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Headline Data – February 2023

Child Protection & Welfare

- 22,736 cases open to social work at the end of February 2023, 318 (1.4%) more than January 2023 (22,418) and 973 (4%) more than February 2023 (21,763).
- 73% (16,661) of cases open to social work had an allocated social worker.
- 6,075 cases awaiting allocation of a social worker at the end of February 2023, 608 (9%) fewer than January 2023 (6,683) and 1,625 (37%) more than February 2022 (4,450).
- Five areas account for 59% (3,589) of cases awaiting allocation: Dublin South Central (933), Cork (754), Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (708), Waterford/Wexford (647) and Dublin North City (547).
- 7% (416) of cases awaiting allocation at the end of February were categorised as high priority, 64 (13%) fewer than January 2023 (480), and eight more than February 2022 (408).

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

Children in Care (data for February 2023 not available at the time of publication)

- 5,597 children in care at the end of January 2023. *Note: this data does not include separated children seeking international protection – this data is not available at this time.*
- Across the 17 Tusla areas there 33 fewer children in care at the end of January 2023 than at the end of December 2022 (5,630) and 170 (3%) fewer than the same period in 2022 (5,767).
- 800 (14%) children in care at the end of January 2023 were in placements with private providers. *Note: this data does not include separated children seeking international protection – this data is not available at this time.*
- Across the 17 Tusla areas there were 14 (2%) fewer children in care with private providers at the end of January 2023 than at the end of December 2022 (814) and 41 (5%) more than at the end of January 2022 (759).
- 84% (4,724) of children in care at the end of January 2023 had an allocated social worker. *Note: this data does not include separated children seeking international protection – this data is not available at this time.*
- Across the 17 areas, a total of 873 children were awaiting an allocated social worker, 44 (5%) more than December 2022 (829).

Child Protection Notification System (CPNS)

- 850 children listed as “active” at the end of February 2023, no change from January 2023.
- There were 125 (13%) fewer children “active” at the end of February 2023 than at the end of February 2022 (975).
- All children listed as “active” at the end of February 2023 had an allocated social worker.

Children’s Services Regulation

- 4,052 early years services on the register at the end of February 2023, 28 more than January 2023 (4,024). There were 69 (2%) fewer services on the register at the end of February 2023 than February 2022 (4,121).
- 186 inspections of early years services done in February 2023. This brings to 400 the number of inspections done for the first two months of 2023, 24 (6%) fewer than the same period in 2022 (424).
- 2,043 children on the register for home education at the end of February 2023, 48 (2%) more than January 2023 (1,995) and 205 (11%) more than February 2022 (1,838).
- 1,409 children on a waiting list for assessment at the end of February 2023, four fewer than January 2023 (1,413), the seventh consecutive decrease and 488 (26%) fewer than February 2022 (1,897).

Tusla Education Support Services

- 685 referrals screened by senior educational welfare services in February 2022. This brings to 3,412 the number of referrals screened for the first six months of the 2022/2023 academic year, 360 (12%) more than the same period in 2021/2022 (3,052).
- 3,351 referrals on a waiting list for educational welfare services at the end of February 2023, 43 more than January 2023 (3,308) and 890 (36%) more than February 2022 (2,461). Third consecutive increase after six consecutive monthly decreases.
- 373 new individual children worked with in February 2023. This brings to 1,953 the number of new individual children worked with for the first six months of the 2022/2023 academic year, 90 (5%) more than the same period in 2021/2022 (1,863).

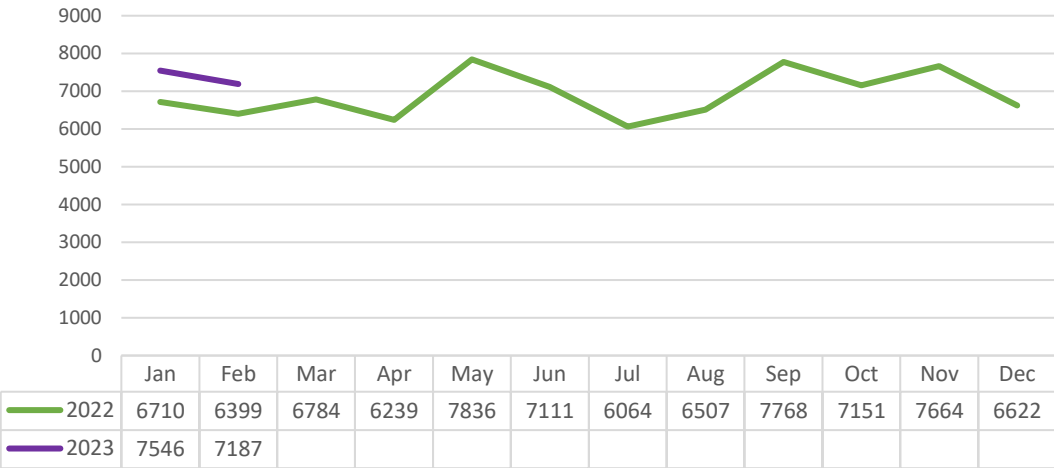
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Referrals¹

- **7,187 referrals** in February 2023, 359 (5%) more than January 2023 (7,546) and 788 (12%) more than February 2022 (6,399).

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Referrals



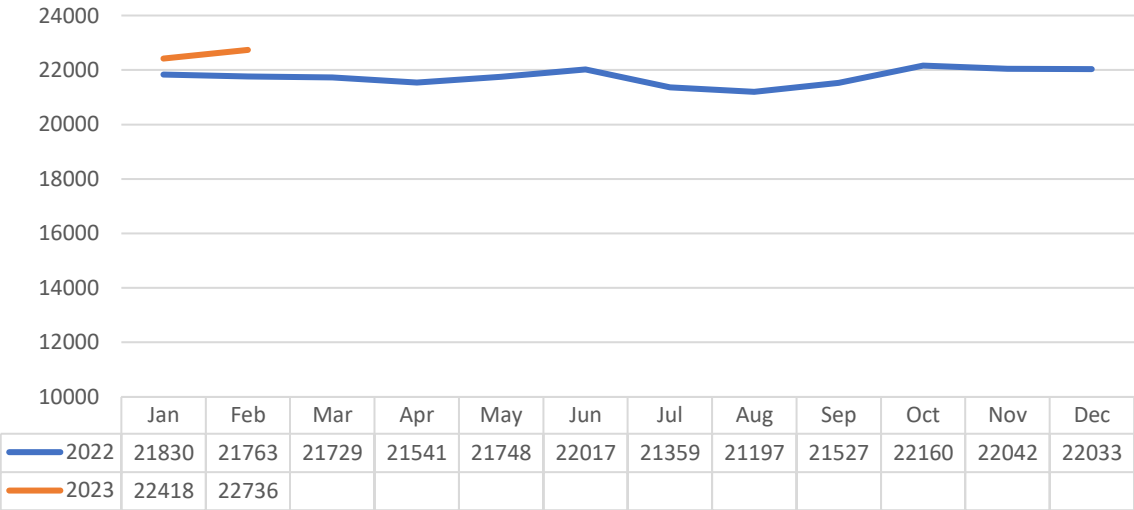
Open Cases

- **22,736 cases open to social work** at the end of February 2023, 318 (1.4%) more than January 2023 (22,418) and 973 (4%) more than February 2022 (21,763).

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 TCM at month end.

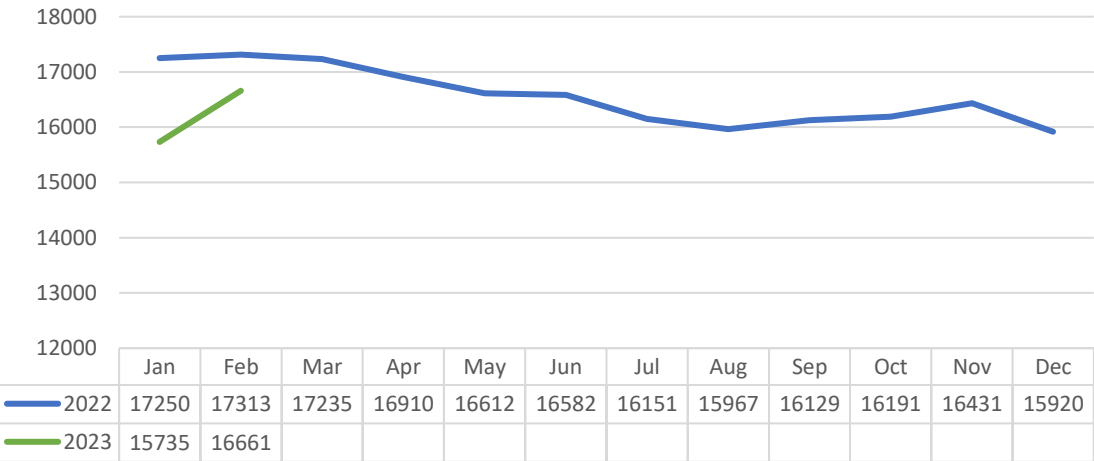
Number of Open Cases



Allocated Cases

- **16,661 open cases allocated** to a social worker at the end of February 2023, 926 (6%) more than January 2023 (15,735) and 652 (4%) fewer than February 2023 (17,313)
- Allocated cases account for 73% of open cases, up three percentage points from January 2023 (70%)

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).

