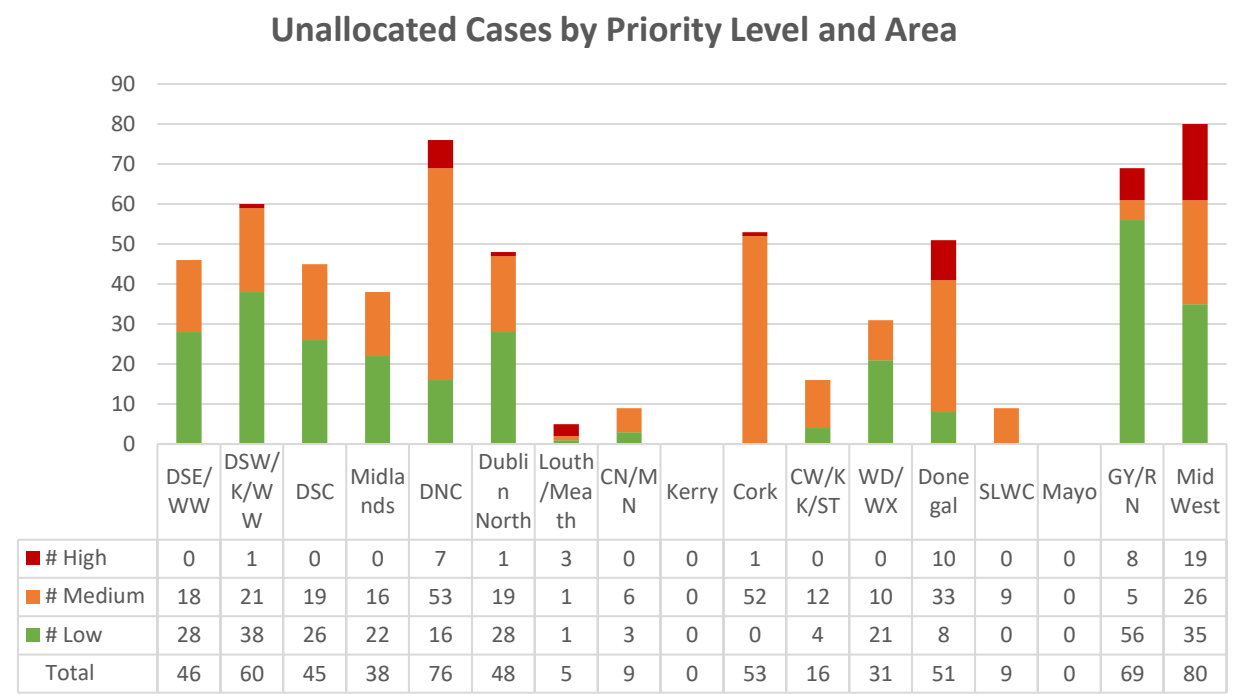
Retrospective Cases of Abuse

Cases Awaiting Allocation of a Social Worker

- **636 cases awaiting allocation** at the end of February 2022, 16 (2%) fewer than January 2022 (652) and 61 (9%) fewer than February 2021 (697).
- Cases awaiting allocation account for 41% of open cases, no change from January 2022.
- Highest number of cases awaiting in Midwest (80) followed by Dublin North City (76), Galway/Roscommon (69), Dublin South West / Kildare / West Wicklow (60), Cork (53) and Donegal (51). These six areas account for 61% (389) of cases awaiting allocation. Two areas (Mayo & Kerry) have no cases awaiting allocation.





















- **50 high priority cases awaiting allocation** at the end of February 2022, nine (22%) more than January 2022 (41) and 12 (32%) more than February 2021 (38).
- High priority cases accounted for 8% of cases awaiting allocation at the end of February 2022 (636).
- High priority cases are reported by eight areas with the highest numbers reported by Midwest (19) followed by Donegal (10) and Galway/Roscommon (8).



Retrospective Cases of Abuse

- **10 areas reported an increase** in cases awaiting allocation from January 2022. Largest increase reported by Dublin North (up 21) followed by Midwest (up 14), Dublin North City (up 13), Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (up 8) and Cork (up 8).
- **4 areas reported an decrease** with the largest decrease reported by Waterford/Wexford (down 80) followed by Galway/Roscommon (down 4), Louth/Meath (down 4) and Dublin South East/Wicklow (down 3).
- The remaining three areas (Kerry, Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan and Mayo) reported no change.
- 41% (636) 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 (75%), Galway/Roscommon (69%), Donegal (69%), Midlands (56%), Midwest (53%) and Dublin North City (52%).

- **9 areas** had more cases awaiting allocation at the end of February 2022 than February 2021, six eight areas had fewer cases. Two areas (Mayo and Kerry) had no cases awaiting allocation at the end of either month.
- Largest increases reported by Dublin North City (up 50), Midwest (up 46), Midlands (up 13) and Dublin South East/Wicklow (up 12). Largest decrease reported by Carlow/Kilkenny/South Tipperary (down 128), Waterford/Wexford (down 47), Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (down 15) and Louth/Meath (down 14).

Area	Feb-21 # Unallocated	Feb-21 % Unallocated	Dec-21 # Unallocated	Jan-22 # Unallocated	Feb-22 # Unallocated	Feb-22 % Unallocated	Dec - Feb	Feb-22 v Feb-21	% Δ	Feb-22 v Jan-22	% Δ2
DSE/WW	34	100%	52	49	46	49%		12	35%	-3	-6%
DSW/K/WW	75	69%	51	52	60	47%		-15	-20%	8	15%
DSC	51	56%	45	43	45	75%		-6	-12%	2	5%
Midlands	25	81%	42	35	38	56%		13	52%	3	9%
DNC	26	25%	66	63	76	52%		50	192%	13	21%
Dublin North	40	25%	21	27	48	29%		8	20%	21	78%
LH/MH	19	28%	7	9	5	23%		-14	-74%	-4	-44%
CN/MN	0	0%	4	5	9	21%		9		4	80%
Kerry	0	0%	8	0	0	0%		0		0	
Cork	56	41%	65	45	53	32%		-3	-5%	8	18%
CW/KK/ST	144	100%	16	15	16	37%		-128	-89%	1	7%
WD/WX	78	49%	96	111	31	18%		-47	-60%	-80	-72%
Donegal	50	70%	44	50	51	69%		1	2%	1	2%
SLWC	0	0%	8	9	9	33%		9		0	0%
Mayo	0	0%	0	0	0	0%		0		0	
GY/RN	65	71%	96	73	69	69%		4	6%	-4	-5%
Midwest	34	31%	54	66	80	53%		46	135%	14	21%
TOTAL	697	47%	675	652	636	41%		-61	-9%	-16	-2%

