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Headline Data – May 2020

Child Protection & Welfare

- **Further decrease in cases awaiting allocation:** 3,661 cases awaiting allocation at the end of May 2020, down 15% (630) on April 2020 (4,291) and 38% (2,283) on May 2019 (5,944). Fifth consecutive monthly decrease and the fewest number for the period May 2019 – May 2020.
- Highest number of cases awaiting in Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (945) followed by Dublin North (443), Waterford/Wexford (344), and Louth/Meath (334). These four areas account for 56% (2,066) of cases awaiting allocation. Two areas (Cavan/Monaghan and Mayo) have no cases awaiting allocation.
- 15 areas reported a **decrease in cases awaiting allocation** from April 2020. Largest decrease reported by Dublin South Central (down 172 to 270) followed by Waterford/Wexford (down 119 to 344), Dublin North (down 91 to 443) and Cork (down 70 to 259).
- 233 **high priority cases awaiting allocation**; 32% (112) decrease from April 2020 (345) and a 75% (714) decrease from May 2019 (947)

Cases of Retrospective Abuse

- **Further decrease in cases awaiting allocation.** At least 549 cases awaiting allocation at the end of May 2020; 15 fewer than April (56) and the third consecutive decrease.
- Highest number awaiting in WD/WX (153) followed by DSW/K/WW (103), Cork (66), CW/K/ST (49), Donegal (39) and Dublin South Central (38). These six areas account for 82% (448) of cases awaiting allocation. Six areas (Dublin, South East/Wicklow, Midlands, Cavan/Monaghan, SLWC, Mayo and Midwest) have no cases awaiting allocation. *Data from Kerry not provided for Jan – May 2020 – area advised it is under-going validation.*

Children in Care

- **Decrease in the number of children in care.** A total of 5,968 children in care at the end of May 2020; 11 fewer than April 2020 (5,979) and first decrease after two increases
- **Decrease in the number of children in placements with private providers.** A total of 700 (12%) children in care at the end of May 2020 were in placements with private providers; 11 fewer than April 2020 (711) and 44 (7%) more than May 2019 (656).

Child Protection Notification System

- **Increase in the number of children listed as “active” on the CPNS.** A total of 957 children listed as “active” at the end of May 2020; 52 (15%) more than April 2020 (905). Second consecutive monthly increase after seven consecutive decreases. *Increase needs to be interpreted with caution due to the deferral of some reviews in accordance with guidance issued due to the COVID-19 restrictions*
- All children listed as “active” at the end of May 2020 had an allocated social worker.

Children’s Services Regulation

- **Further decrease in the number of early years services on the national register.** A total of 4,310 early years services on the register at the end of May 2020, five fewer than April 2020 (4,315), and 72 (2%) fewer than May 2019 (4,382). No inspections done in May 2020, due to services being closed.
- **Further decrease in the number of children awaiting assessment for registration for home education.** A total of **372 children awaiting assessment** at the end of May 2020, 54 fewer than April 2020 (426). Seventh consecutive decrease and the fewest number for the period May 2019 – May 2020

Tusla Education Support Services

- **Decrease in referrals on waiting list for educational welfare services.** A total of **2,404 referrals on a waiting list** at the end of May 2020; 101 (4%) fewer than April 2020 (2,505) when the highest number since June 2019 (2,766) was reported.

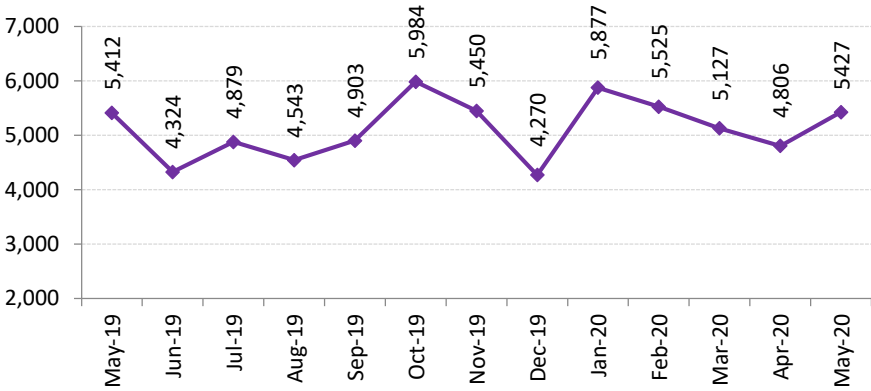
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Referrals¹

- **5,427 referrals** in May 2020, 13% (621) more than April 2020 (4,806) and 15 more than May 2019 (5,412). 13/17 areas reported an increase from April 2020.
- Decrease in March and April 2020 expected due to the closing of schools on 12th March 2020.

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

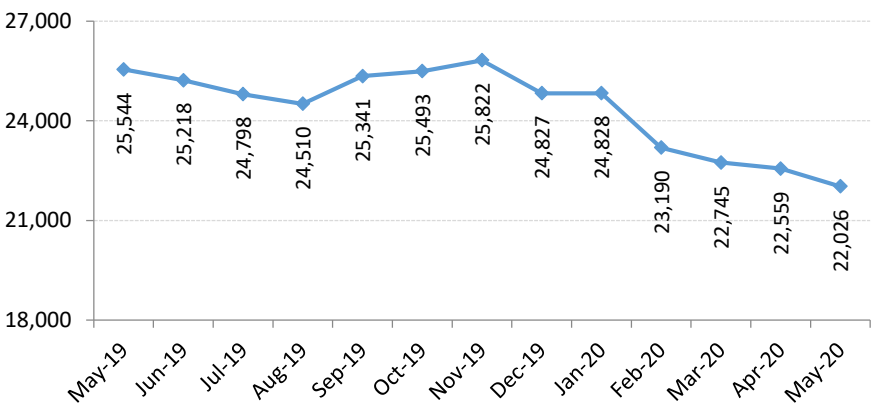
Referrals to Social Work



Open Cases

- **22,026 cases open to social work**; 2% (533) fewer than April 2020 (22,559) and 14% (3,518) fewer than May 2019 (25,544).
- Fewest number of open cases for the period May 2019 to May 2020.
- 11/17 areas reported a decrease from April 2020

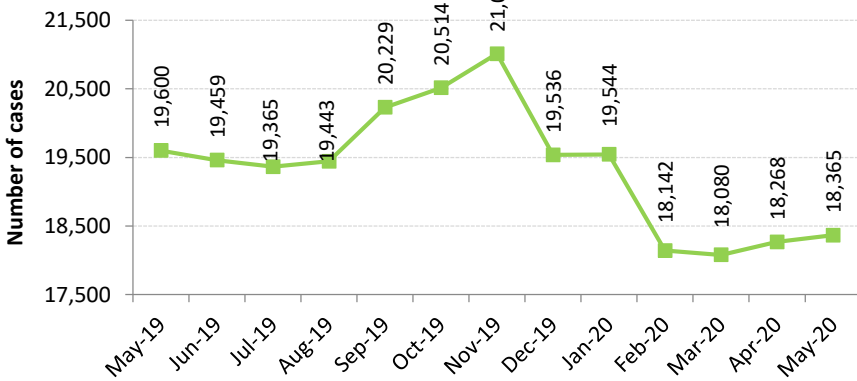
Cases Open to Social Work



Allocated Cases

- **18,365 open cases allocated** to a social worker; accounts for 83% of open cases.
- Slight increase (97) in allocated cases from April 2020 (18,268) and a 6% (1,235) decrease from May 2019 (19,600).
- 12/17 areas reported an increase from April 2020.

Open Cases Allocated

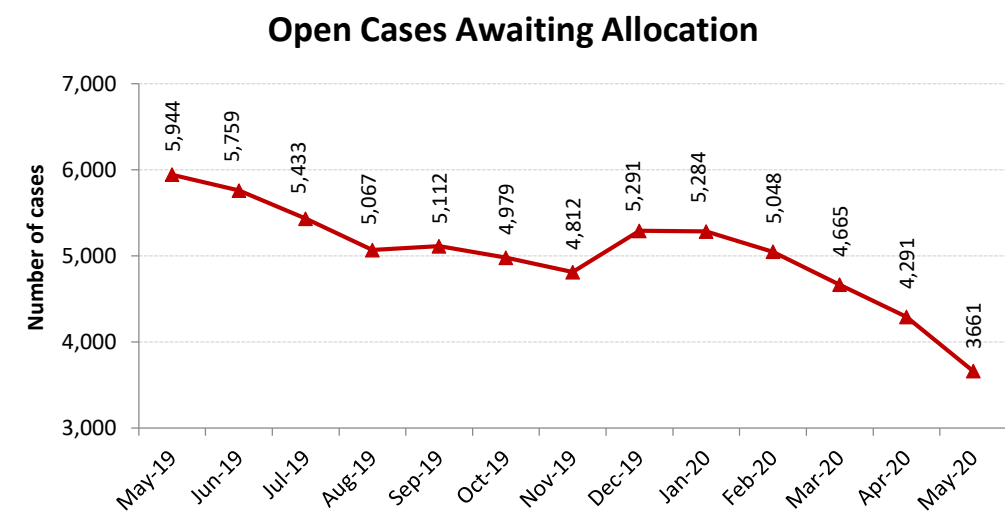


¹ Referrals include referrals meeting the eligibility criteria for child protection and welfare services, multiple reports of the same concern and referrals not meeting the eligibility criteria for child protection and welfare services. Referrals not meeting the eligibility criteria for child protection 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 & 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, consider a diversion to PPFS). Clarified in guidance issued to staff in October 2019.