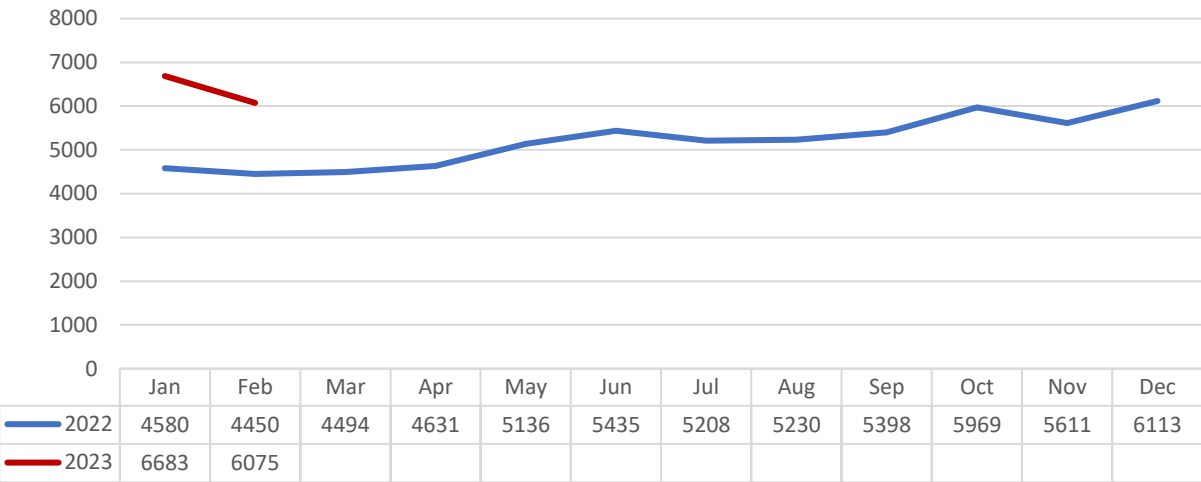
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Cases Awaiting Allocation of a Social Worker

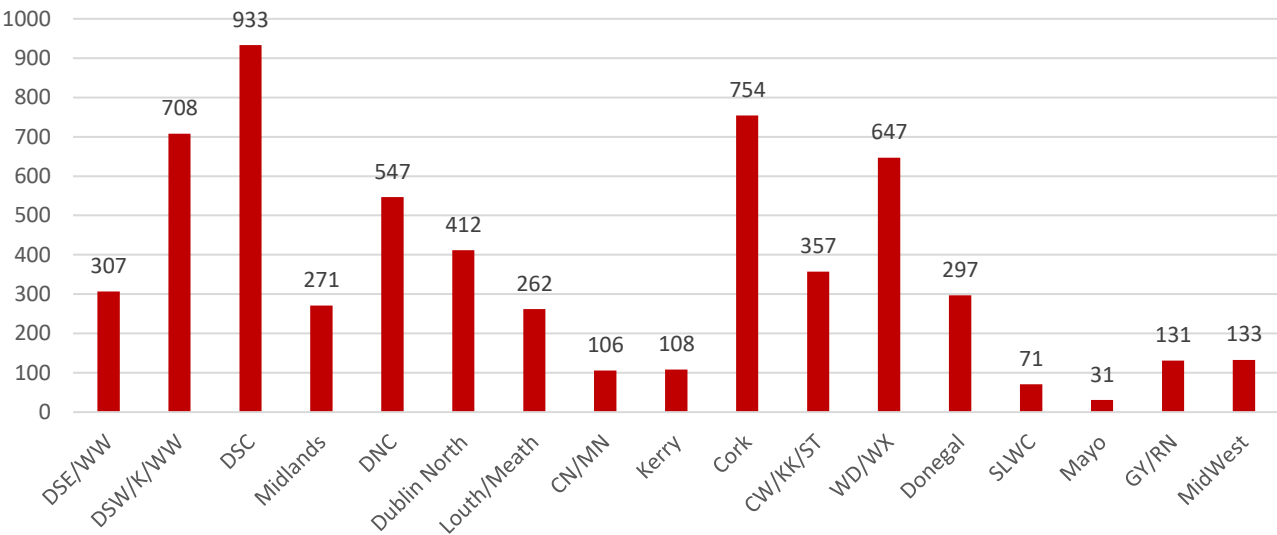
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- **6,075 cases awaiting allocation of a social worker** at the end of February 2023, 608 (9%) fewer than January 2023 (6,683) and 1,625 (37%) more than February 2022 (4,450). Cases awaiting allocation account for 27% of open cases (22,736), down three percentage points from January 2023 (30%).
- 58% (3,506) of cases awaiting allocation at the end of February 2023 were “active on duty”. *This means that actions were undertaken by dedicated duty teams or rotating social workers on a duty roster to progress the protection and welfare of the cases. Examples of actions undertaken include telephone calls relating to the concern, visits to see children, completing initial assessments and child in care reviews or care plans.*
- Highest number of cases awaiting allocation reported by Dublin South Central (933) followed by Cork (754), Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (708), Waterford/Wexford (647) and Dublin North City (547). These five areas account for 59% (3,589) of all cases awaiting allocation.
- 416 cases awaiting allocation at the end of February 2023 were categorised as high priority, 64 (13%) fewer than January 2023 (480), and eight more than February 2022 (408).
- High priority cases account for 7% of cases awaiting allocation.
- 47% (2,854) of cases awaiting allocation were categorised at medium priority while the remaining 46% (2,805) were low priority.
- Highest number of high priority cases reported by Waterford/Wexford (64) followed by Midlands (59), Donegal (54), Louth/Meath (51) and Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (35). These five areas account for 63% (263) of all high priority cases awaiting.