Retrospective Cases of Abuse

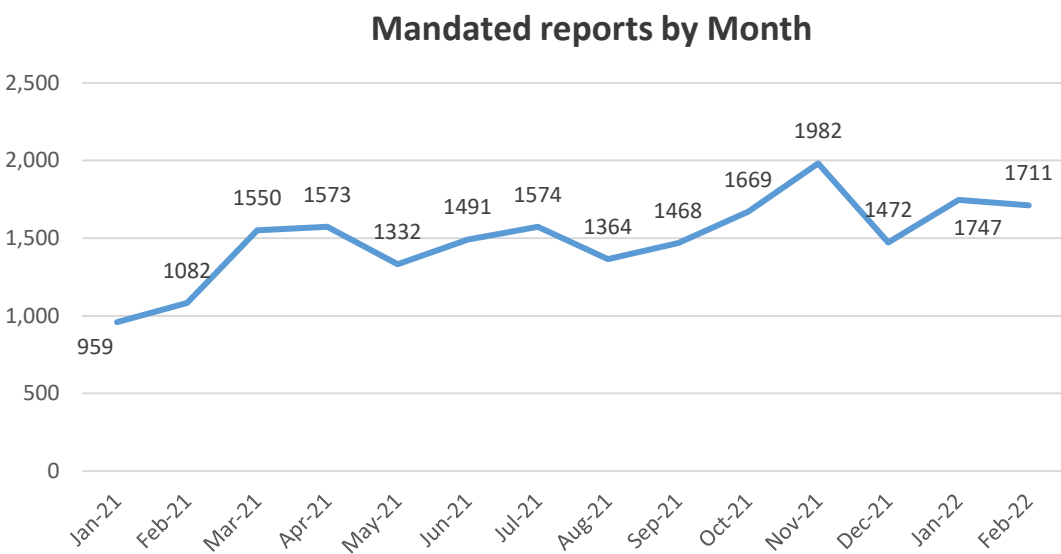
Summary Tables

Area	Referrals Jan-22	Referrals Feb-22	Δ	Open Cases Jan-22	Open Cases Feb-22	Δ2	Allocated Cases Jan-22	Allocated Cases Feb-22	Δ3	Unallocat ed Cases Jan-22	Unallocated Cases Feb-22	Δ4
DSE/WW	4	25	21	87	93	6	38	47	9	49	46	-3
DSW/K/WW	22	26	4	119	129	10	67	69	2	52	60	8
DSC	4	15	11	62	60	-2	19	15	-4	43	45	2
Midlands	22	25	3	61	68	7	26	30	4	35	38	3
DNC	14	14	0	146	146	0	83	70	-13	63	76	13
Dublin North	20	36	16	158	163	5	131	115	-16	27	48	21
LH/MH	32	68	36	27	22	-5	18	17	-1	9	5	-4
CN/MN	10	7	-3	51	42	-9	46	33	-13	5	9	4
Kerry	9	22	13	35	35	0	35	35	0	0	0	0
Cork	57	63	6	182	165	-17	137	112	-25	45	53	8
CW/KK/ST	17	30	13	44	43	-1	29	27	-2	15	16	1
WD/WX	31	41	10	224	175	-49	113	144	31	111	31	-80
Donegal	5	4	-1	74	74	0	24	23	-1	50	51	1
SLWC	2	1	-1	24	27	3	15	18	3	9	9	0
Mayo	12	17	5	65	74	9	65	74	9	0	0	0
GY/RN	35	24	-11	101	100	-1	28	31	3	73	69	-4
Midwest	22	23	1	149	150	1	83	70	-13	66	80	14
TOTAL	318	441	123	1609	1566	-43	957	930	-27	652	636	-16

Area	High Priority Awaiting Jan-22	High Priority Awaiting Feb-22	Δ	Medium Priority Awaiting Jan-22	Medium Priority Awaiting Feb-22	Δ 2	Low Priority Awaiting Jan-22	Low Priority Awaiting Feb-22	Δ 3
DSE/WW	0	0	0	21	18	-3	28	28	0
DSW/K/WW	1	1	0	17	21	4	34	38	4
DSC	0	0	0	19	19	0	24	26	2
Midlands	0	0	0	20	16	-4	15	22	7
DNC	7	7	0	45	53	8	11	16	5
Dublin North	0	1	1	3	19	16	24	28	4
LH/MH	3	3	0	2	1	-1	4	1	-3
CN/MN	0	0	0	3	6	3	2	3	1
Kerry	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cork	0	1	1	45	52	7	0	0	0
CW/KK/ST	0	0	0	12	12	0	3	4	1
WD/WX	0	0	0	46	10	-36	65	21	-44
Donegal	10	10	0	32	33	1	8	8	0
SLWC	0	0	0	9	9	0	0	0	0
Mayo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GY/RN	5	8	3	5	5	0	63	56	-7
Midwest	15	19	4	24	26	2	27	35	8
TOTAL	41	50	9	303	300	-3	308	286	-22

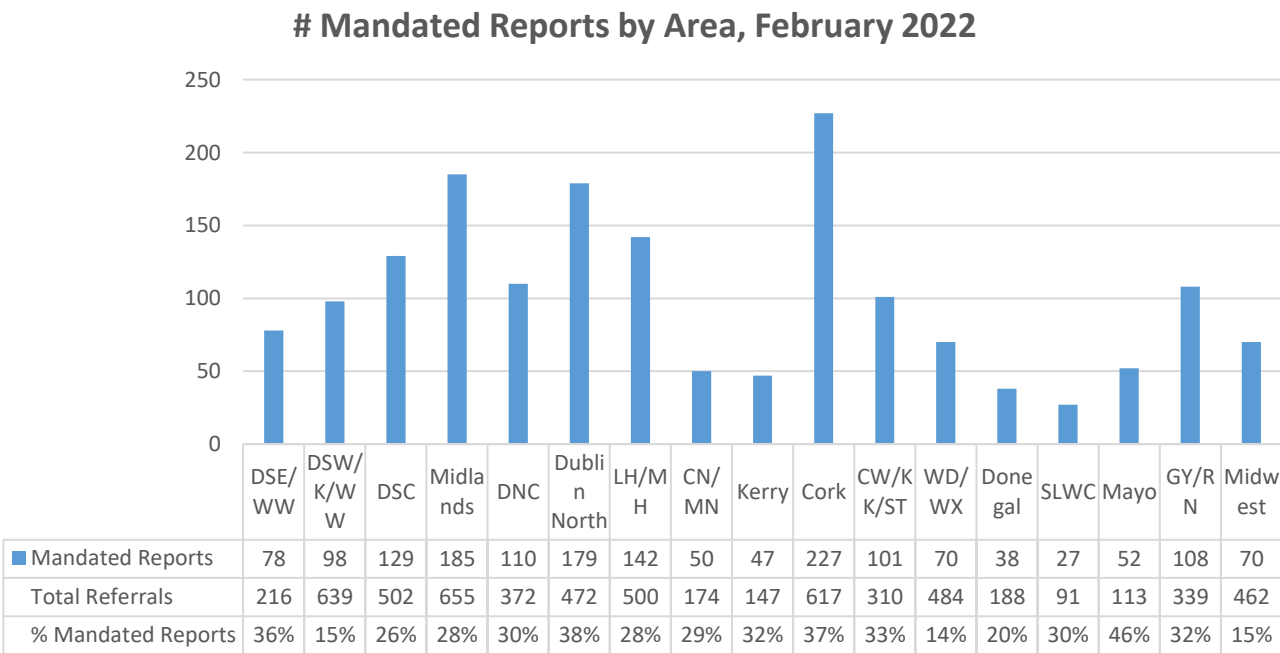
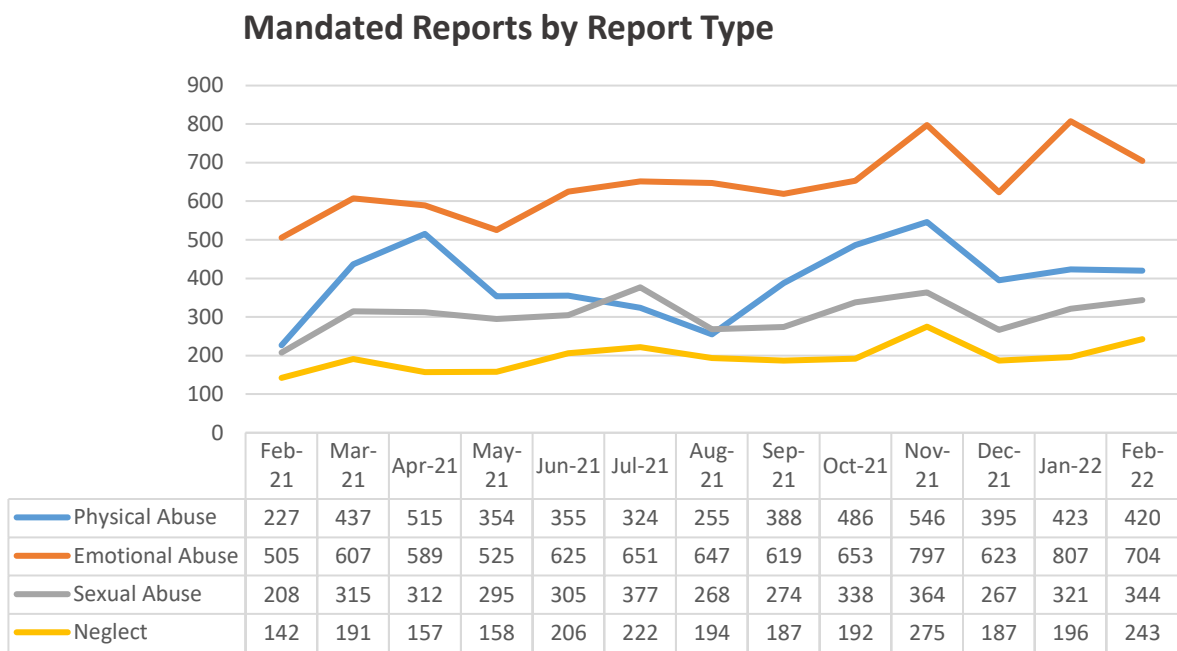
Mandated Reports¹ – Child Protection & Welfare

- **1,711 mandated reports of abuse** received in February 2022, 36 fewer than January 2022 (1,747). *It should be noted that the data presented is based on mandated reports logged on NCCIS at the time it 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 27% (1,711) of all referrals received (6,281) in February 2022.