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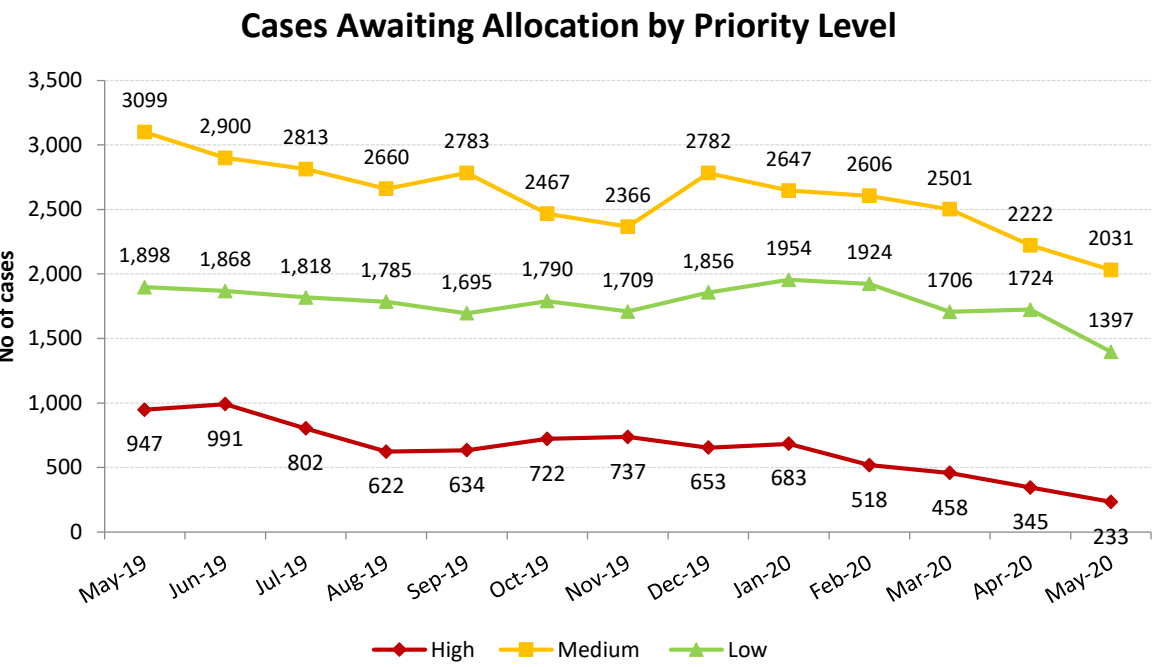
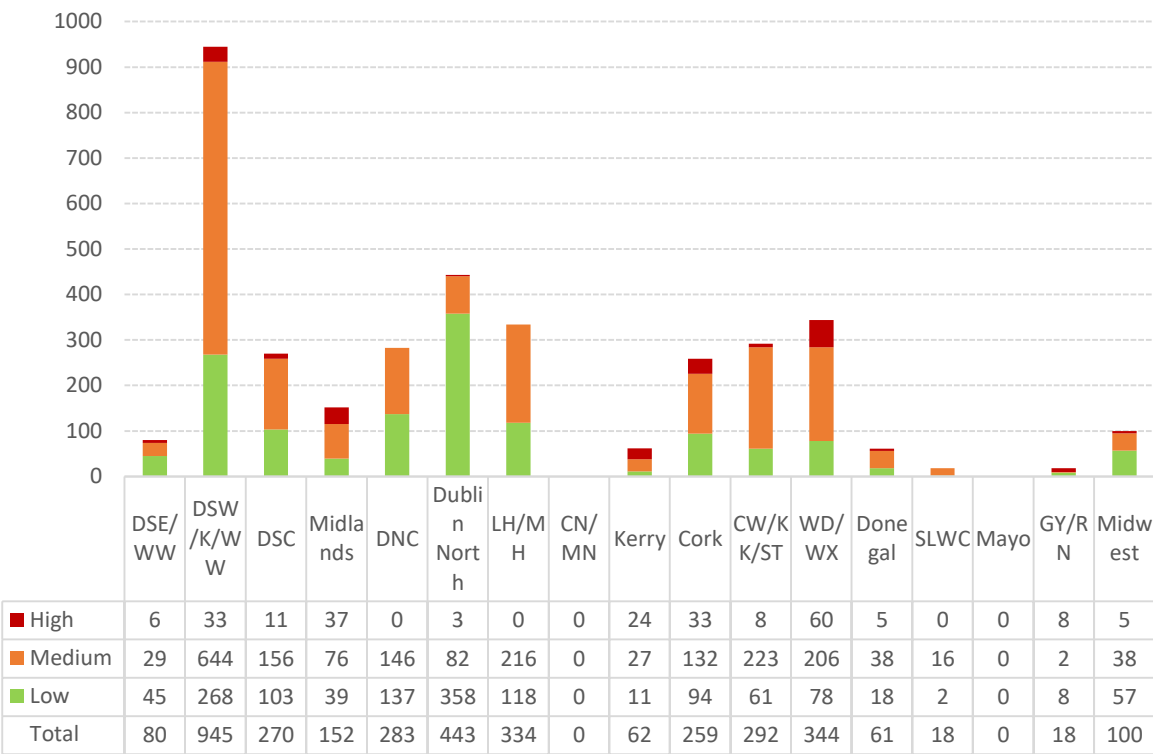
Cases Awaiting Allocation

- **3,661 cases awaiting allocation** at the end of May 2020; accounts for 17% of open cases (22,026)
- **15% (630) decrease** in cases awaiting allocation from April 2020 (4,291) and 38% (2,283) decrease from May 2019 (5,944). Fifth consecutive monthly decrease and the fewest number for the period May 2019 – May 2020.
- Highest number of cases awaiting in Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (945) followed by Dublin North (443), Waterford/Wexford (344), and Louth/Meath (334). These four areas account for 56% (2,066) of cases awaiting allocation.
- Two areas (Cavan/Monaghan and Mayo) have no cases awaiting allocation



- **233 high priority cases awaiting allocation** at the end of May 2020; accounts for 6% of all cases awaiting allocation
- 32% (112) decrease in high priority cases from April 2020 (345) and 75% (714) decrease from May 2019 (947)
- Fewest number for the period May 2019 – May 2020
- Highest number reported by Waterford/Wexford (60) followed by Midlands (37), DSW/K/WW (33), Cork (33).
- **At least 31% (1,146) of cases awaiting allocation at the end of April 2020 were “active on duty”¹.** Based on data for 15 areas.

Cases Awaiting by Priority Level, May 2020


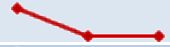

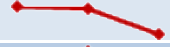
















¹**Active on Duty:** A case awaiting allocation may be “active” on a “duty” system. This means that there are actions being undertaken by a dedicated duty team or rotating social workers on a duty roster to progress the protection and welfare of the child. Examples of actions being undertaken include telephone calls relating to the concern, visits to see children, completing initial assessments and child in care reviews or care plans. The actions undertaken must have occurred within the monthly MTP reporting period. There must be evidence of actions progressing the protection and welfare of the child and not simply a management review of a file. These cases will form a separate category on the MTP returns template under cases awaiting allocation.

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Cases Awaiting Allocation

- 1 area (SLWC) reported a slight **increase (6) in cases awaiting allocation** from April 2020
- 15 areas reported **a decrease in cases awaiting allocation** from April 2020; largest decrease reported by Dublin South Central (down 172 to 270) followed by Waterford/Wexford (down 119 to 344), Dublin North (down 91 to 443) and Cork (down 70 to 259).
- All areas with the exception of DSW/K/WW had fewer cases awaiting allocation at the end of May 2020 than May 2019.
- **48% (945) of open cases in DSW/K/WW¹ are unallocated**, the highest percentage of all areas. CW/K/ST reports the next highest percentage at 27% (292) followed by LH/MH (24%; 334) and Waterford/Wexford (21%; 344). The national average is 17%.
- One area (Midlands) has reported five consecutive decreases, three areas (Dublin South Central, Louth/Meath and Midwest) have reported four consecutive monthly decreases, while a further area (DSW/K/WW) has reported three consecutive decreases. No area has reported two or more consecutive increases.

	May-19 # Unallocated	May-19 % Unallocated	Mar-20 # Unallocated	Apr-20 # Unallocated	May-20 # Unallocated	May-20 % Unallocated	March -May	May-20 v May-19	% Δ	May-20 v Apr-20	% Δ
DSE/WW	164	17%	128	112	80	9%		-84	-51%	-32	-29%
DSW/K/WW	550	40%	1130	950	945	48%		395	72%	-5	-1%
DSC	1,020	52%	529	442	270	19%		-750	-74%	-172	-39%
Midlands	285	21%	178	176	152	14%		-133	-47%	-24	-14%
DNC	357	22%	299	310	283	17%		-74	-21%	-27	-9%
Dublin North	963	23%	488	534	443	12%		-520	-54%	-91	-17%
LH/MH	676	44%	350	341	334	24%		-342	-51%	-7	-2%
CN/MN	48	7%	4	6	0	0%		-48	-100%	-6	-100%
Kerry	63	11%	93	65	62	12%		-1	-2%	-3	-5%
Cork	329	10%	356	329	259	11%		-70	-21%	-70	-21%
CW/KK/ST	544	41%	288	296	292	27%		-252	-46%	-4	-1%
WD/WX	345	19%	544	463	344	21%		-1	0%	-119	-26%
Donegal	161	15%	99	92	61	8%		-100	-62%	-31	-34%
SLWC	22	6%	18	12	18	7%		-4	-18%	6	50%
Mayo	0	0%	0	0	0	0%		0		0	
GY/RN	40	3%	39	45	18	2%		-22	-55%	-27	-60%
Midwest	377	21%	122	118	100	7%		-277	-73%	-18	-15%
TOTAL	5,944	23%	4,665	4,291	3,661	17%		-	-38%	-630	-15%

¹DSW/K/WW comment provided with Feb 2020 data: “The area is going through a significant organisational change. A restructuring of CPW structures has taken place within KWW/DSW and our go live date with the new structure was 23rd March. There has been significant staff movement between teams during this period and in preparation for the restructuring. While this is progressing, the current Covid 19 emergency is impacting on capacity to progress aspects of this. There have been a consistently high number of staff vacancies over the last 6-month period which has impacted particularly on the number of unallocated cases. A mitigating factor in this however is that assurances can be given that high level of work has taken place to ensure review of files/referrals in area. There may be significant fluctuations in the data during this period until the new systems are firmly established. Continued high level of vacancies is also significantly impacting on capacity to allocate cases and also to progress organisational/structural changes. It is anticipated that allocation figures will increase again in the coming months and there has been a significant amount of review work ongoing on. Additionally the area is making ongoing efforts to try and increase the staffing levels”