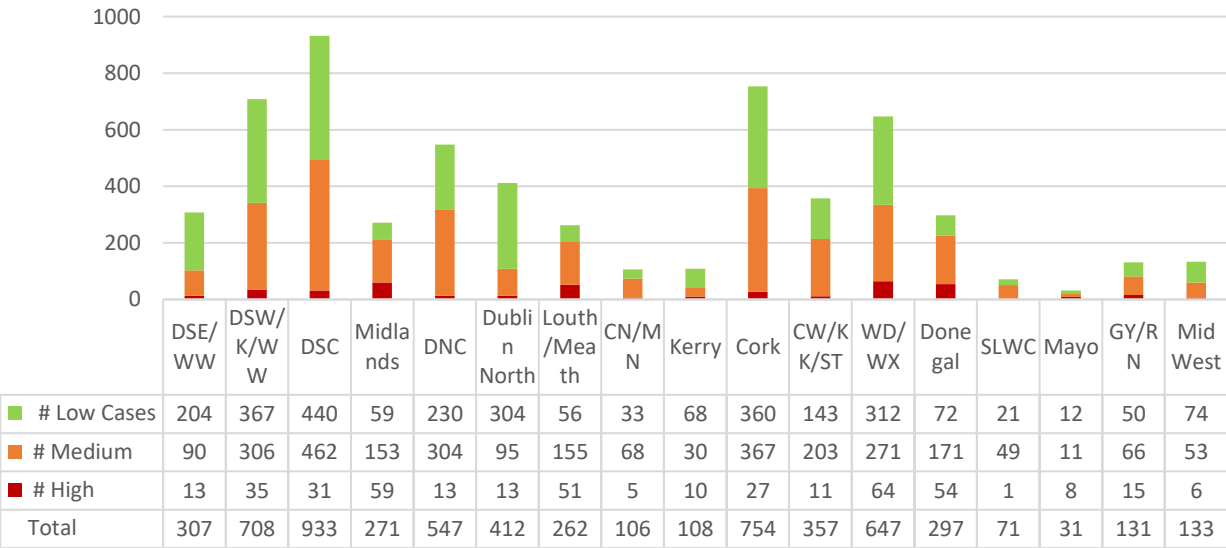
Number of Unallocated Cases



Number of Unallocated Cases



Number Unallocated Cases by Priority Level



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Cases Awaiting Allocation

- 13/17 areas reported a decrease in unallocated cases from January 2023.
- Largest decreases reported by Waterford/Wexford (down 219), Dublin North City (down 97) and Midlands (down 83).
- Of the four areas that reported an increase, the largest increase was reported by Donegal (up 18) and Galway/Roscommon (up 18) followed by Dublin South Central (up 14) and Carlow/Kilkenny/South Tipperary (up 8).
- Nationally 27% of open cases were unallocated at the end of February 2023. Eight areas reported a percentage equal to or higher than the national average of 27%. Highest percentages reported by Dublin South Central (53%), Carlow/Kilkenny/South Tipperary (42%), Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (40%), Donegal (36%) and Waterford/Wexford (35%).
- 14/17 areas had more cases awaiting allocation at the end of February 2023 than at the end of February 2022. Largest increases reported by Dublin South Central (up 473), Dublin North City (up 351), Cork (up 325) and Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (up 230).
- Three areas reported a decrease as follows, Louth/Meath (down 329), Midwest (down 91) and Midlands (down 22).

Area	Feb-22 # Unallocated	Feb-22 % Unallocated	Dec-22 # Unallocated	Jan-23 # Unallocated	Feb-23 # Unallocated	Feb-23 % Unallocated	Dec- Feb	Feb-23 v Feb-22	% Δ	Feb-23 v Jan-23	% Δ1
DSE/WW	291	26%	350	334	307	31%		16	5%	-27	-8%
DSW/K/WW	478	29%	801	770	708	40%		230	48%	-62	-8%
DSC	460	32%	797	919	933	53%		473	103%	14	2%
Midlands	293	16%	255	354	271	14%		-22	-8%	-83	-23%
DNC	196	11%	540	644	547	27%		351	179%	-97	-15%
Dublin North	293	12%	487	443	412	16%		119	41%	-31	-7%
Louth/Meath	591	37%	255	320	262	20%		-329	-56%	-58	-18%
CN/MN	69	11%	114	130	106	18%		37	54%	-24	-18%
Kerry	61	13%	102	109	108	21%		47	77%	-1	-1%
Cork	429	20%	735	756	754	28%		325	76%	-2	0%
CW/KK/ST	196	22%	328	349	357	42%		161	82%	8	2%
WD/WX	525	30%	675	866	647	35%		122	23%	-219	-25%
Donegal	167	23%	300	279	297	36%		130	78%	18	6%
SLWC	58	15%	86	77	71	18%		13	22%	-6	-8%
Mayo	25	4%	47	39	31	8%		6	24%	-8	-21%
GY/RN	94	10%	118	113	131	12%		37	39%	18	16%
MidWest	224	17%	123	181	133	11%		-91	-41%	-48	-27%
TOTAL	4450	20%	6113	6683	6075	27%		1625	37%	-608	-9%

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

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Summary Tables

Referrals				Open Cases			Allocated Cases			Unallocated Cases		
Area	Jan-23	Feb-23	Δ	Jan-23	Feb-23	Δ2	Jan-23	Feb-23	Δ3	Jan-23	Feb-23	Δ4
DSE/WW	283	306	23	1,003	998	-5	669	691	22	334	307	-27
DSW/K/WW	708	689	-19	1,851	1,768	-83	1,081	1,060	-21	770	708	-62
DSC	568	532	-36	1,668	1,750	82	749	817	68	919	933	14
Midlands	705	619	-86	1,882	1,941	59	1,528	1,670	142	354	271	-83
DNC	437	431	-6	2,049	2,002	-47	1,405	1,455	50	644	547	-97
Dublin North	671	861	190	2,384	2,642	258	1,941	2,230	289	443	412	-31
Louth/Meath	624	560	-64	1,210	1,283	73	890	1,021	131	320	262	-58
CN/MN	212	179	-33	612	586	-26	482	480	-2	130	106	-24
Kerry	237	225	-12	540	510	-30	431	402	-29	109	108	-1
Cork	636	616	-20	2,650	2,670	20	1,894	1,916	22	756	754	-2
CW/KK/ST	365	364	-1	824	850	26	475	493	18	349	357	8
WD/WX	605	512	-93	1,977	1,853	-124	1,111	1,206	95	866	647	-219
Donegal	220	205	-15	810	832	22	531	535	4	279	297	18
SLWC	113	137	24	341	391	50	264	320	56	77	71	-6
Mayo	133	86	-47	403	395	-8	364	364	0	39	31	-8
GY/RN	443	396	-47	957	1,088	131	844	957	113	113	131	18
MidWest	586	469	-117	1,257	1,177	-80	1,076	1,044	-32	181	133	-48
Total	7,546	7,187	-359	22,418	22,736	318	15,735	16,661	926	6,683	6075	-608

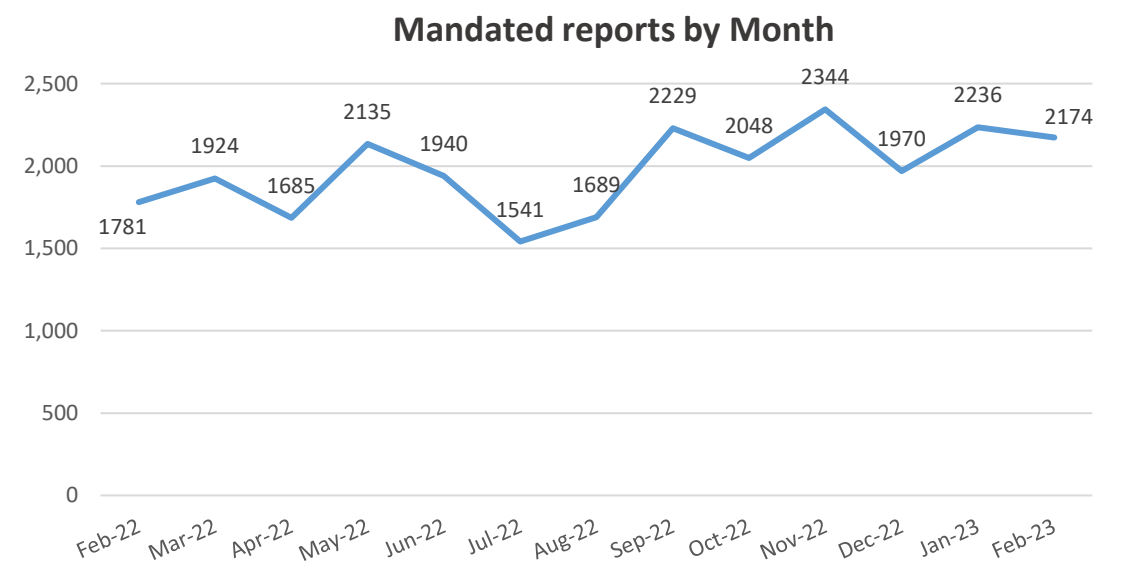
High Priority				Medium Priority			Low Priority		
Area	Awaiting Jan-23	Awaiting Feb-23	Δ	Awaiting Jan-23	Awaiting Feb-23	Δ 2	Awaiting Jan-23	Awaiting Feb-23	Δ 3
DSE/WW	27	13	-14	114	90	-24	193	204	11
DSW/K/WW	30	35	5	420	306	-114	320	367	47
DSC	45	31	-14	448	462	14	426	440	14
Midlands	47	59	12	155	153	-2	152	59	-93
DNC	23	13	-10	364	304	-60	257	230	-27
Dublin North	32	13	-19	134	95	-39	277	304	27
Louth/Meath	58	51	-7	192	155	-37	70	56	-14
CN/MN	13	5	-8	90	68	-22	27	33	6
Kerry	2	10	8	19	30	11	88	68	-20
Cork	8	27	19	399	367	-32	349	360	11
CW/KK/ST	29	11	-18	189	203	14	131	143	12
WD/WX	73	64	-9	386	271	-115	407	312	-95
Donegal	50	54	4	172	171	-1	57	72	15
SLWC	2	1	-1	56	49	-7	19	21	2
Mayo	12	8	-4	20	11	-9	7	12	5
GY/RN	8	15	7	67	66	-1	38	50	12
MidWest	21	6	-15	87	53	-34	73	74	1
TOTAL	480	416	-64	3,312	2,854	-458	2,891	2,805	-86

Mandated Reports¹ – Child Protection & Welfare

- **2,174 mandated reports of abuse** received in February 2023, 62 (3%) fewer than January 2023 (2,236). This brings to 4,410 the number of reports for the first two months of 2023, 844 (24%) more than the same period in 2022 (3,566).