- The number of mandated reports for February 2022, by area ranged from 27 (Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan) to 227 (Cork).
- As a percentage of referrals, the highest percentage (46%) was reported by Mayo followed by Dublin North (38%), Cork (37%) and Dublin South East/Wicklow (36%).
- The lowest percentage was reported by Waterford/Wexford (14%) followed by Midwest (15%), Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (15%) and Donegal (20%).

- Highest number of reports for February 2022 for emotional abuse (704; 41%) followed by physical abuse (420; 25%), sexual abuse (344; 20%) and neglect (243; 14%).



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

Mandated Reports – Child Protection & Welfare

Source of Reports

- Highest number of reports for February 2022 from An Garda Síochána (691; 40%) followed by teachers (358; 21%), social workers (209; 12%), safeguarding officers (88; 5%), social care workers (76; 4%), medical practitioners (60; 4%) and managers of domestic violence shelters (58; 3%). These seven sources account for 90% (1,540) of reports for February 2022.
- Highest number of reports year to date from An Garda Síochána (1,423; 41%) followed by teachers (645; 19%), social workers (447; 13%), social care workers (170; 5%), safeguarding officers (164; 5%), managers of domestic violence shelters (132; 4%) and medical practitioners (126; 4%). These seven sources account for 90% (3,107) of reports for February 2022.

Source	# Feb 2022	% Feb 2022	# YTD 2022	% YTD 2022
Medical practitioner (Registered)	60	3.51%	126	3.64%
Nurse or registered midwife (Registered)	34	1.99%	73	2.11%
Physiotherapist (Registered)	*	*	6	0.17%
Speech & language therapist (Registered)	5	0.29%	8	0.23%
Occupational therapist (Registered)	6	0.35%	8	0.23%
Registered dentist	*	*	*	*
Psychologist who practises as such and who is eligible for registration	29	1.69%	59	1.71%
Social care worker who practises as such and who is eligible for registration	76	4.44%	170	4.92%
Social worker who practises as such and who is eligible for registration	209	12.22%	447	12.93%
EMT, paramedic and advanced paramedic registered with the Pre-Hospital Emergency Care Council	*	*	10	0.29%
Probation officer within the meaning of section 1 of the Criminal Justice (Community Service) Act 1983.	7	0.41%	9	0.26%
Teacher registered with the Teaching Council.	358	20.92%	645	18.65%
An Garda Síochána Member	691	40.39%	1423	41.15%
Guardian ad litem appointed in accordance with section 26 of the Child Care Act 1991	*	*	*	*
Domestic violence shelter manager	58	3.39%	132	3.82%
Homeless provision or emergency accommodation facility manager	*	*	7	0.20%
Asylum seeker accommodation (direct provision) centre manager	*	*	6	0.17%
Addiction counsellor employed by a body funded, wholly or partly, out of moneys provided by the Oireachtas	0	0.00%	*	*
Psychotherapist or a person providing counselling who is registered with one of the voluntary professional bodies	42	2.45%	87	2.52%
Language school or other recreational school where children reside away from home manager	0	0.00%	*	*
Clergy member (howsoever described) or pastoral care worker (howsoever described) of a church or other religious community;	*	*	*	*
Institution where a child is detained by an order of a court (Director)	0	0.00%	*	*
Safeguarding officer, child protection officer or other person (howsoever described) who is employed for the purpose of performing the child welfare and protection function of religious, sporting, recreational, cultural, educational and other bodies and organisations offering services to children;	88	5.14%	164	4.74%
Child care staff member employed in a pre-school service within the meaning of Part VIIA of the Child Care Act 1991;	12	0.70%	21	0.61%
Youth work service - person responsible for the care or management within the meaning of section 2 of the Youth Work Act 2001	5	0.29%	18	0.52%
Youth worker holds a professional qualification and who is employed in a youth work service	8	0.47%	20	0.58%
Foster carer registered with the Agency.	*	*	6	0.17%
Pre-school service within the meaning of Part VIIA of the Child Care Act 1991.	*	*	*	*
Total (includes suppressed values)	1711	100.00%	3458	100.00%

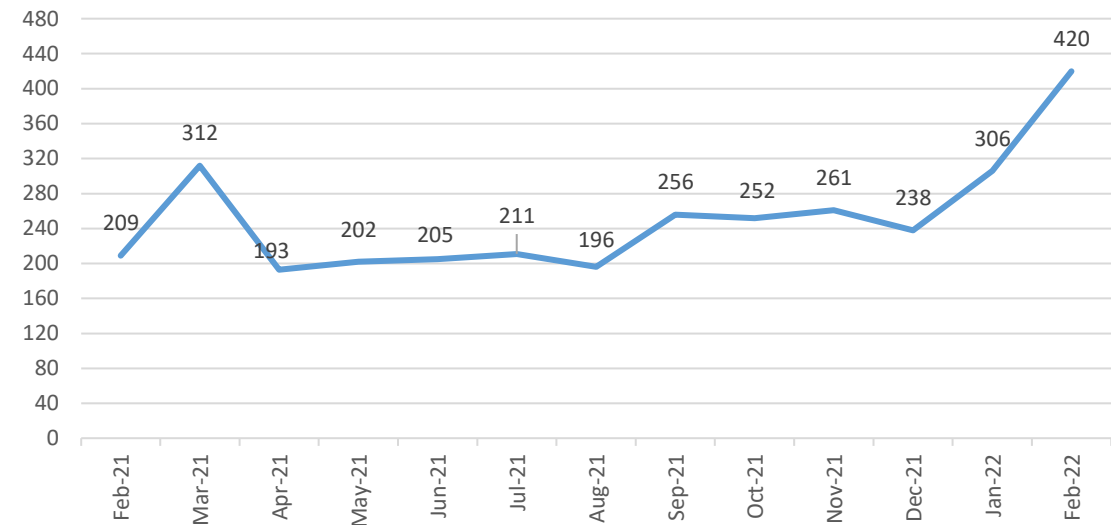
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Mandated Reports¹ – Retrospective Abuse