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Summary Tables

Referrals				Open Cases			Allocated Cases			Unallocated Cases		
Area	Apr-20	May-20	Δ Apr v Mar	Apr-20	May-20	Δ Apr v Mar	Apr-20	May-20	Δ Apr v Mar	Apr-20	May-20	Δ Apr v Mar
DSE/WW	222	296	74	852	885	33	740	805	65	112	80	-32
DSW/K/WW	501	539	38	1,981	1,987	6	1,031	1,042	11	950	945	-5
DSC	354	425	71	1,514	1,406	-108	1,072	1,136	64	442	270	-172
Midlands	485	531	46	1,172	1,124	-48	996	972	-24	176	152	-24
DNC	281	331	50	1,614	1,671	57	1,304	1,388	84	310	283	-27
Dublin North	317	422	105	3,844	3,567	-277	3,310	3,124	-186	534	443	-91
LH/MH	323	389	66	1,373	1,384	11	1,032	1,050	18	341	334	-7
CN/MN	103	141	38	421	420	-1	415	420	5	6	0	-6
Kerry	111	150	39	472	505	33	407	443	36	65	62	-3
Cork	452	503	51	2,399	2,377	-22	2,070	2,118	48	329	259	-70
CW/KK/ST	286	348	62	1,107	1,097	-10	811	805	-6	296	292	-4
WD/WX	338	377	39	1,705	1,639	-66	1,242	1,295	53	463	344	-119
Donegal	138	127	-11	785	757	-28	693	696	3	92	61	-31
SLWC	104	77	-27	312	262	-50	300	244	-56	12	18	6
Mayo	77	97	20	286	297	11	286	297	11	0	0	0
GY/RN	330	293	-37	1,161	1,150	-11	1,116	1,132	16	45	18	-27
Midwest	384	381	-3	1,561	1,498	-63	1,443	1,398	-45	118	100	-18
TOTAL	4,806	5,427	621	22,559	22,026	-533	18,268	18,365	97	4,291	3,661	-630

High Priority Cases Awaiting				Medium Priority Cases Awaiting			Low Priority Cases Awaiting		
Area	Apr-20	May-20	Δ Apr v Mar	Apr-20	May-20	Δ Apr v Mar	Apr-20	May-20	Δ Apr v Mar
DSE/WW	8	6	-2	44	29	-15	60	45	-15
DSW/K/WW	37	33	-4	602	644	42	311	268	-43
DSC	49	11	-38	246	156	-90	147	103	-44
Midlands	34	37	3	97	76	-21	45	39	-6
DNC	10	0	-10	157	146	-11	143	137	-6
Dublin North	2	3	1	93	82	-11	439	358	-81
LH/MH	5	0	-5	204	216	12	132	118	-14
CN/MN	0	0	0	6	0	-6	0	0	0
Kerry	28	24	-4	22	27	5	15	11	-4
Cork	53	33	-20	152	132	-20	124	94	-30
CW/KK/ST	10	8	-2	208	223	15	78	61	-17
WD/WX	83	60	-23	244	206	-38	136	78	-58
Donegal	17	5	-12	56	38	-18	19	18	-1
SLWC	0	0	0	6	16	10	6	2	-4
Mayo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GY/RN	7	8	1	13	2	-11	25	8	-17
Midwest	2	5	3	72	38	-34	44	57	13
TOTAL	345	233	-112	2,222	2,031	-191	1,724	1,397	-327

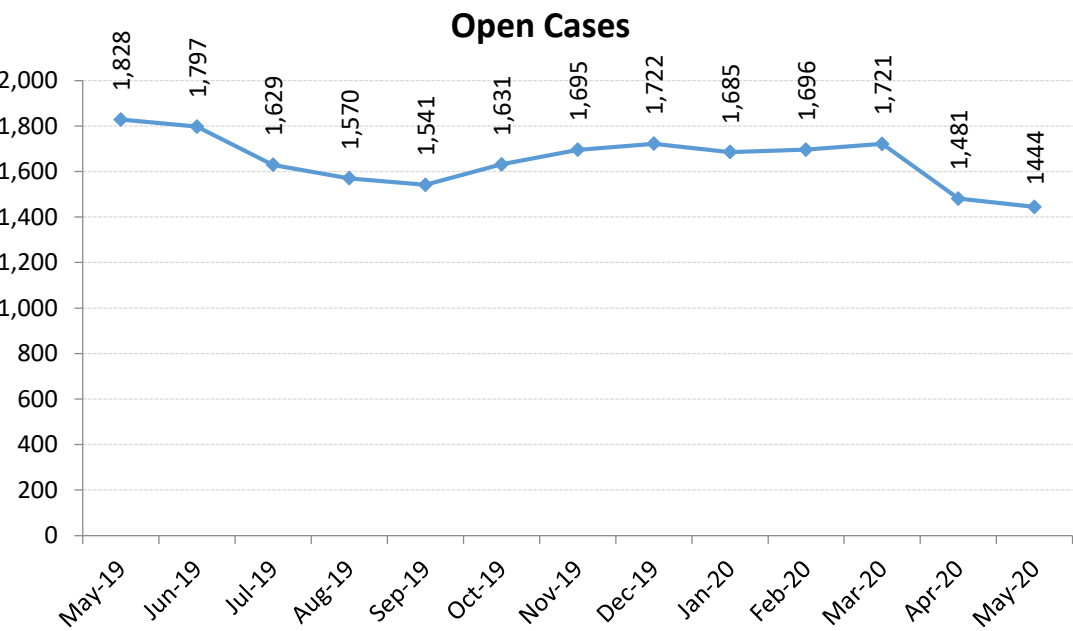
Retrospective Cases of Abuse

Referrals

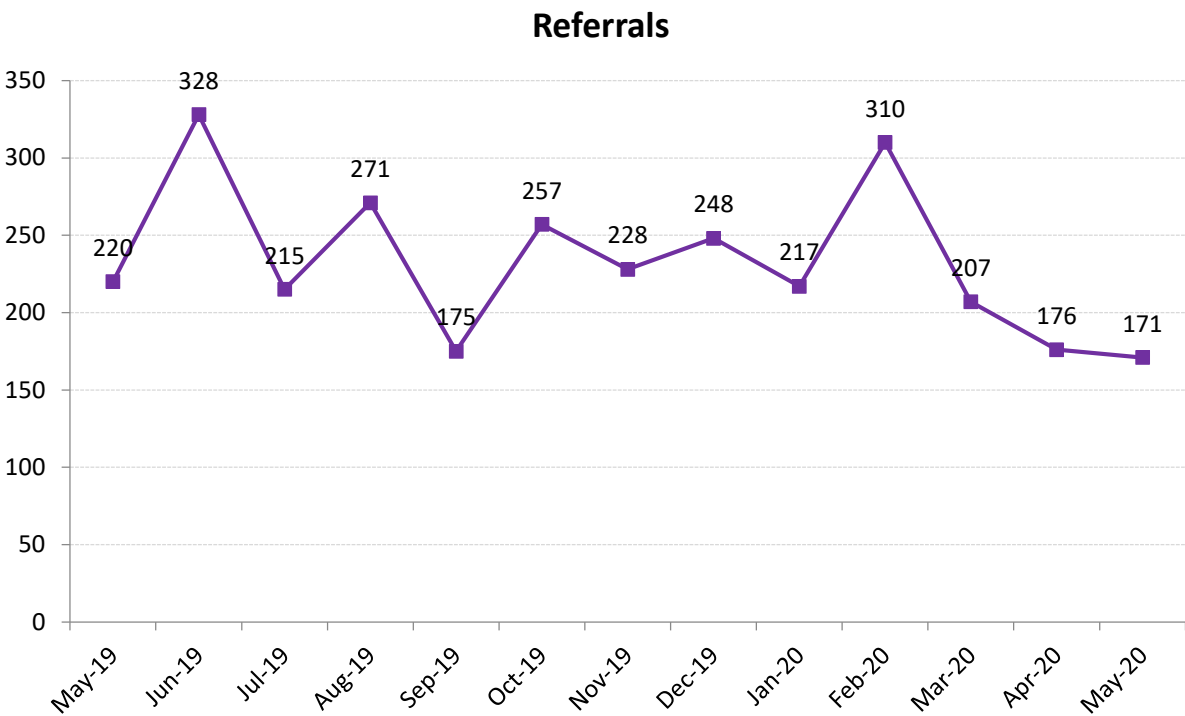
- **At least 171 referrals of retrospective abuse** in May 2020; five fewer than April 2020 (176). Data for Feb-May based on data from 16 areas, remaining area (Kerry) advised that their data is under-going validation.
- This brings referrals for the first five months of 2020 to at least 1,081

Open Cases

- **At least 1,444 cases open to social work** at the end of May 2020; 37 fewer than April 2020 (1,481). Data for Jan-May based on data from 16 areas, remaining area (Kerry) advised that their data is under-going validation.
- 8 areas reported an decrease in open cases from April 2020; largest decrease reported by DSW/K/WW (down 36) followed by Midlands (down 15) and GY/RN (down 7).