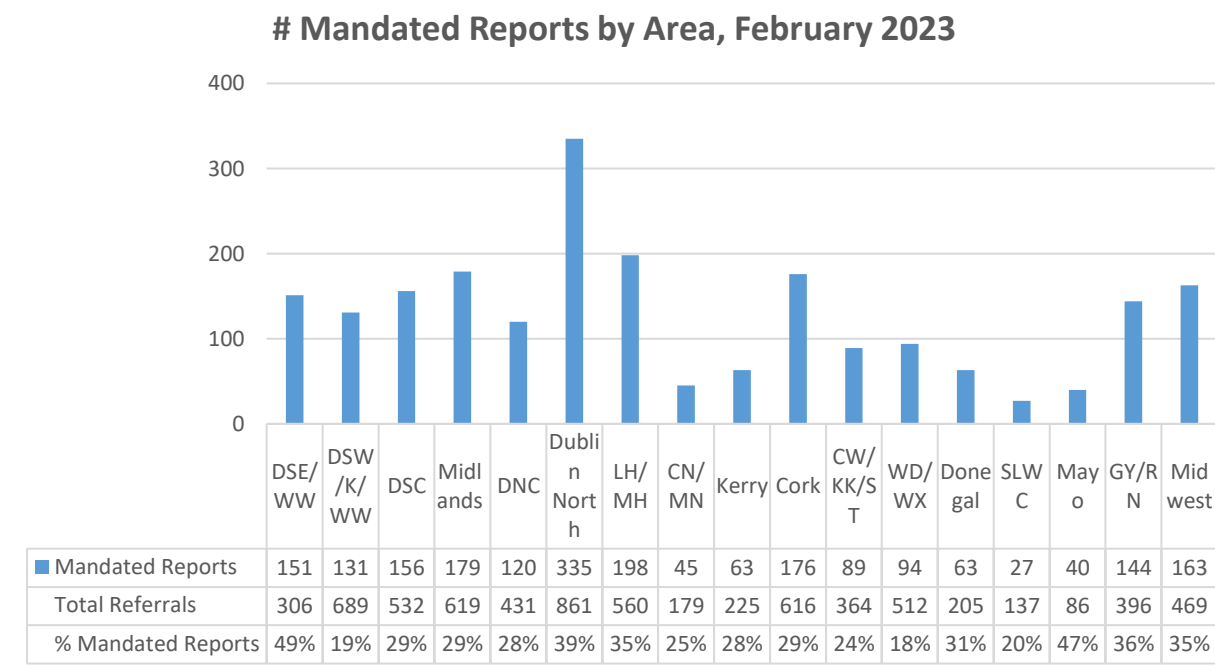
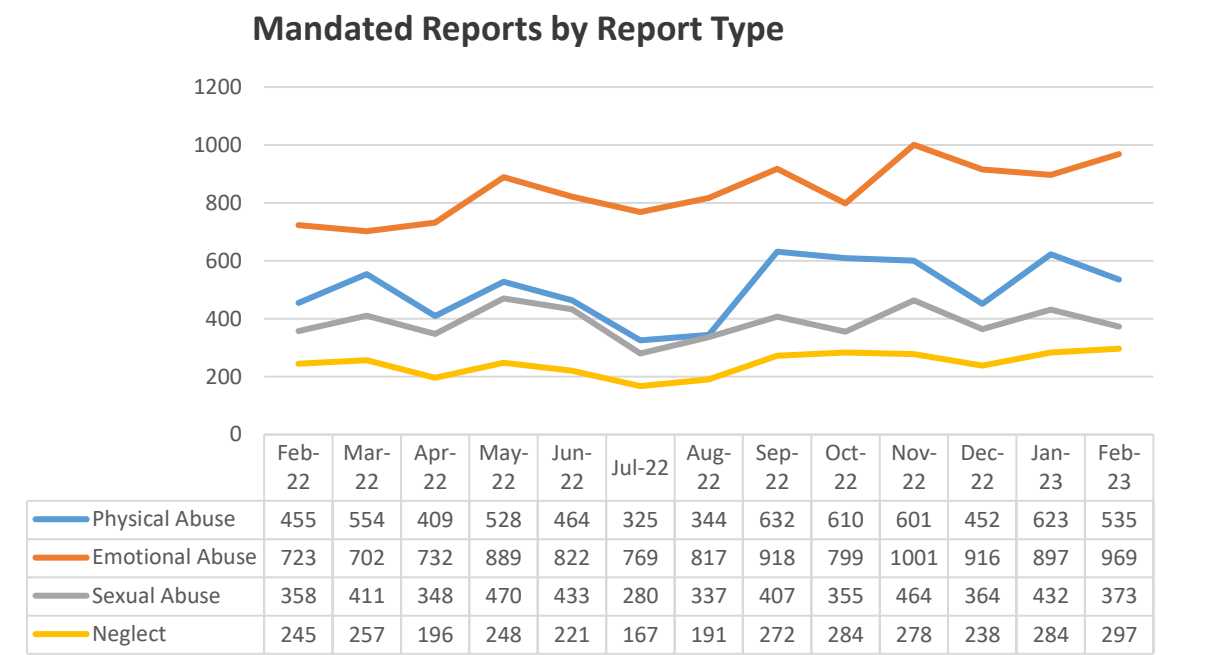
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- Mandated reports accounted for 30% (2,174) of all referrals received (7,187) in February 2023.



- The number of mandated reports for February 2023, by area ranged from 27 (Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan) to 335 (Dublin North).
- As a percentage of referrals, the highest percentage (49%) was reported by Dublin South East/Wicklow (49%) followed by Mayo (47%) and Dublin North (39%).
- The lowest percentages were reported by Waterford/Wexford (18%), Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (19%) and Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan (20%)

- Highest number of reports for February 2023 were for emotional abuse (969; 45%) followed by physical abuse (535; 25%), sexual abuse (373; 17%) and neglect (297; 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 2023 from An Garda Síochána (895; 41%) followed by teachers (393; 18%), social workers (217; 10%), safeguarding officers (163; 8%), social care workers (107; 4%), medical practitioners (87; 4%) and psychotherapists (66; 3%). These seven sources account for 89% (1,928) of reports for February 2023.
- Highest number of reports for 2023 YTD from An Garda Síochána (1,873; 42%) followed by teachers 819; 19%), social workers (451; 10%), safeguarding officers (305; 7%), social care workers (203; 5%), medical practitioners (169; 4%) and psychotherapists (121; 3%). These seven sources account for 89% (3,941) of reports or 2023 YTD.