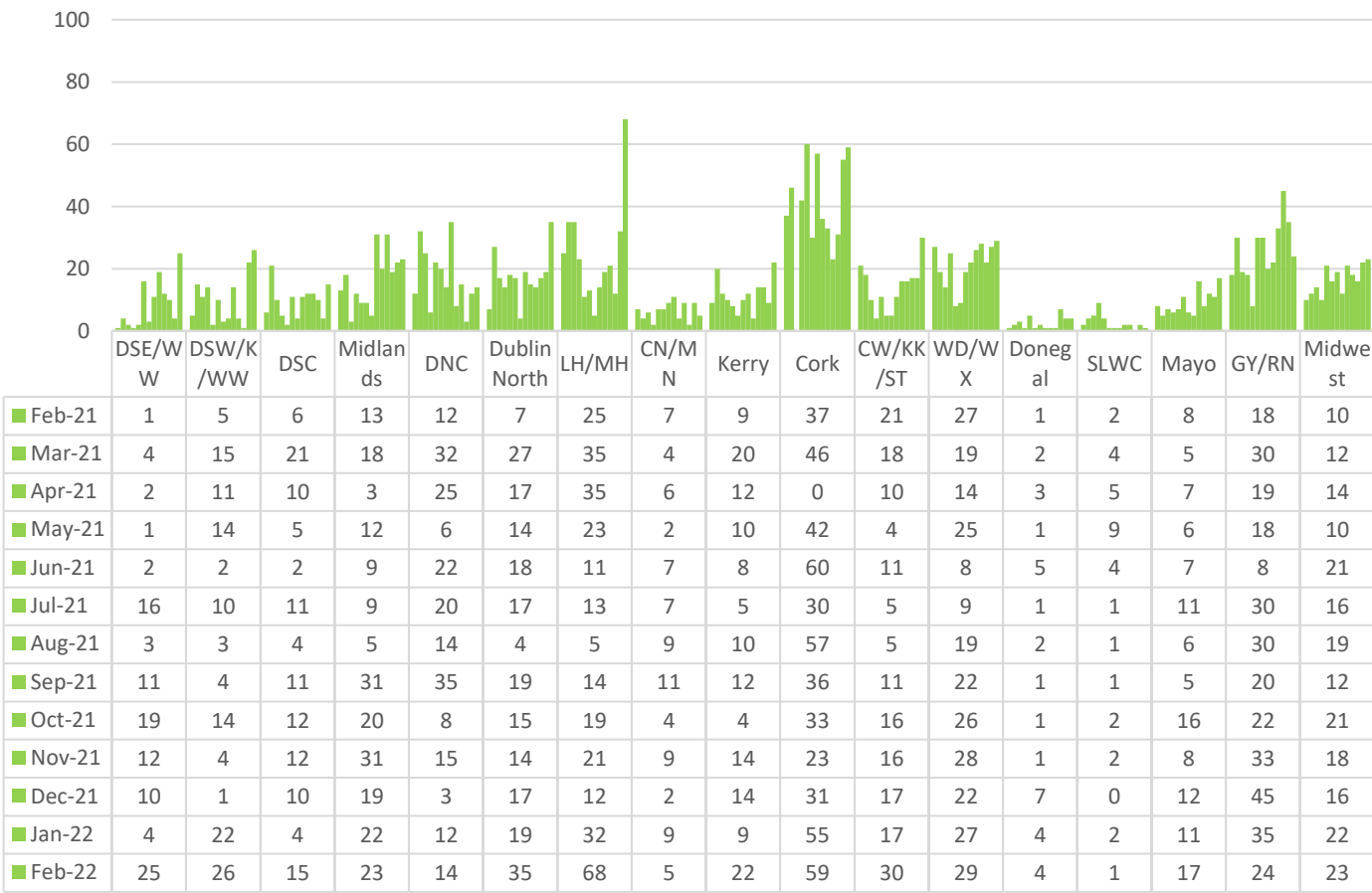
- **420 mandated reports of retrospective abuse** in February 2022.
- Mandated reports accounted for 95% (420) of all reports of retrospective abuse received in February 2022 (441).
- The majority (88%; 368) of mandated reports for February 2022 were for sexual abuse.

- Highest number of mandated reports (68) reported by Louth/Meath (68) followed by Cork (59) and Dublin North (35).

Mandated Reports by Month



Mandated Reports - Retrospective Cases of Abuse



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Mandated Reports – Retrospective Abuse

Source of Reports

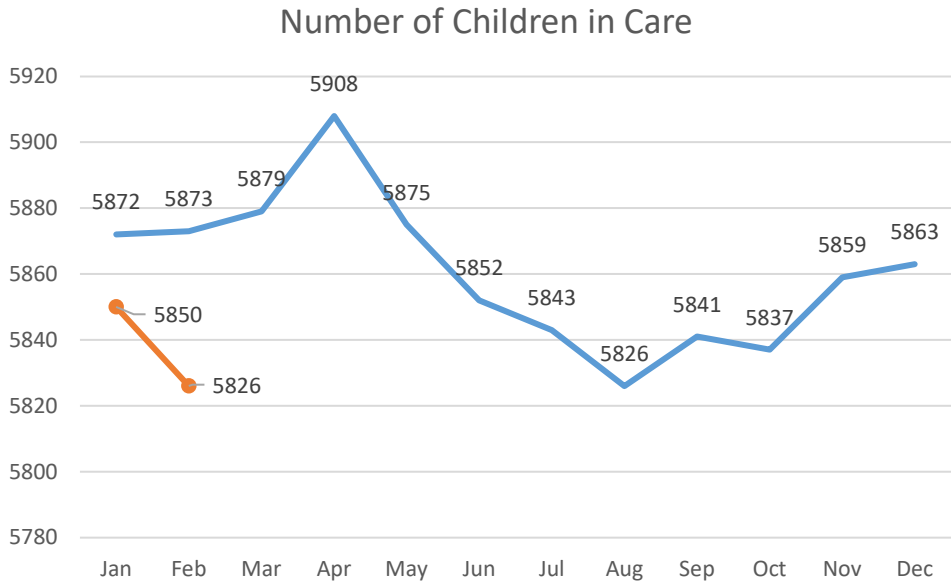
- Highest number of reports for February 2022 from psychotherapists (175; 42%) followed by members of An Garda Síochána (69; 16%), psychologists (47; 11%); social workers (42; 10%) and medical practitioners (27; 6%). These five sources account for 86% (360) of all reports received.
- Highest number of reports year to date from psychotherapists (283; 39%), An Garda Síochána (124; 17%), social workers (93; 13%), psychologists (71; 10%) and medical practitioners (51; 7%). These five sources account for 86% (622) of reports for February 2022.

Source	# Jan 2022	% Jan 2022	# YTD 2022	% YTD 2022
Medical practitioner (Registered)	27	6.4%	51	7.0%
Nurse or registered midwife (Registered)	14	3.3%	23	3.2%
Physiotherapist (Registered)	5	1.2%	5	0.7%
Speech & language therapist (Registered)	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Occupational therapist (Registered)	*	*	*	*
Registered dentist	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Psychologist who practises as such and who is eligible for registration	47	11.2%	71	9.8%
Social care worker who practises as such and who is eligible for registration	5	1.2%	13	1.8%
Social worker who practises as such and who is eligible for registration	42	10.0%	93	12.8%
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.	*	*	*	*
Teacher registered with the Teaching Council.	8	1.9%	10	1.4%
An Garda Síochána Member	69	16.4%	124	17.1%
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	*	*	*	*
Homeless provision or emergency accommodation facility manager	*	*	*	*
Asylum seeker accommodation (direct provision) centre manager	*	*	*	*
Addiction counsellor employed by a body funded, wholly or partly, out of moneys provided by the Oireachtas	*	*	10	1.4%
Psychotherapist or a person providing counselling who is registered with one of the voluntary professional bodies	175	41.7%	283	39.0%
Language school or other recreational school where children reside away from home manager	0	0.0%	*	*
Clergy member (howsoever described) or pastoral care worker (howsoever described) of a church or other religious community;	*	*	*	*
Institution where a child is detained by an order of a court (Director)	0	0.0%	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;	8	1.9%	17	2.3%
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	*	*	*	*
Youth worker holds a professional qualification and who is employed in a youth work service	0	0.0%	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%	0	0.0%
Total (includes suppressed values)	420	100.0%	726	100.0%