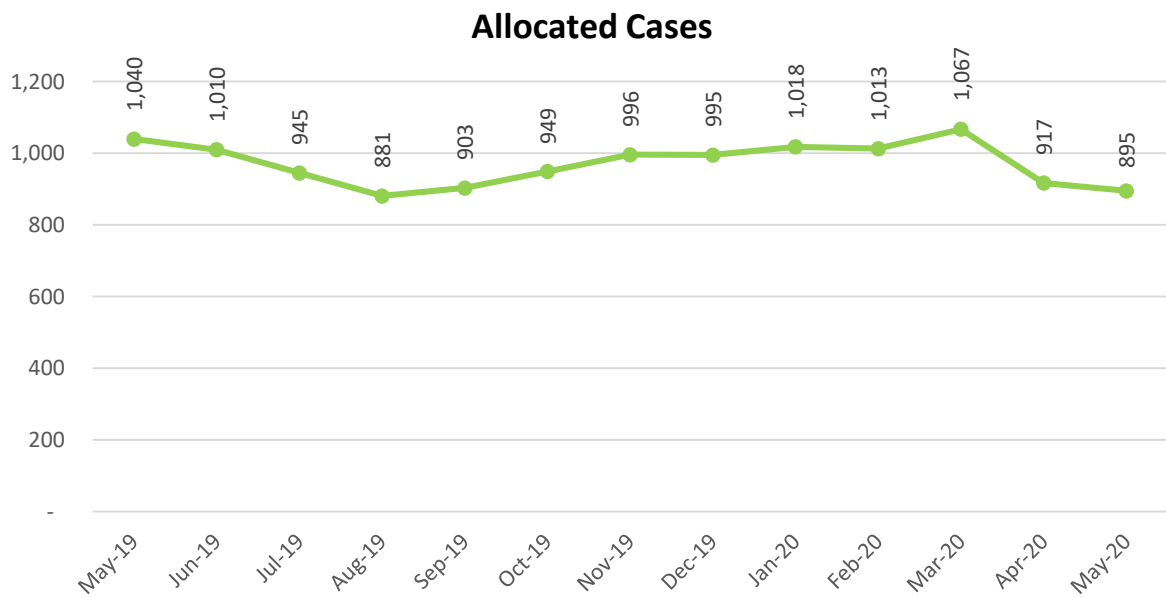


Note: all data on cases of retrospective abuse needs to be interpreted with caution due to concerns about the consistent interpretation of definitions. Data for March 2019 includes an over-counting od cases by one region.



Allocated Cases

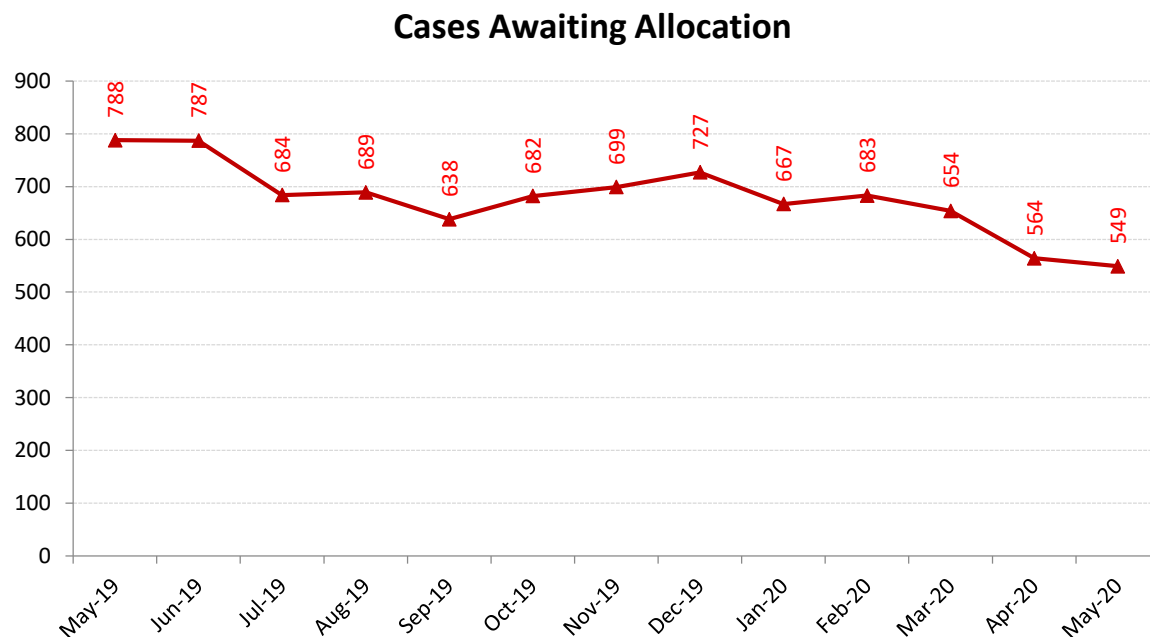
- **At least 895 open cases allocated to a social worker** at the end of May 2020; 22 fewer than April 2020 (917).
- 7 areas reported a decrease in allocated cases from April 2020. Largest decrease reported by CW/K/ST (down 24) followed by DSW/K/WW (down 21) and Midlands (down 14).
- Allocated cases account for 62% of open cases



Retrospective Cases of Abuse

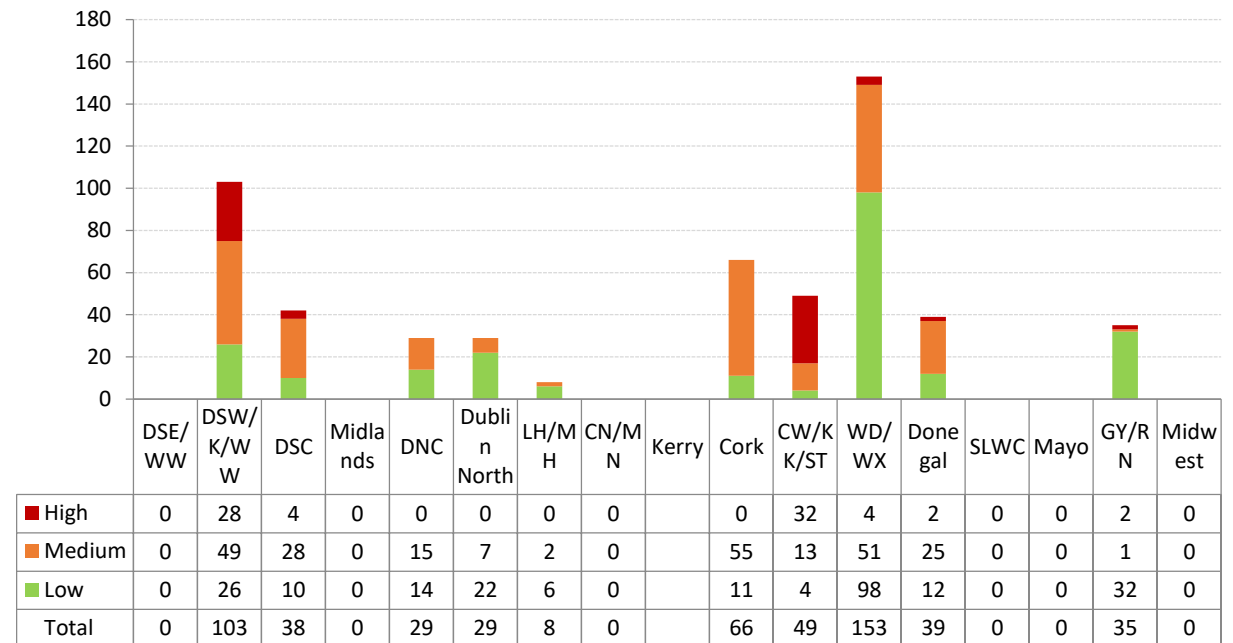
Unallocated Cases

- **At least 549 cases awaiting allocation** at the end of May 2020; 15 fewer than April 2020 (564) and the third consecutive decrease
- Highest number awaiting in WD/WX (153) followed by DSW/K/WW (103), Cork (66), CW/K/ST (49), Donegal (39) and Dublin South Central (38). These six areas account for 82% (448) of cases awaiting allocation. Six areas (Dublin, South East/Wicklow, Midlands, Cavan/Monaghan, SLWC, Mayo and Midwest) have no cases awaiting allocation.

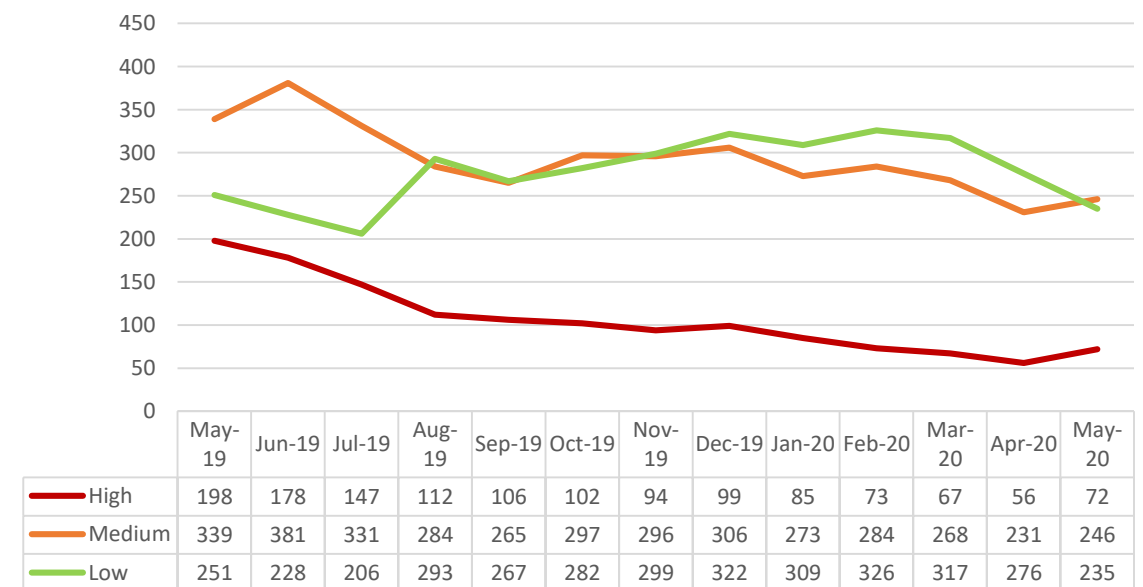


- **At least 72 high priority cases awaiting allocation** at the end of May 2020; 16 more than April 2020 (56). High priority cases account for about 13% of cases awaiting allocation.
- Highest number reported by CW/K/ST (32) followed by DSW/K/WW (28). These two areas account for 83% (60) of all high priority cases awaiting allocation.