Source	# Feb 2023	% Feb 2023	Total YTD 2023	Total YTD 2023
Medical practitioner (Registered)	87	4.00%	169	3.83%
Nurse or registered midwife (Registered)	51	2.35%	103	2.34%
Physiotherapist (Registered)	6	0.28%	7	0.16%
Speech & language therapist (Registered)	*	*	*	*
Occupational therapist (Registered)	*	*	7	0.16%
Registered dentist	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Psychologist who practises as such and who is eligible for registration	38	1.75%	75	1.70%
Social care worker who practises as such and who is eligible for registration	107	4.92%	203	4.60%
Social worker who practises as such and who is eligible for registration	217	9.98%	451	10.23%
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.	6	0.28%	12	0.27%
Teacher registered with the Teaching Council.	393	18.08%	819	18.57%
An Garda Síochána Member	895	41.17%	1873	42.47%
Guardian ad litem appointed in accordance with section 26 of the Child Care Act 1991	*	*	8	0.18%
Domestic violence shelter manager	47	2.16%	91	2.06%
Homeless provision or emergency accommodation facility manager	11	0.51%	29	0.66%
Asylum seeker accommodation (direct provision) centre manager	*	*	7	0.16%
Addiction counsellor employed by a body funded, wholly or partly, out of moneys provided by the Oireachtas	0	0.00%	6	0.14%
Psychotherapist or a person providing counselling who is registered with one of the voluntary professional bodies	66	3.04%	121	2.74%
Language school or other recreational school where children reside away from home manager	*	*	*	*
Clergy member (howsoever described) or pastoral care worker (howsoever described) of a church or other religious community;	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Institution where a child is detained by an order of a court (Director)	*	*	*	*
Safeguarding officer, child protection officer or other person (howsoever described) who is employed for the purpose of performing the child welfare and protection function of religious, sporting, recreational, cultural, educational and other bodies and organisations offering services to children;	163	7.50%	305	6.92%
Child care staff member employed in a pre-school service within the meaning of Part VIIA of the Child Care Act 1991;	11	0.51%	18	0.41%
Youth work service - person responsible for the care or management within the meaning of section 2 of the Youth Work Act 2001	34	1.56%	40	0.91%
Youth worker holds a professional qualification and who is employed in a youth work service	12	0.55%	28	0.63%
Foster carer registered with the Agency.	*	*	7	0.16%
Pre-school service within the meaning of Part VIIA of the Child Care Act 1991.	12	0.55%	18	0.41%
Total (includes suppressed values)	2,174	100.00%	4,,410	100.00%

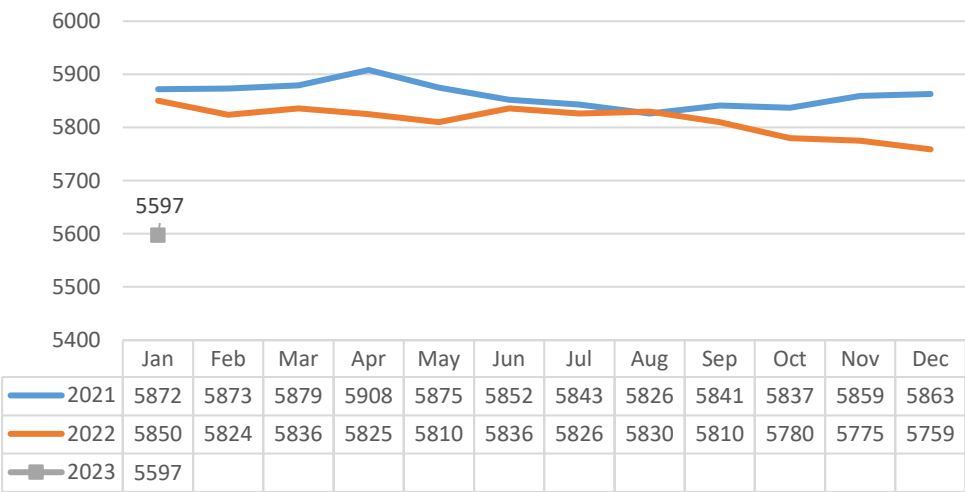
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Children in Care

Data for February 2023 not available at the time of publication

- **5,597 children in care at the end of January 2023.** *Note this data does not include separated children seeking international protection – this data is not available at this time.*
- Across the 17 Tusla areas there 33 fewer children in care at the end of January 2023 than at the end of December 2022 (5,630) and 170 (3%) fewer than the same period in 2022 (5,767).
- 64.3% (3,597) of children in care are in general foster care, 25.9% (1,452) are in relative foster care, 6.9% (386) are in residential care and 2.9% (162) are in “other” care placements.
- 11 (2.8%) of the 386 children in residential placements are in special care.

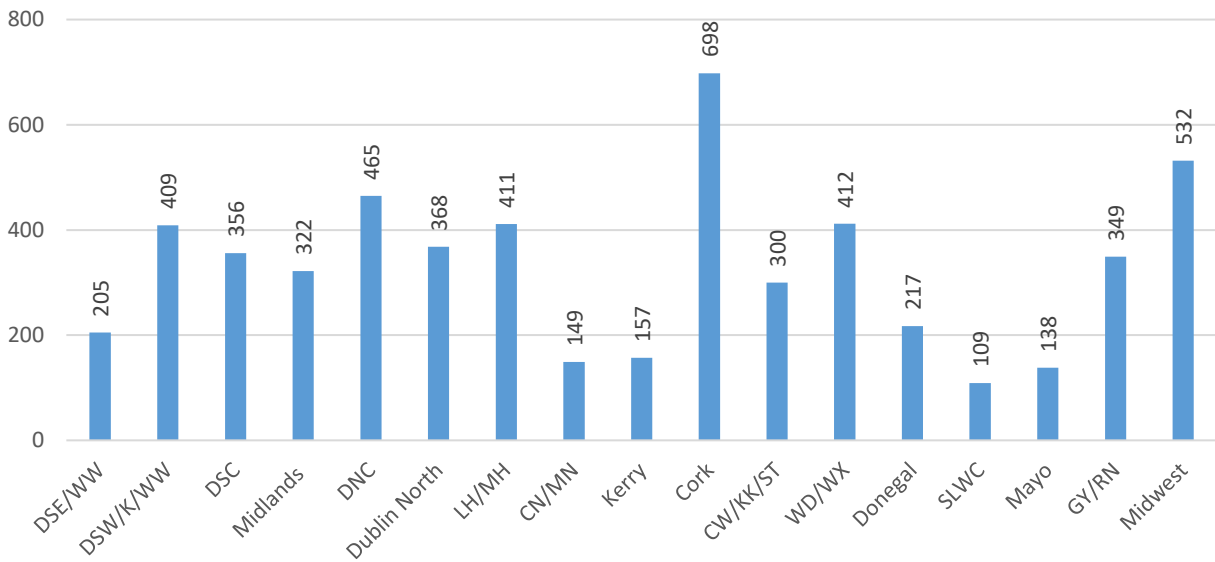
Children in Care by Month



Note: data for January 2023 does not include separated children seeking international protection

- Highest number of children in care reported by Cork (698) followed by Midwest (532) and Dublin North City (465).
- Fewest number reported by Sligo/Leitrim West Cavan (109), Mayo (138) and Cavan/Monaghan (149).
- Highest rate of children in care per 1,000 children was reported by Dublin North City (10.4/1,000) followed by Waterford/Wexford (6.0/1,000), 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.

Number of Children in Care by Area



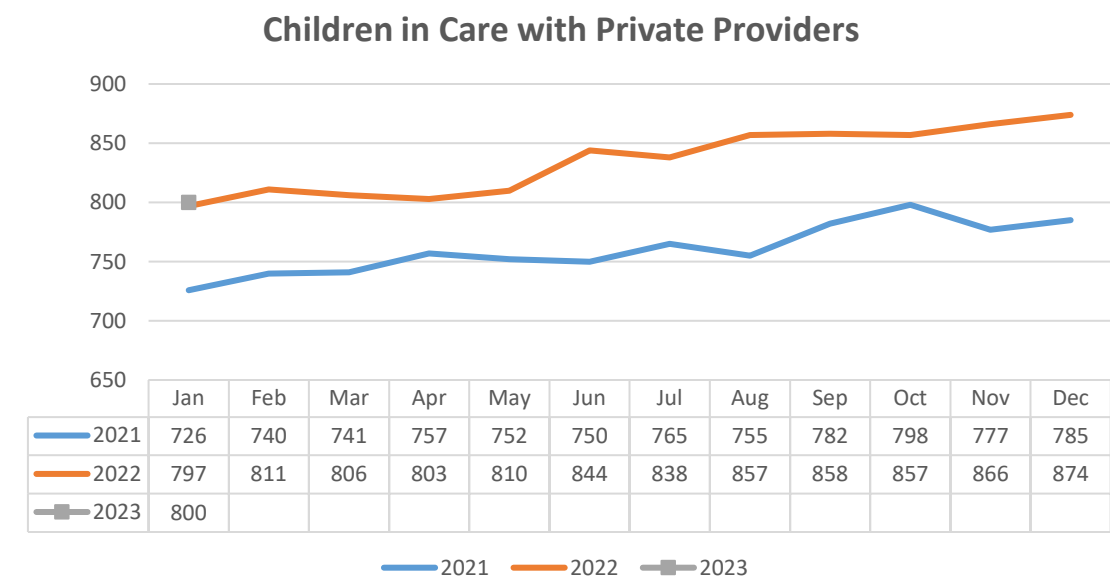
Rate of Children in Care / 1,000 population 0-17 years