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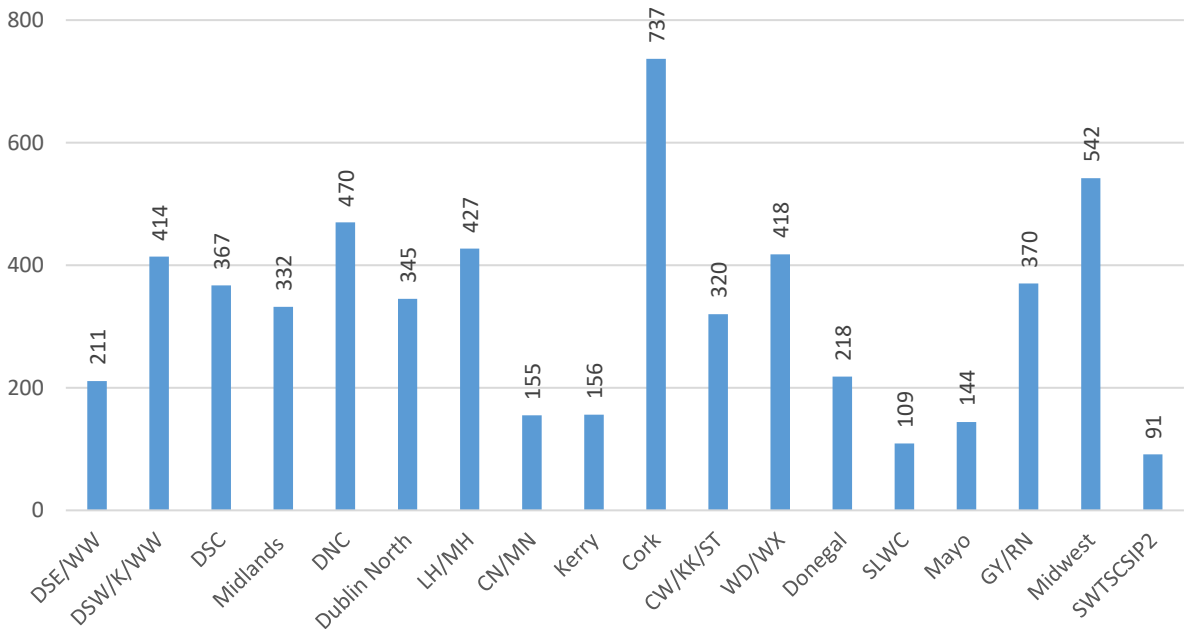
Children in Care

- **5,826 children in care at the end of February 2022**; 24 fewer than January 2022 (5,850)
- 47 fewer children in care than the same time last year (5,873).
- 64% (3,737) of children in care are in general foster care, 26% (1,499) are in relative foster care, 8% (445) are in residential care and 2% (145) are in “other” care placements.
- 15 (3%) of the 445 children in residential placements are in special care



- Highest number of children in care reported by Cork (737) followed by Midwest (542) and Dublin North City (470).
- Fewest number reported by the Social Work Team for Separated Children Seeking International Protection (91) 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 (10.5/1,000) followed by Waterford/Wexford (6.1/1,000) , Midwest (5.6/1,000) and Dublin South Central (5.6/1,000). Lowest rate reported by Dublin South East/Wicklow (2.4/1,000) followed by Dublin North (3.4/1,000) and Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (3.8/1,000).
- Seven areas reported a percentage equal to or higher than the national average of 4.8/1,000 children.

Number of Children in Care by Area



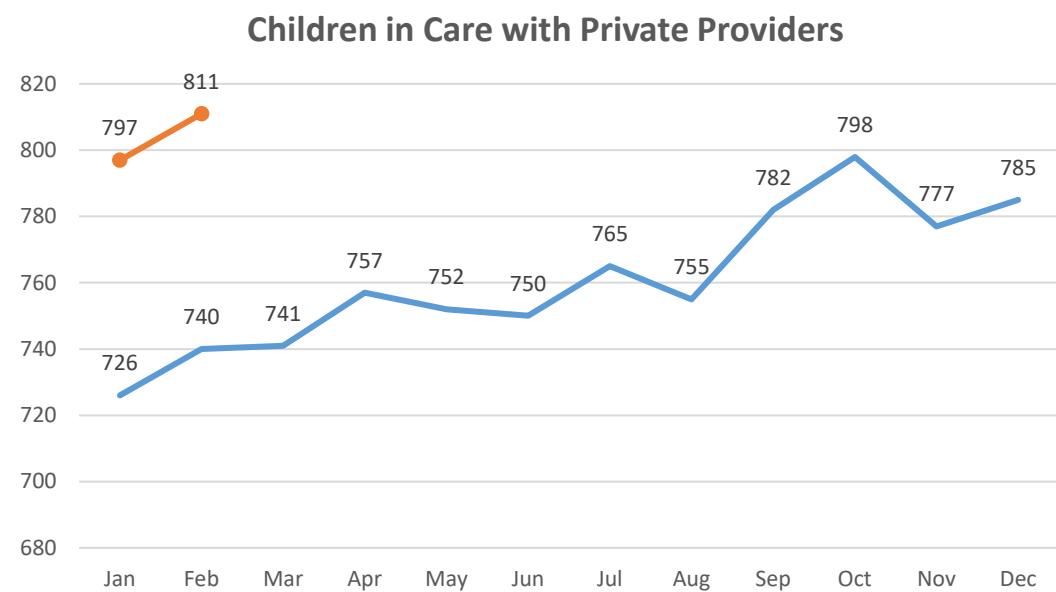
Area	Feb-21	Jan-22	Feb-22	Feb-22 v Feb-21	Feb-22 v Jan-22	Population	Rate/1,000
Dublin South East/Wicklow	225	213	211	-14	-2	86,810	2.4
DSW/K/WW	408	423	414	6	-9	108,186	3.8
Dublin South Central	365	366	367	2	1	65,564	5.6
Midlands	337	333	332	-5	-1	80,193	4.1
Dublin North City	482	469	470	-12	1	44,927	10.5
Dublin North	345	346	345	0	-1	100,654	3.4
Louth/Meath	399	420	427	28	7	93,093	4.6
Cavan/Monaghan	159	155	155	-4	0	36,446	4.3
Kerry	150	158	156	6	-2	34,527	4.5
Cork	762	746	737	-25	-9	134,015	5.5
CW/KK/ST	330	323	320	-10	-3	63,009	5.1
Waterford/Wexford	428	423	418	-10	-5	68,513	6.1
Donegal	230	224	218	-12	-6	42,865	5.1
Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan	112	106	109	-3	3	23,554	4.6
Mayo	130	145	144	14	-1	31,968	4.5
Galway/Roscommon	382	369	370	-12	1	79,912	4.6
Midwest	578	548	542	-36	-6	96,266	5.6
Total Areas	5822	5767	5735	-87	-32	1,190,502	4.8
SWTSCIP	51	83	91	40	8		
National	5873	5850	5826	-47	-24		

Children in Care

- 811 (14%) children in care at the end of February 2022 were in placements with private providers; 14 (2%) more than January 2022 (797 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 71 (10%) more children in care in placements with private providers at the end of February 2022 than at the end of February 2021 (740).

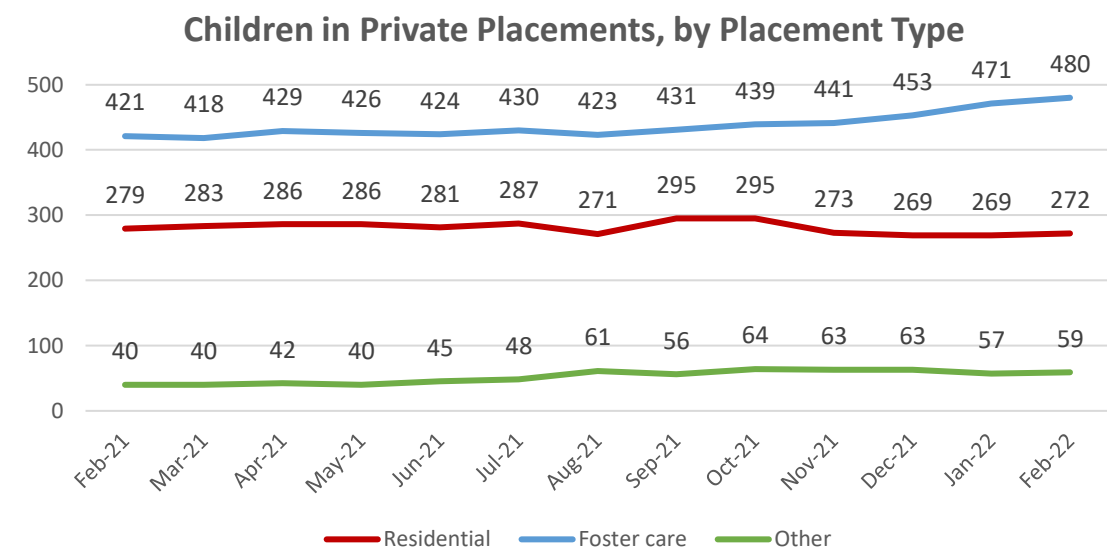


- 59% (480) of children in placements with private providers were in **foster care**, nine more than January 2022 (471). This number (80) is up 59 (14%) on February 2021 (421)
- 34% (272) of children in placements with private providers were in **residential care**, three more than January 2022 (269) and seven fewer than February 2021 (279). *[Ref note above re: voluntary organisations]*

- Highest number of children in placements with private providers reported by Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (109) followed by Dublin South Central (106), Dublin North City (101), Dublin North (79), Cork (68) and Midlands (64). These six areas account for 65% (527) of all children in placements with private providers.