Retrospective Cases of Abuse Awaiting Allocation by Priority Level, May 2020



Cases Awaiting Allocation by Priority Status



Retrospective Cases of Abuse

- **4 areas reported an increase in cases awaiting allocation from April 2020** as follows, CW/K/WW (up 20), WD/WX (up 4), Dublin South Central (up 3), LH/MH (up 2)
- 7 areas reported a decrease in cases awaiting allocation from April 2020; largest decrease reported by DSW/K/WW (down 15) followed by Midwest (down 14)
- Six areas (Dublin South East/Wicklow, Midlands, CN/MN, SLWC, Mayo and Midwest) have no cases awaiting allocation.
- 38% (549) of open cases are awaiting allocation nationally, with 6 areas reporting a percentage equal to or higher than the national average. Highest percentage reported by CW/K/ST (100%) followed by WD/WX (67%) and Donegal (57%).

- All areas with the exception of LH/MH, Cork, CW/K/ST, WD/WX, and GY/RN had fewer cases awaiting allocation at the end of May 2020 than May 2019.
- Two areas (DSW/K/WW and Donegal) have reported three consecutive decreases
- One area (WD/WX) has reported four consecutive monthly increases resulting in a 63% (59) increase while CW/K/ST have reported three consecutive monthly increases

	May-19 # Unallocated	May-19 % Unallocated	Mar-20 # Unallocated	Apr-20 # Unallocated	May-20 # Unallocated	May-20 % Unallocated	March -May	May-20 v May-19	% Δ	May-20 v Apr-20	% Δ
DSE/WW	75	64%	12	0	0	0%		-75	-100%	0	
DSW/K/WW	167	70%	175	118	103	54%		-64	-38%	-15	-13%
DSC	114	89%	47	35	38	41%		-76	-67%	3	9%
Midlands	0	0%	2	1	0	0%		0		-1	-100%
DNC	32	49%	42	31	29	33%		-3	-9%	-2	-6%
Dublin North	34	25%	32	29	29	20%		-5	-15%	0	0%
LH/MH	5	9%	7	6	8	14%		3	60%	2	33%
CN/MN	1	2%	0	0	0	0%		-1	-100%	0	
Kerry	9	14%									
Cork	60	27%	82	71	66	35%		6	10%	-5	-7%
CW/KK/ST	42	65%	28	29	49	100%		7	17%	20	69%
WD/WX	85	46%	126	149	153	67%		68	80%	4	3%
Donegal	115	60%	41	40	39	57%		-76	-66%	-1	-3%
SLWC	2	6%	1	0	0	0%		-2	-100%	0	
Mayo	0	0%	0	0	0	0%		0		0	
GY/RN	33	41%	59	41	35	46%		2	6%	-6	-15%
Midwest	14	12%	0	14	0	0%		-14	-100%	-14	
TOTAL	788	43%	654	564	549	38%		-239	-30%	-15	-3%

Retrospective Cases of Abuse

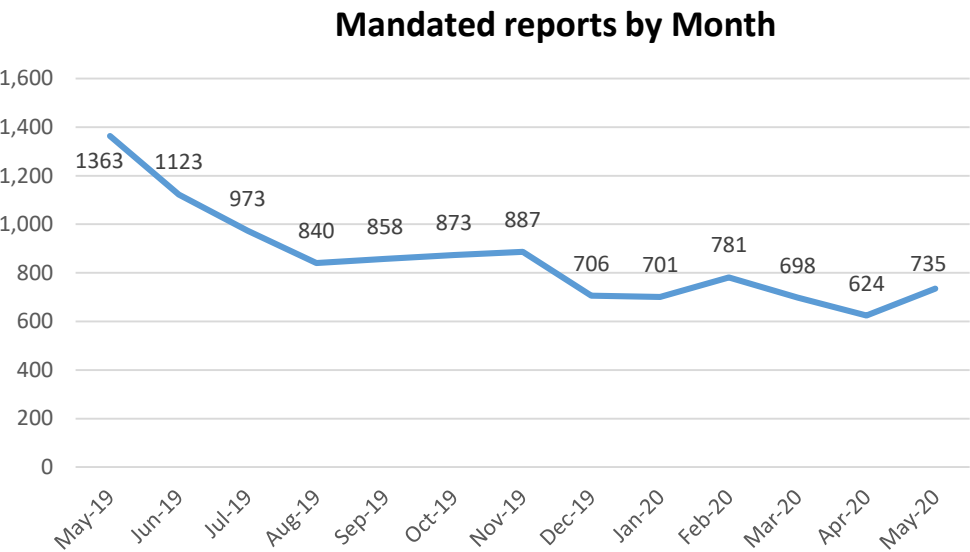
Summary Tables

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Area	Apr-20	May-20	Δ Apr v Mar	Apr-20	May-20	Δ Apr v Mar	Apr-20	May-20	Δ Apr v Mar	Apr-20	May-20	Δ Apr v Mar
DSE/WW	20	10	-10	38	45	7	38	45	7	0	0	0
DSW/K/WW	8	2	-6	228	192	-36	110	89	-21	118	103	-15
DSC	12	13	1	95	93	-2	60	55	-5	35	38	3
Midlands	5	12	7	42	27	-15	41	27	-14	1	0	-1
DNC	9	3	-6	90	87	-3	59	58	-1	31	29	-2
Dublin North	12	16	4	139	143	4	110	114	4	29	29	0
LH/MH	7	15	8	52	59	7	46	51	5	6	8	2
CN/MN	2	6	4	46	48	2	46	48	2	0	0	0
Kerry	NA	NA		NA	NA		NA	NA		NA	NA	
Cork	37	24	-13	188	190	2	117	124	7	71	66	-5
CW/KK/ST	10	12	2	53	49	-4	24	0	-24	29	49	20
WD/WX	23	20	-3	222	229	7	73	76	3	149	153	4
Donegal	8	4	-4	70	69	-1	30	30	0	40	39	-1
SLWC	1	2	1	11	12	1	11	12	1	0	0	0
Mayo	3	1	-2	54	53	-1	54	53	-1	0	0	0
GY/RN	11	17	6	83	76	-7	42	41	-1	41	35	-6
Midwest	8	14	6	70	72	2	56	72	16	14	0	-14
TOTAL	176	171	-5	1481	1444	-37	917	895	-22	564	549	-15

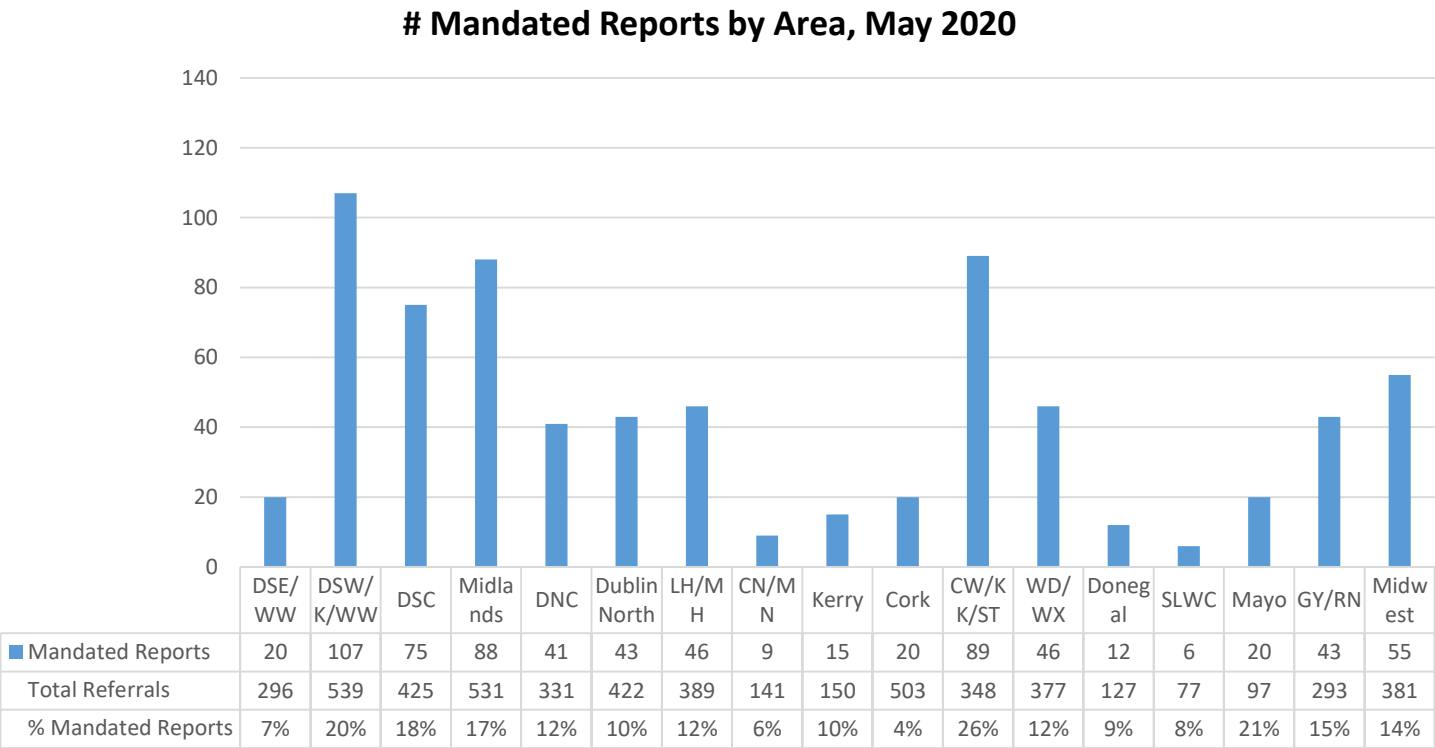
	High Priority Cases Awaiting			Medium Priority Cases Awaiting			Low Priority Cases Awaiting		
Area	Apr-20	May-20	Δ Apr v Mar	Apr-20	May-20	Δ Apr v Mar	Apr-20	May-20	Δ Apr v Mar
DSE/WW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DSW/K/WW	24	28	4	42	49	7	52	26	-26
DSC	5	4	-1	18	28	10	12	10	-2
Midlands	NA	0		NA	0		NA	0	
DNC	0	0	0	16	15	-1	15	14	-1
Dublin North	0	0	0	7	7	0	22	22	0
LH/MH	1	0	-1	1	2	1	4	6	2
CN/MN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kerry	NA	NA		NA	NA		NA	NA	
Cork	5	0	-5	55	55	0	11	11	0
CW/KK/ST	13	32	19	12	13	1	4	4	0
WD/WX	5	4	-1	49	51	2	95	98	3
Donegal	3	2	-1	26	25	-1	11	12	1
SLWC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mayo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GY/RN	0	2	2	3	1	-2	38	32	-6
Midwest	0	0	0	2	0	-2	12	0	-12
TOTAL	56	72	16	231	246	15	276	235	-41