				Jan-23 v	Jan-23 v		
Area	Jan-22	Dec-22	Jan-23	Jan-22	Dec-22	Population	Rate/1,000
Dublin North City	469	464	465	-4	1	44,927	10.4
Waterford/Wexford	423	406	412	-11	6	68,513	6.0
Midwest	548	531	532	-16	1	96,266	5.5
Dublin South Central	366	355	356	-10	1	65,564	5.4
Cork	746	706	698	-48	-8	134,015	5.2
Donegal	224	217	217	-7	0	42,865	5.1
CW/KK/ST	323	307	300	-23	-7	63,009	4.8
Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan	106	109	109	3	0	23,554	4.6
Kerry	158	158	157	-1	-1	34,527	4.5
Louth/Meath	420	420	411	-9	-9	93,093	4.4
Galway/Roscommon	369	350	349	-20	-1	79,912	4.4
Mayo	145	137	138	-7	1	31,968	4.3
Cavan/Monaghan	155	149	149	-6	0	36,446	4.1
Midlands	333	328	322	-11	-6	80,193	4.0
DSW/K/WW	423	413	409	-14	-4	108,186	3.8
Dublin North	346	374	368	22	-6	100,654	3.7
Dublin South East/Wicklow	213	206	205	-8	-1	86,810	2.4
Total Areas	5767	5,630	5,597	-170	-33	1,190,502	4.7
SWTSCIP	83	129	NA				
National	5,850	5,759	NA				

*Social Work Team for Separated Children Seeking International Protection (SWTSCSIP) – data for January 2023 not available at this time.

Children in Care

- **800 (14%) children in care at the end of January 2023 were in placements with private providers.** *Note: this data does not include separated children seeking international protection. Also, 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.*
- Across the 17 Tusla areas there were 14 (2%) fewer children in care with private providers at the end of January 2023 than at the end of December 2022 (814) and 41 (5%) more than at the end of January 2022 (759).



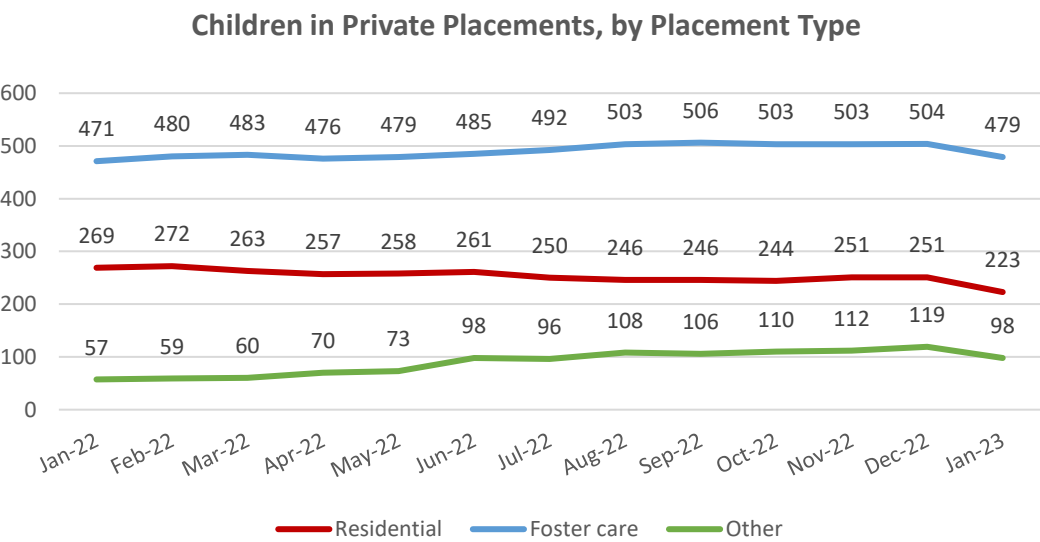
- 479 (60%) children in placements with private providers were in **foster care**.
- 223 (28%) children were in **residential care** [Ref note above re: voluntary organisations]
- The remaining 98 (12%) children were in “Other” care placements. “Other” care placements include supported lodgings, other 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 (102), Dublin South Central (101) and Dublin North (97).

Children in care with private providers

	Jan-22	Dec-22	Jan-23	Jan-23 v Jan-22	Jan-23 v Dec-22
with Private Providers					
DSE/WW	43	48	47	4	-1
DSW/K/WW	108	116	116	8	0
DSC	105	98	101	-4	3
Midlands	66	67	67	1	0
DNC	95	107	102	7	-5
Dublin North	75	100	97	22	-3
LH/MH	36	41	41	5	0
CN/MN	*	*	*	0	0
Kerry	16	29	27	11	-2
Cork	67	62	61	-6	-1
CW/KK/ST	13	15	15	2	0
WD/WX	41	25	24	-17	-1
Donegal	21	23	23	2	0
SLWC	9	14	14	5	0
Mayo	*	*	*	0	0
GY/RN	17	19	17	0	-2
Midwest	38	41	39	1	-2
SWTSCSIP	38	60	NA	NA	NA
Total	797	874	800	41	-14

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

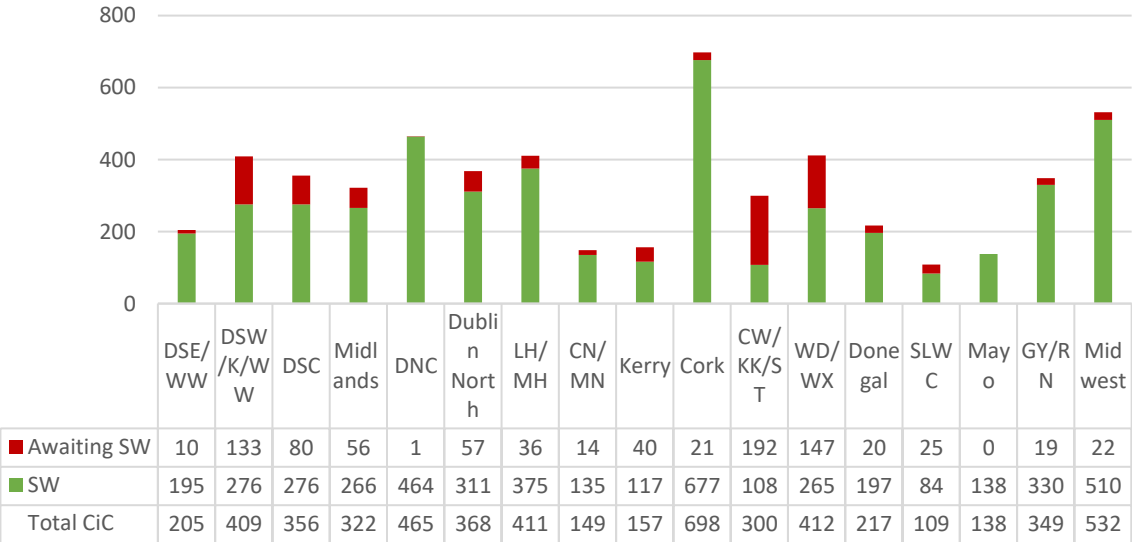


Note: data for January 2023 does not include separated children seeking international protection