Children with Private Providers	Feb-21	Jan-22	Feb-22	Jan-22 v Jan-21	Jan-22 v Dec-21
Dublin South East/Wicklow	47	43	43	-4	0
DSW/K/WW	94	108	109	15	1
Dublin South Central	108	105	106	-2	1
Midlands	55	66	64	9	-2
Dublin North City	78	95	101	23	6
Dublin North	76	75	79	3	4
Louth/Meath	31	36	39	8	3
Cavan/Monaghan	*	*	*	*	*
Kerry	12	16	20	8	4
Cork	66	67	68	2	1
CW/KK/ST	15	13	12	-3	-1
Waterford/Wexford	50	41	39	-11	-2
Donegal	22	21	21	-1	0
Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan	6	9	9	3	0
Mayo	*	*	*	*	*
Galway/Roscommon	11	17	20	9	3
Midwest	39	38	42	3	4
SWTSCSIP	27	38	30	3	-8
Total	740	797	811	71	14

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



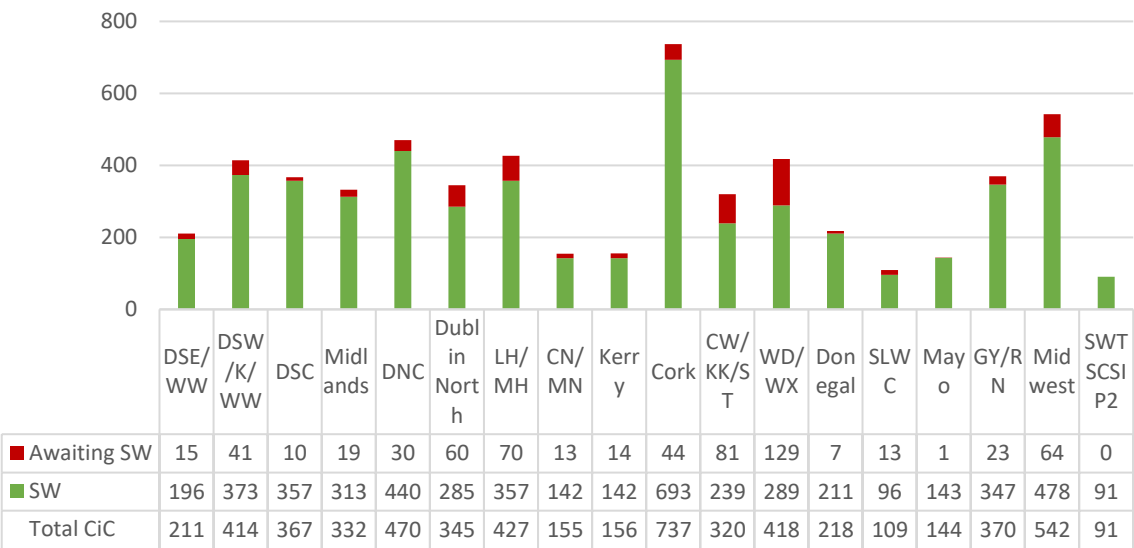
Children in Care

- **89% (5,192) of children in care at the end of February 2022 had an allocated social worker**; up one percentage point from January 2022.
- A total of 634 children were awaiting an allocated social worker; 45 (7%) fewer than January 2022 (679).
- Highest number awaiting reported by Waterford/Wexford (129) followed by Carlow/Kilkenny/South Tipperary (81), Louth/Meath (70), Midwest (64) and Dublin North (60). These five areas account for 64% (404) of all cases awaiting allocation.

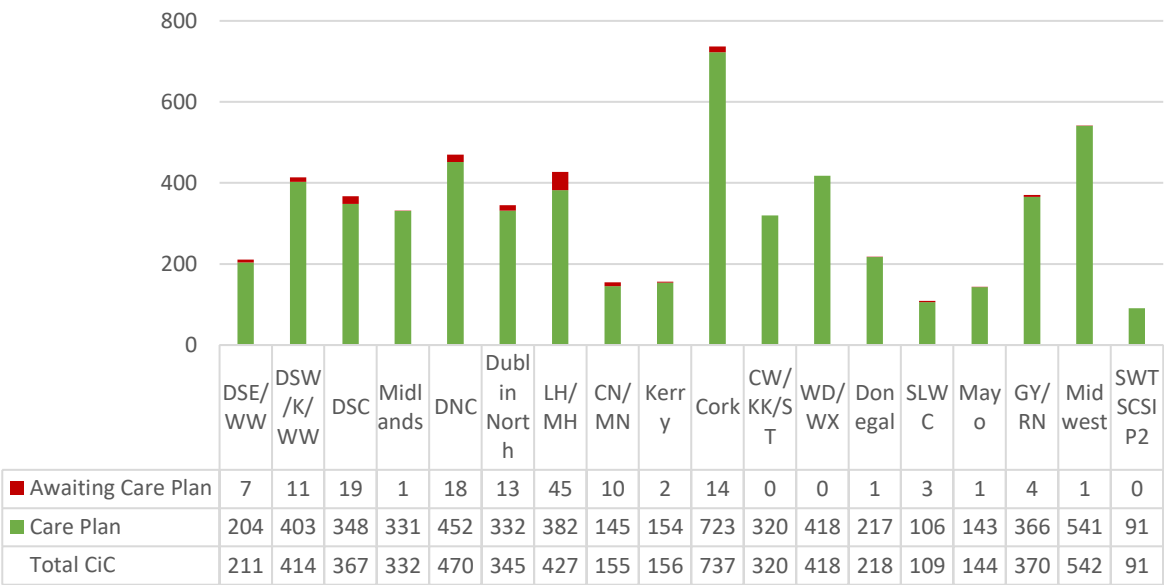
- **97% (5,676) of children in care at the end of February 2022 had an up-to-date care plan**; no change from January 2022.
- A total of 150 children did not have an up-to-date care plan, one more than January 2022 (149).
- Highest numbers with no up-to-date care plan reported by Louth/Meath (45), Dublin South Central (19), Dublin North City (18) and Dublin North (13).

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 Social Worker



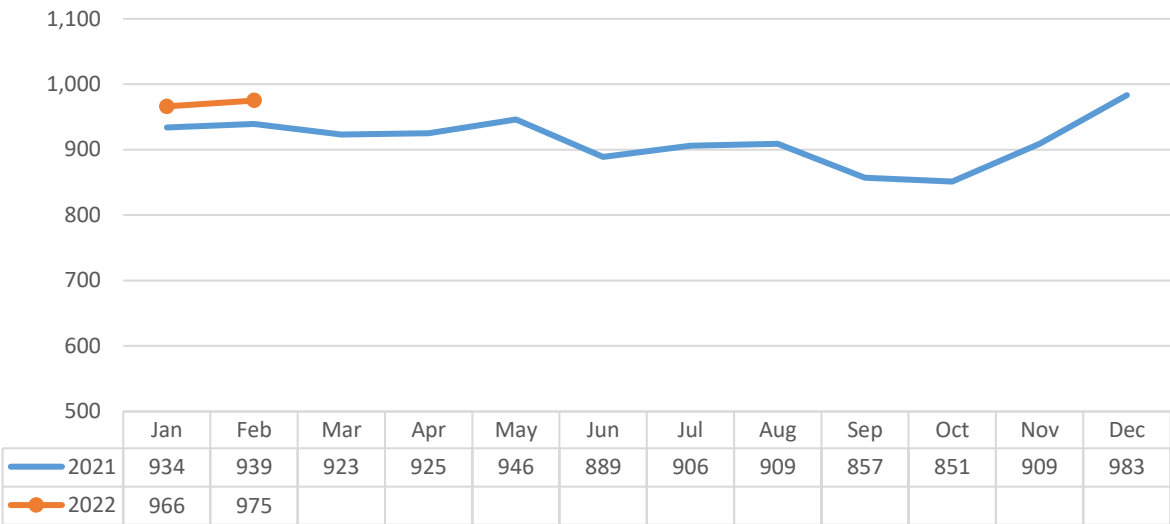
Children in Care with a Care Plan



Child Protection Notification System

- **975 children listed as “active” at the end of February 2022**; nine more than January 2022 (966). There were 36 (4%) more children “active” at the end of February 2022 than February 2021 (939).
- All children listed as “active” at the end of February 2022 had an **allocated social worker**.