Mandated Reports – Child Protection & Welfare

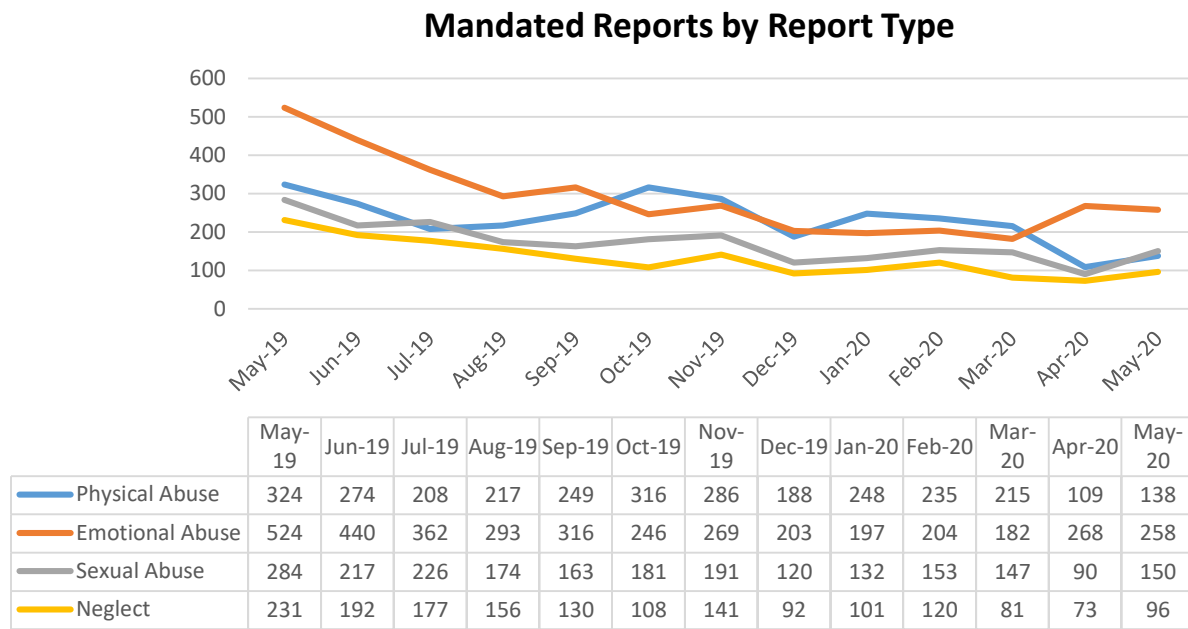
- **735 mandated reports of abuse** received in May 2020; 18% (111) more than April 2020 (624).
- This brings to 3,539 the number of reports for the first five months of 2020; 41% (2,415) fewer than the same period in 2019 (5,954)¹
- Mandated reports accounted for 14% (735) of all referrals received (5,427)



- The number of mandated reports for May 2020 by area ranged from six (Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan) to 107 (DSW/K/WW).
- 12 areas reported fewer than 50 reports, four areas (Dublin South Central, Midlands, CW/K/ST and Midwest) reported between 50 and 100 reports while the remaining area (DSW/K/WW) reported more than 100 reports.
- As a percentage of referrals, the highest percentage was reported by CW/K/ST (26%) followed by DSW/K/WW (20%).
- The lowest percentage was reported by Cork (4%)



- Highest number of reports for emotional abuse (258; 40%) followed by sexual abuse (150; 23%), physical abuse (138; 21%) and neglect (96; 15%). *Category of abuse not available for, 93 reports for May 2020, 84 reports for April 2020, 73 reports for March 2020, 69 reports for Feb 2020, 23 reports for Jan 2020, 103 reports for Dec 2019 and 22 reports for Oct 2019*



• ¹Note: Data from August 2019 needs to be interpreted with caution as it is for the most part, a count of mandated reports where a preliminary enquiry had been carried out at the time of reporting. Reports where a preliminary enquiry had not been carried are not included.

Mandated Reports – Child Protection & Welfare

Source of Reports

- Highest number of reports for May 2020 from An Garda Síochána (270; 42%) followed social workers (100; 16%) and social care workers (54; 9%).
- These three sources account for 66% (424) of all reports for May 2020
- Year to date (end of May), the highest number of reports was from An Garda Síochána (1,022; 32%) followed by teachers (536; 17%) and social workers (517; 16%).