Children in Care

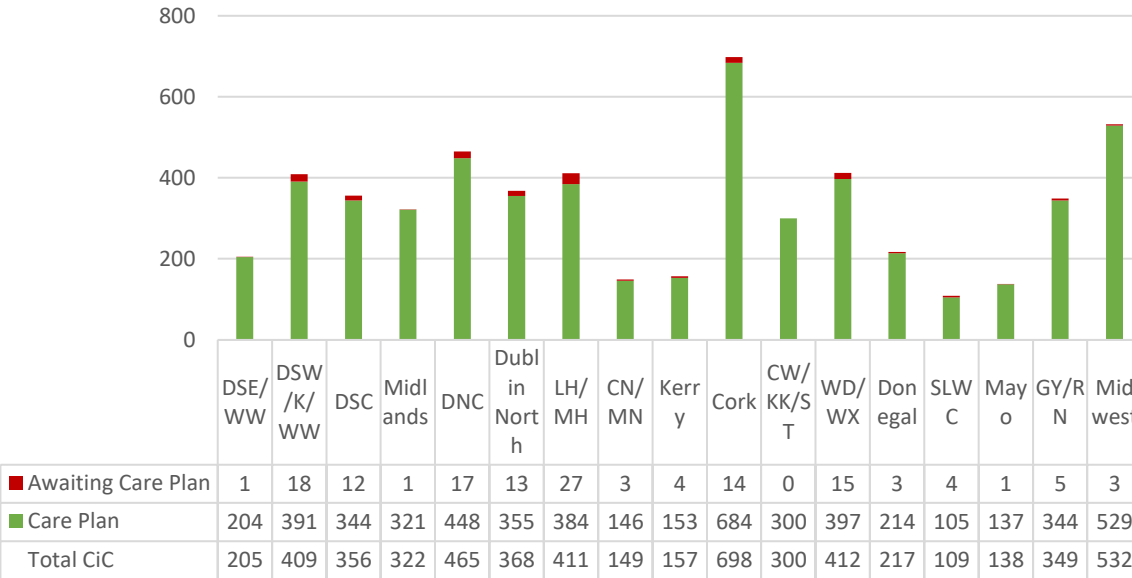
- **84% (4,724) of children in care at the end of January 2023 had an allocated social worker.** *Note this data does not include separated children seeking international protection.*
- Across the 17 areas, a total of 873 children were awaiting an allocated social worker, 44 (5%) more than December 2022 (829).
- Highest number awaiting reported by Carlow/Kilkenny/South Tipperary (192) followed by Waterford/Wexford (147), Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (133), Dublin South Central (80) Dublin North (57) and Midlands (56). These six areas account for 76% (665) of all cases awaiting allocation.

Children in Care with a Social Worker



- **97% (5,456) of children in care at the end of January 2023 had a care plan.** *Note this data does not include separated children seeking international protection*
- A total of 141 (3%) of children were awaiting a care plan.
- Highest numbers awaiting a care plan reported by Louth/Meath (27), Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (18) and Dublin North City (17).

Children in Care with a Care Plan



Child Protection Notification System

- **850 children listed as “active” at the end of February 2023, no change from January 2023.**
- There were 125 (13%) fewer children “active” at the end of February 2023 than at the end of February 2022 (975).
- All children listed as “active” at the end of February 2023 had an **allocated social worker**.

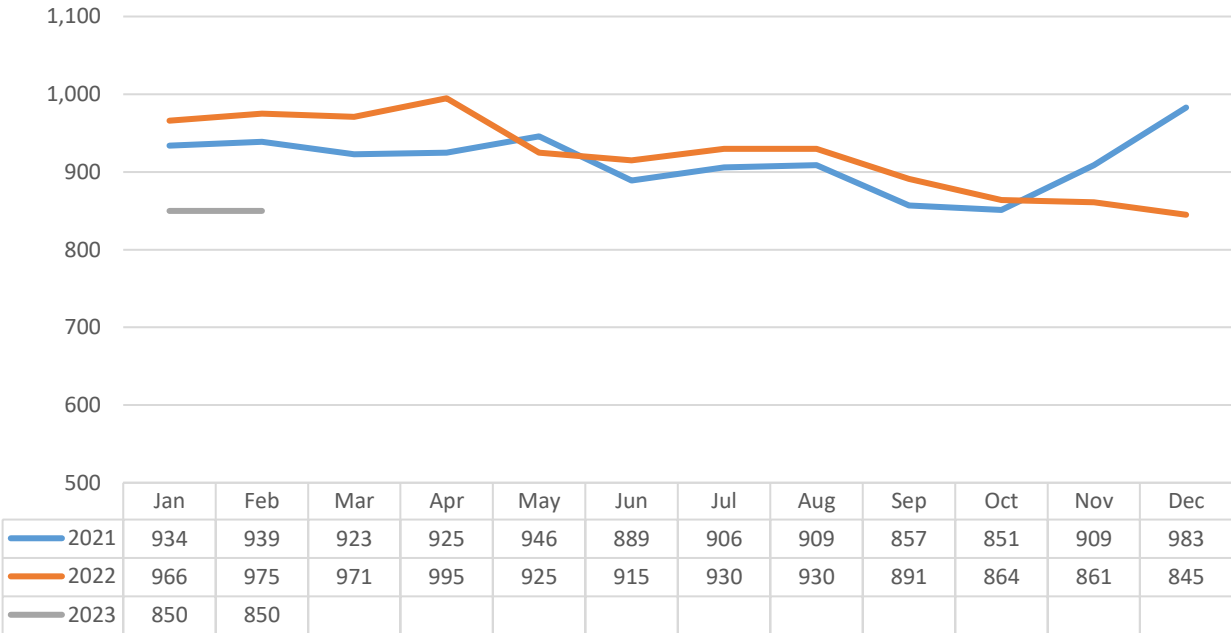
- Highest number of children listed as “active” at the end of February 2023 reported by Dublin North City (93) followed by Dublin North (90) and Cork (90).
- Fewest number listed as “active” reported by Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan (11) followed by Mayo (14) and Galway/Roscommon (19).

- Highest rates per 10,000 population under 18 years reported by Dublin North City (20.7/10,000) followed by to a lesser extent by Carlow/Kilkenny/South Tipperary (9.0/10,000), Dublin North (8.9/10,000) and Dublin South Central (8.8/10,000).
- Lowest rates reported by Galway/Roscommon (2.4/10,000), Louth/Meath (3.1/10,000) and Mayo (4.4/10,000).

- Nine areas reported a rate equal to or higher than the national rate of 7.1/10,000
- 8/17 areas had more children listed as “active” at the end of February 2023 than at the end of January 2023. Largest increases reported by Dublin South East/Wicklow (up 11), Dublin North City (up 7) and Kerry (up 5).
- 8/17 areas reported a decrease. Largest decreases reported by Cork (down 12), Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan (down 6), Waterford/Wexford (down 5) and Midwest (down 5).
- The remining area (Midlands) reported no change from January 2023.
- 5/17 areas had more children active at the end of February 2023 than at the end of the same period last year. Largest increases reported by Dublin North (up 19), Cork (up 14) and Dublin North City (up 9).

- 11/17 areas reported a decrease. Largest decreases reported by Waterford/Wexford (down 23), Galway/Roscommon (down 22) and Mayo (down 22). Louth/Meath reported no change.

Children "Active" on the CPNS



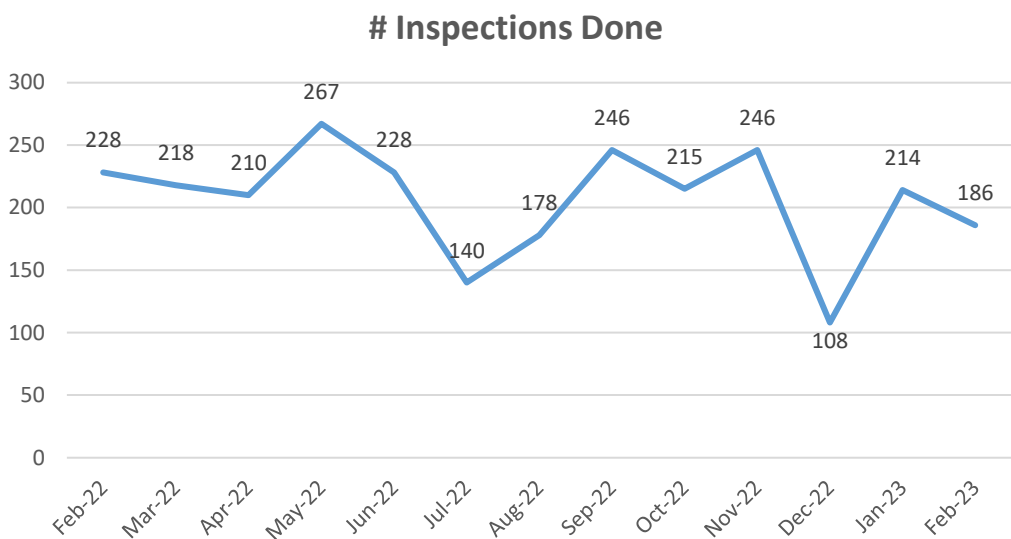
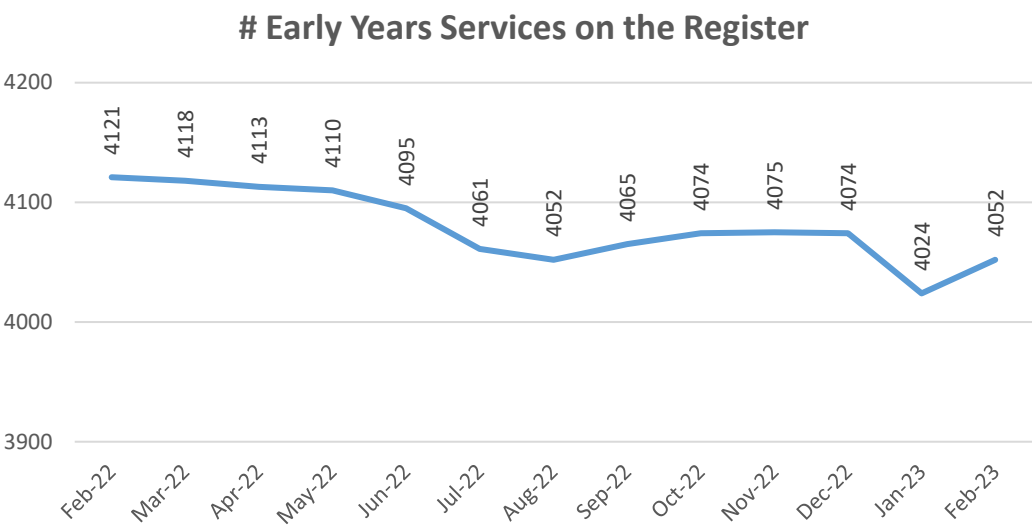
Number and rate of children “active” on the CPNS, by area (ranked by rate)