Children "Active" on the CPNS



- Highest number of children listed as “active” at the end of February 2022 reported by Midwest (90) followed by Dublin North City (84), Carlow/Kilkenny/South Tipperary (77), Cork (76) and Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (75).
- Fewest number listed as “active” reported by Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan (25) followed by Louth/Meath (29), Kerry (29) and Mayo (36).
- Highest rate per 10,000 population under 18 years reported by Dublin North City (18.7/10,000) followed by Donegal (12.8/10,000) and Carlow/Kilkenny/South Tipperary (12.2/10,000).
- Lowest rates reported by Louth/Meath (3.1/10,000), Galway/Roscommon (5.1/10,000), Cork (5.7/10,000) and Dublin South East/Wicklow (6.6/10,000). Ten areas reported a rate equal to or higher than the national rate of 8.2/10,000
- 6/17 areas had more children listed as “active” at the end of February 2022 than January 2022. Largest increases reported by Midwest (up 14), Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan (up 10) and Dublin South Central (up 8). Largest decrease reported by Cork (down 10) followed by Midlands (down 10), and Dublin South East/Wicklow (down 4).
- 9 areas had more children active at the end of February 2022 than at the same period last year. Largest increases reported by Cavan/Monaghan (up 23), Louth/Meath (up 12), Mayo (up 11) and Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan (up 11). Largest decreases reported by Kerry (down 14), Waterford/Wexford (down 11) and Carlow/Kilkenny/South Tipperary (down 10).

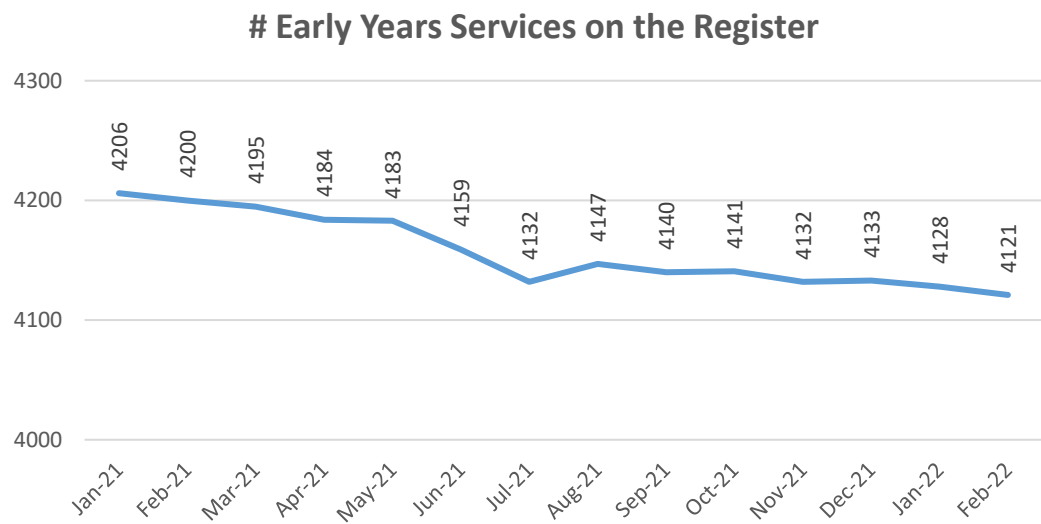
Number and rate of children “active” on the CPNS, by area (ranked by rate)

Area	Feb-21	Jan-22	Feb-22	Feb-22 v Feb-21	Feb-22 v Jan-22	Population	Rate/10,000
Dublin North City	79	79	84	5	5	44927	18.7
Donegal	51	58	55	4	-3	42865	12.8
Carlow / Kilkenny / South Tipperary	87	73	77	-10	4	63009	12.2
Mayo	25	32	36	11	4	31968	11.3
Cavan / Monaghan	17	40	40	23	0	36446	11.0
Sligo / Leitrim / West Cavan	14	15	25	11	10	23554	10.6
Waterford / Wexford	76	65	65	-11	0	68513	9.5
Mid West	85	76	90	5	14	96266	9.3
Dublin South Central	54	53	61	7	8	65564	9.3
Kerry	43	32	29	-14	-3	34527	8.4
Midlands	67	74	64	-3	-10	80193	8.0
Dublin North	72	74	71	-1	-3	100654	7.1
Dublin South West / Kildare / West Wicklow	80	75	75	-5	0	108186	6.9
Dublin South East / Wicklow	53	61	57	4	-4	86810	6.6
Cork	78	86	76	-2	-10	134015	5.7
Galway / Roscommon	41	41	41	0	0	79912	5.1
Louth / Meath	17	32	29	12	-3	93093	3.1
Total	939	966	975	36	9	1190502	8.2

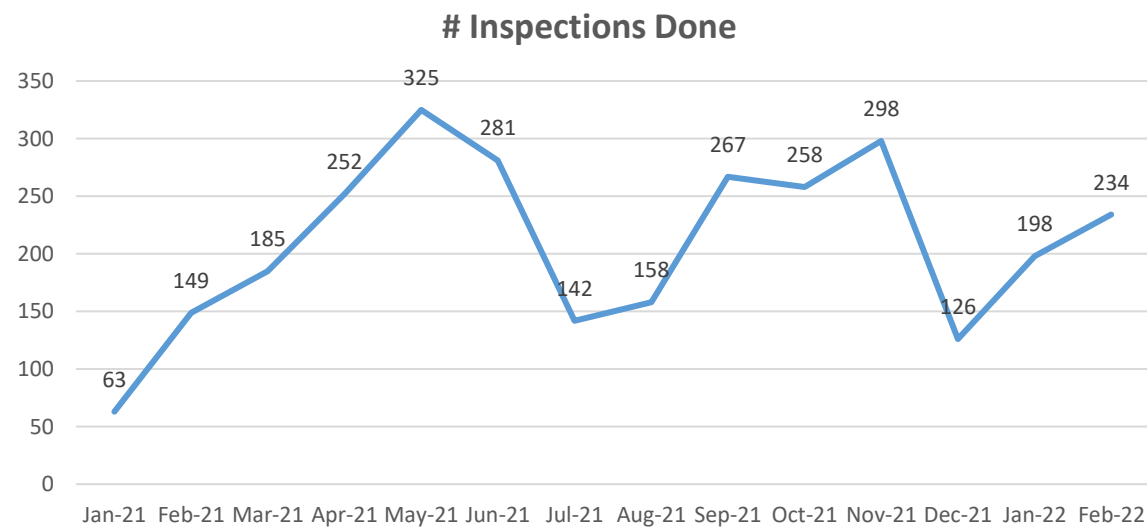
Children’s Services Regulation

EARLY YEARS INSPECTORATE

- **4,121 early years services on the register at the end of February 2022**, seven fewer than January 2022 (4,128). There were 79 (2%) fewer services on the register at the end of February 2022 than February 2021 (4,200).