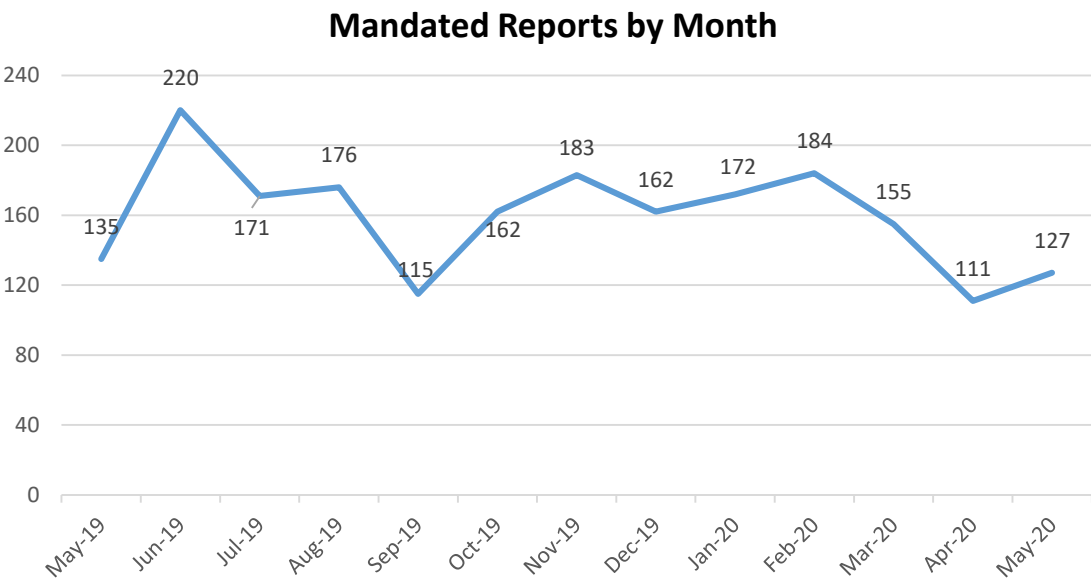
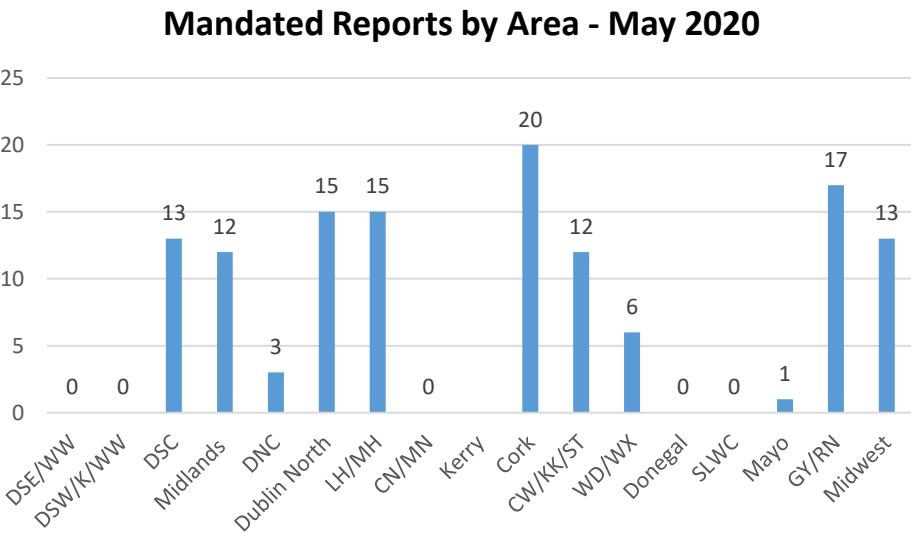
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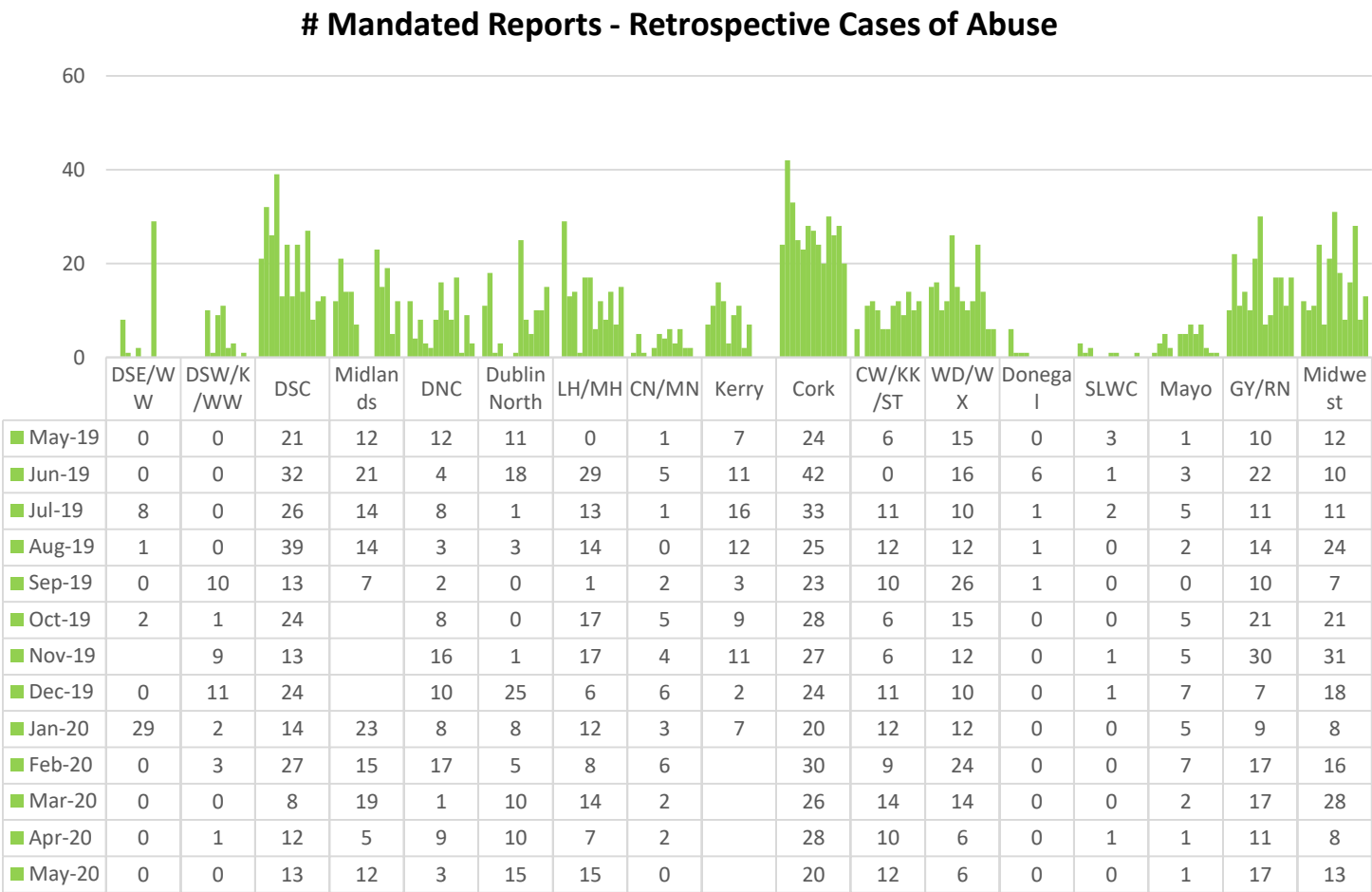
Source	# May 2020	% May 2020	Total 2020	% Total 2020
Medical practitioner (Registered)	27	4.21%	130	4.07%
Nurse or registered midwife (Registered)	25	3.89%	95	2.97%
Physiotherapist (Registered)	0	0.00%	21	0.66%
Speech & language therapist (Registered)	*	*	8	0.25%
Occupational therapist (Registered)	0	0.00%	9	0.28%
Registered dentist	0	0.00%	*	*
Psychologist who practises as such and who is eligible for registration	17	2.65%	86	2.69%
Social care worker who practises as such and who is eligible for registration	54	8.41%	249	7.79%
Social worker who practises as such and who is eligible for registration	100	15.58%	517	16.17%
EMT, paramedic and advanced paramedic registered with the Pre-Hospital Emergency Care Council	*	*	27	0.84%
Probation officer within the meaning of section 1 of the Criminal Justice (Community Service) Act 1983.	*	*	8	0.25%
Teacher registered with the Teaching Council.	29	4.52%	536	16.77%
An Garda Síochána Member	270	42.06%	1,022	31.97%
Guardian ad litem appointed in accordance with section 26 of the Child Care Act 1991	*	*	5	0.16%
Domestic violence shelter manager	34	5.30%	97	3.03%
Homeless provision or emergency accommodation facility manager	7	1.09%	36	1.13%
Asylum seeker accommodation (direct provision) centre manager	0	0.00%	13	0.41%
Addiction counsellor employed by a body funded, wholly or partly, out of moneys provided by the Oireachtas	*	*	5	0.16%
Psychotherapist or a person providing counselling who is registered with one of the voluntary professional bodies	13	2.02%	61	1.91%
Language school or other recreational school where children reside away from home manager	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
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)	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;	38	5.92%	156	4.88%
Child care staff member employed in a pre-school service within the meaning of Part VIIA of the Child Care Act 1991;	7	1.09%	23	0.72%
Youth work service - person responsible for the care or management within the meaning of section 2 of the Youth Work Act 2001	*	*	17	0.53%
Youth worker holds a professional qualification and who is employed in a youth work service	6	0.93%	40	1.25%
Foster carer registered with the Agency.	7	1.09%	18	0.56%
Pre-school service within the meaning of Part VIIA of the Child Care Act 1991.	0	0.00%	15	0.47%
Total (includes suppressed values)	642	100%	3,197	100.00%

Mandated Reports – Retrospective Abuse

- **At least 127 mandated reports of retrospective abuse** in May 2020; 16 more than April (111). Data for Feb-May based on data from 16 areas, remaining area (Kerry) advised that their data is under-going validation.
- This brings to at least 749 the number of reports for the first five months of 2020
- Mandated reports accounted for 74% (127) of all reports received in May 2020 (171).
- The majority (81%; 83) of reports for May 2020 where category of abuse was available are for sexual abuse.. *Category of abuse was not available for 25 reports.*
- Highest number of mandated reports reported by Cork (20) followed by Galway/Roscommon (17).
- Five areas (Dublin South East/Wicklow, DSW/K/WW, CN/MN, Donegal and SLWC) reported none



Data for Oct – Dec 2019 and Feb/Mar/Apr/May 2020 based on 16 areas.



Mandated Reports – Retrospective Abuse

Source of Reports

- Highest number of reports for May 2020 from members of An Garda Síochána (28; 28%) followed by social workers (16; 16%) and psychotherapists/counsellors (14; 14%).
- These three sources account for 57% (58) of all reports received
- For the year to date (end of May) the highest number of reports has been from psychotherapist/counsellors (138; 21%) followed by An Garda Síochána (127; 19%) and social workers (89; 13%).

Source not available for 23 records for January 2020, 15 records for February 2020, 19 records in March 2020, 5 records in April 2020 and 25 records in May 2020

Values <5 suppressed

Source	# May 2020	% May 2020	Total 2020	% Total 2020
Medical practitioner (Registered)	8	7.8%	75	11%
Nurse or registered midwife (Registered)	5	4.9%	39	6%
Physiotherapist (Registered)	0	0.0%	8	1%
Speech & language therapist (Registered)	0	0.0%	*	*
Occupational therapist (Registered)	*	*	5	1%
Registered dentist	0	0.0%	0	0%
Psychologist who practises as such and who is eligible for registration	9	8.8%	62	9%
Social care worker who practises as such and who is eligible for registration	8	7.8%	26	4%
Social worker who practises as such and who is eligible for registration	16	15.7%	89	13%
EMT, paramedic and advanced paramedic registered with the Pre-Hospital Emergency Care Council	0	0.0%	*	*
Probation officer within the meaning of section 1 of the Criminal Justice (Community Service) Act 1983.	0	0.0%	6	1%
Teacher registered with the Teaching Council.	*	*	15	2%
An Garda Síochána Member	28	27.5%	127	19%
Guardian ad litem appointed in accordance with section 26 of the Child Care Act 1991	0	0.0%	0	0%
Domestic violence shelter manager	*	*	*	*
Homeless provision or emergency accommodation facility manager	*	*	9	1%
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	*	*	10	2%
Psychotherapist or a person providing counselling who is registered with one of the voluntary professional bodies	14	13.7%	138	21%
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;	*	*	10	2%
Institution where a child is detained by an order of a court (Director)	0	0.0%	*	*
Safeguarding officer, child protection officer or other person (howsoever described) who is employed for the purpose of performing the child welfare and protection function of religious, sporting, recreational, cultural, educational and other bodies and organisations offering services to children;	*	*	28	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	0	0.0%	*	*
Youth worker holds a professional qualification and who is employed in a youth work service	0	0.0%	7	1%
Foster carer registered with the Agency.	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%
Total (includes suppressed values)	102	100.0%	662	100%

Children in Care

- **5,968 children in care at the end of May 2020**; 11 fewer than April 2020 and the first decrease after two consecutive monthly increases
- 41 fewer children in care than the same time last year
- 65% (3,887) of children in care are in general foster care, 26% (1,567) are in relative foster care, 7% (411) are in residential care and 2% (103) are in “other” care placements.
- 16 of the 411 children in residential placements are in special care

- **700 (12%) children in care at the end of May 2020 were in placements with private providers**; 11 fewer than April 2020 and 44 (7%) more than May 2019 (656).