Area	Feb-22	Jan-23	Feb-23	Feb-23 v Feb-22	Feb-23 v Jan-23	Population	Rate/10,000
Dublin North City	84	86	93	9	7	44,927	20.7
Carlow / Kilkenny / South Tipperary	77	55	57	-20	2	63,009	9.0
Dublin North	71	86	90	19	4	100,654	8.9
Dublin South Central	61	62	58	-3	-4	65,564	8.8
Cavan / Monaghan	40	30	31	-9	1	36,446	8.5
Midlands	64	66	66	2	0	80,193	8.2
Donegal	55	32	35	-20	3	42,865	8.2
Mid West	90	75	70	-20	-5	96,266	7.3
Dublin South West / Kildare / West Wicklow	75	79	78	3	-1	108,186	7.2
Kerry	29	19	24	-5	5	34,527	7.0
Cork	76	102	90	14	-12	134,015	6.7
Waterford / Wexford	65	47	42	-23	-5	68,513	6.1
Dublin South East / Wicklow	57	32	43	-14	11	86,810	5.0
Sligo / Leitrim / West Cavan	25	17	11	-14	-6	23,554	4.7
Mayo	36	12	14	-22	2	31,968	4.4
Louth / Meath	29	30	29	0	-1	93,093	3.1
Galway / Roscommon	41	20	19	-22	-1	79,912	2.4
Total	975	850	850	-125	0	1,190,502	7.1

Children’s Services Regulation

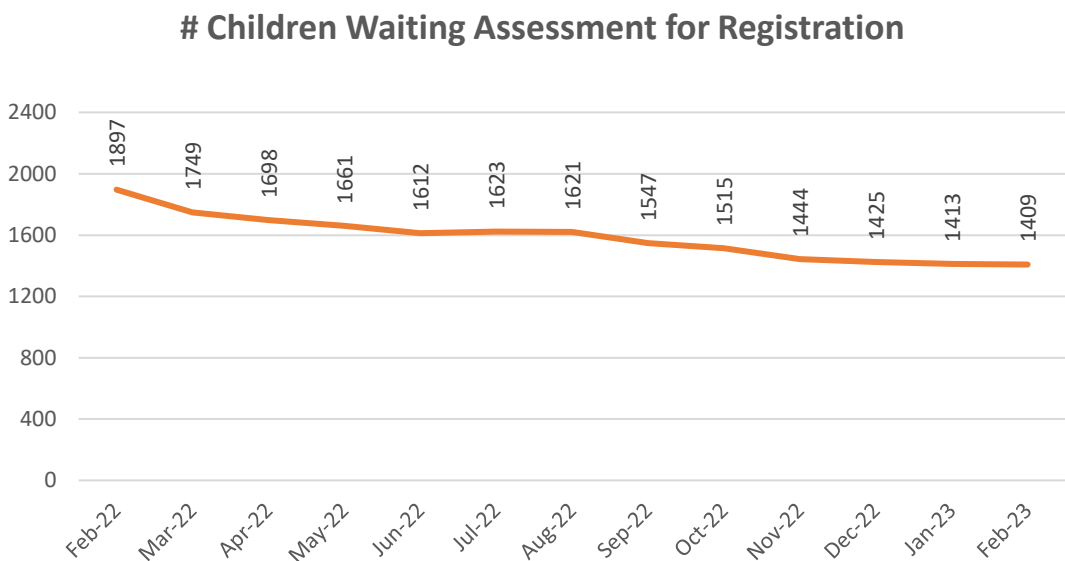
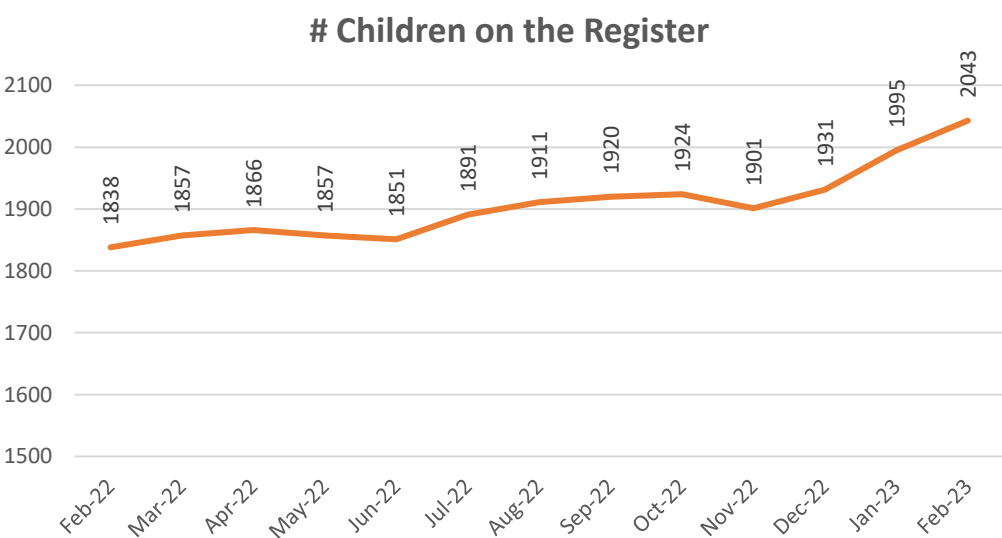
EARLY YEARS INSPECTORATE

- **4,052 early years services on the register at the end of February 2023**, 28 more than January 2023 (4,024). There were 69 (2%) fewer services on the register at the end of February 2023 than February 2022 (4,121).
- **186 inspections** of early years services done in February 2023. This brings to 400 the number of inspections done for the first two months of 2023, 24 (6%) fewer than the same period in 2022 (424).



ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION ASSESSMENT AND REGISTRATION SERVICE

- **2,043 children on the register for home education at the end of February 2023**, 48 (2%) more than January 2023 (1,995) and 205 (11%) more than February 2022 (1,838).
- **1,409 children on a waiting list for assessment at the end of February 2023**, four fewer than January 2023 (1,413), the seventh consecutive decrease and 488 (26%) fewer than February 2022 (1,897).



Tusla Education Support Services

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

- **685 referrals screened** by senior educational welfare services in February 2022. This brings to 3,412 the number of referrals screened for the first six months of the 2022/2023 academic year, 360 (12%) more than the same period in 2021/2022 (3,052).

- **3,351 referrals on a waiting list** for educational welfare services at the end of February 2023, 43 more than January 2023 (3,308) and 890 (36%) more than February 2022 (2,461). Third consecutive increase after six consecutive monthly decreases.

- **373 new individual children worked with** in February 2023. This brings to 1,953 the number of new individual children worked with for the first six months of the 2022/2023 academic year, 90 (5%) more than the same period in 2021/2022 (1,863).