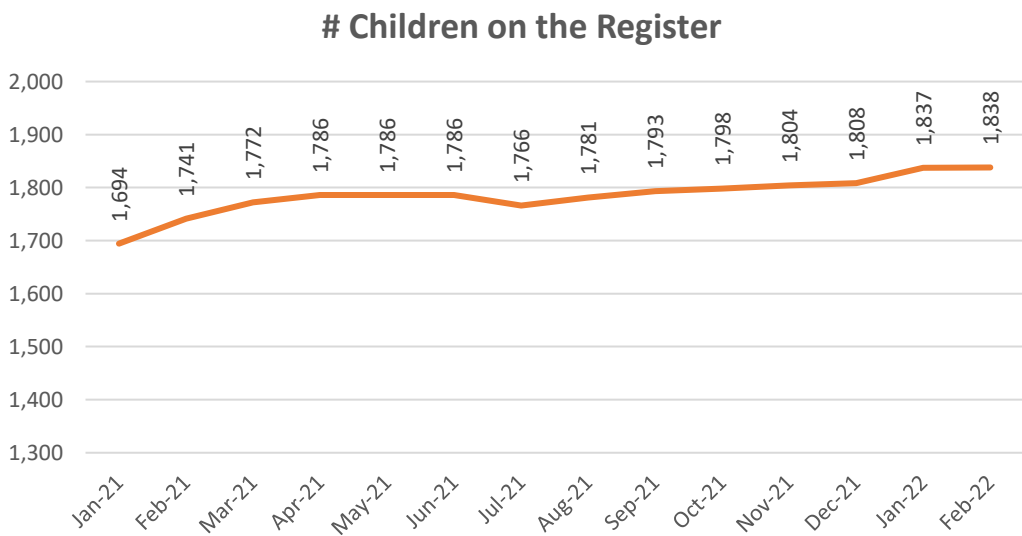


- **234 inspections of early years services done in February 2022**, 36 (18%) more than January 2022 (198). This brings to 432 the number of inspections for the first two months of 2022. *Number of inspections for early 2021 impacted due to the closure of services under the Covid-19 restrictions.*

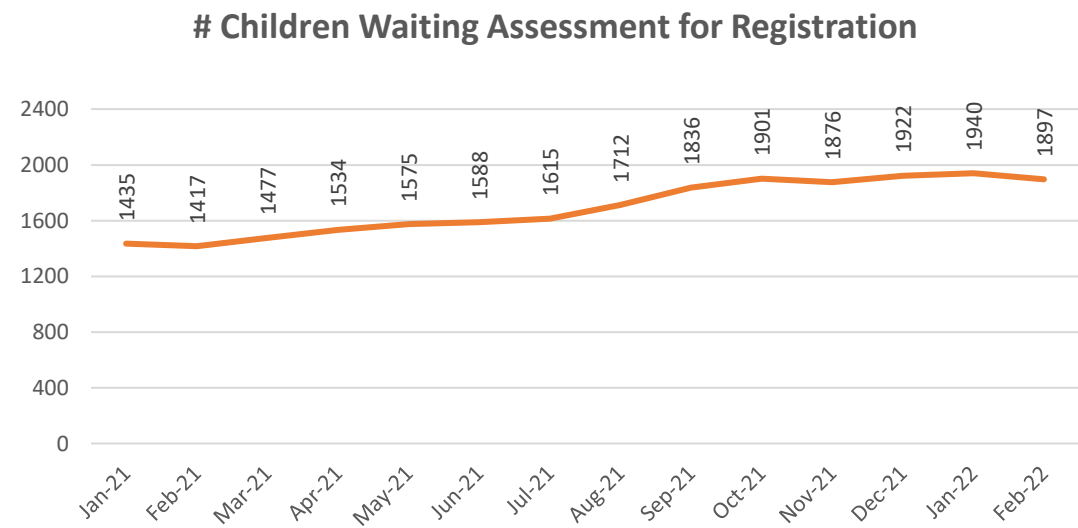


ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION ASSESSMENT AND REGISTRATION SERVICE

- **1,838 children on the register for home education at the end of February 2022**, one more than January 2022 (1,837) and the highest number for the period Jan-2021 to Feb-2022. The number of children on the register is up 6% (97) on February 2021 (1,741).



- **1,897 children on a waiting list for assessment at the end of February 2022**, 43 (2%) fewer than January 2022 (1,940). The number of children on the waiting list is up 34% (480) on February 2021 (1,417).



Tusla Education Support Services

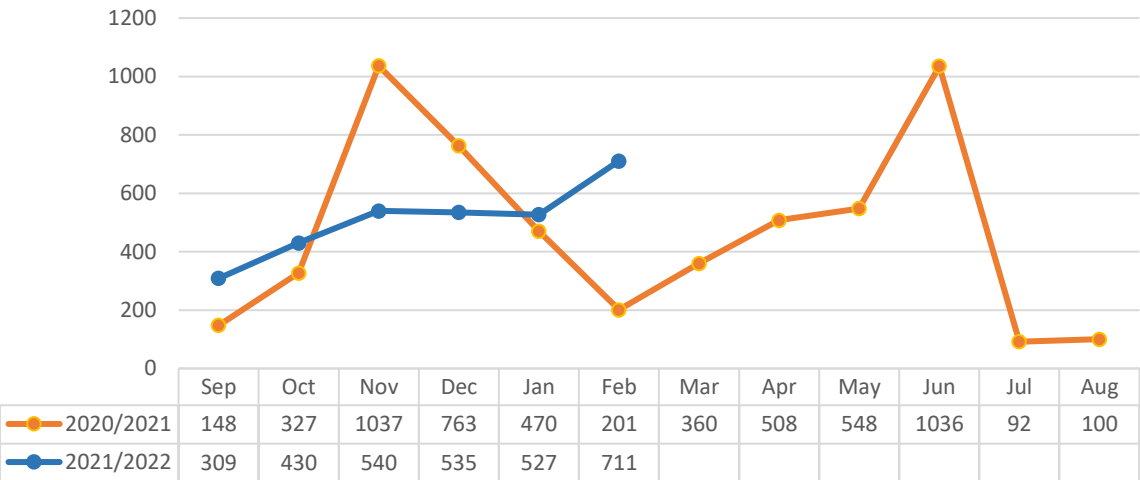
Service activity for 2020/2021 impacted by the closure of schools (Covid-19)

- **711 referrals screened** by senior educational welfare services in February 2022, 184 (35%) more than January 2022 (527) and 510 (254%) more than February 2021 (201). Brings to 3,052 the number of referrals screened for the six months Sept 2021 – February 2022, 106 (4%) more than Sept 2020 – Feb 2021 (2,946).

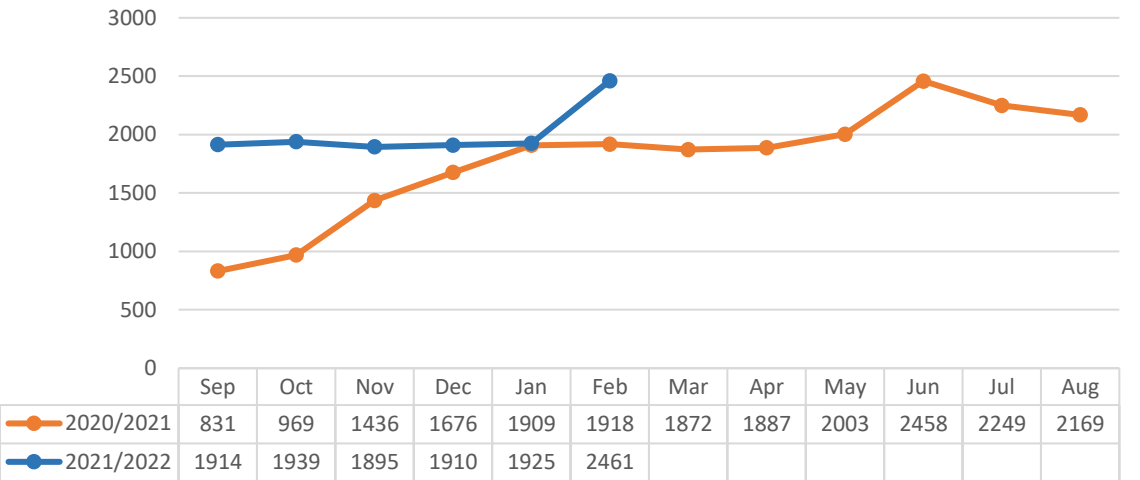
- **2,461 referrals on a waiting list** for educational welfare services at the end of February 2022, 536 (28%) more than January 2022 (1,925) and 543 (28%) more than February 2021 (1,918).

- **338 new individual children worked with** in February 2022, 75 (18%) fewer than January 2022 (413) and 197 (140%) more than February 2021 (141). Brings to 1,863 the number of new individual children worked with for the six months Sept 2021 – February 2022, 269 (17%) more than Sept 2020 – Feb 2021 (1,594).

Referrals for Educational Welfare Service



Referrals on a Waiting List at Month End



Number of New Individual Children Worked with in the Month