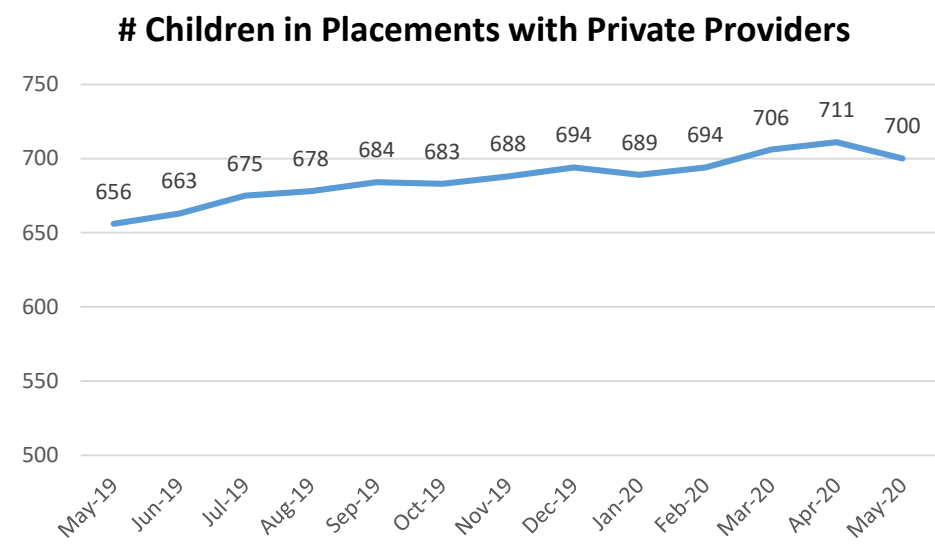


Figure for Dec 2019 (694) revised from previously reported (695)

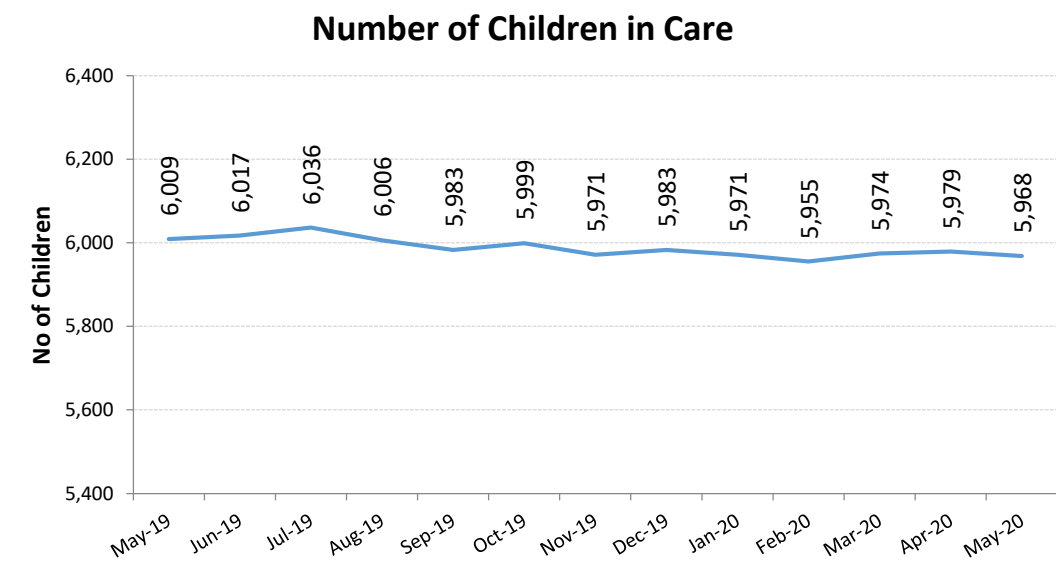


Figure 5,968 includes 61 children under the Social Work Team for Separated Children Seeking Asylum, four more than April 2020.

Figure for Dec 2019 (5,983) revised from previously reported (5,985)

- 58% (409) of children in placements with private providers were in **foster care**. This number (409) is down 5 on April 2020 and up 31 (8%) on May 2019 (378).
- 37% (259) of children in placements with private providers were in **residential care**. This number (259) is down 5 on April 2020 and up 14 (6%) on May 2019 (245).

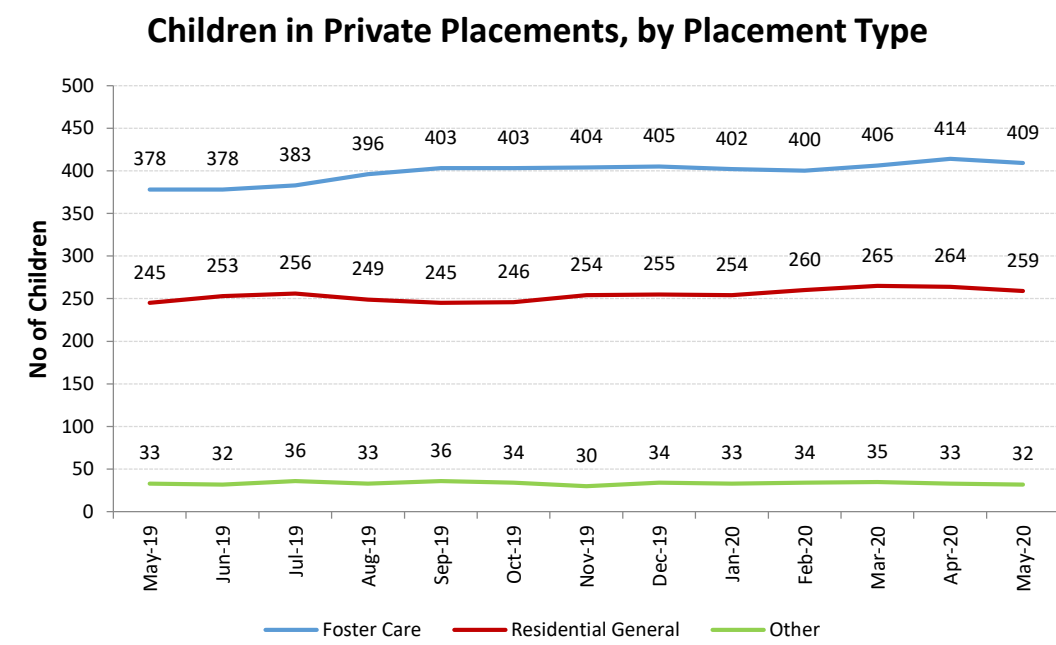
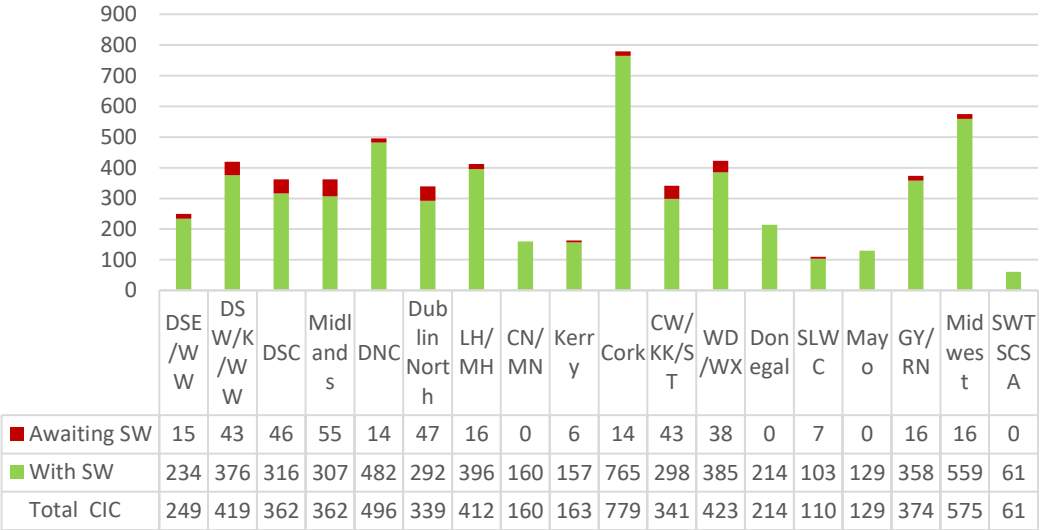


Figure for Dec 2019 for “Other” (34) revised from previously reported (35)

Children in Care

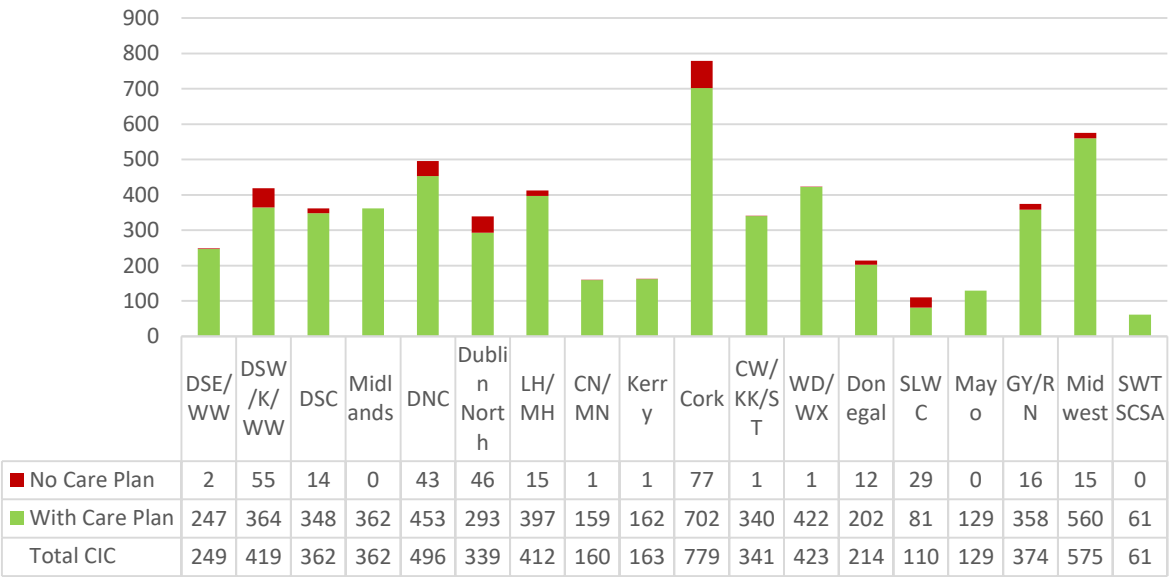
- **94% (5,592) of children in care at the end of May 2020 had an allocated social worker;** no change in percentage from April 2020
- A total of 376 children were awaiting an allocated social worker; 9 more than April 2020 (367) and the second consecutive increase
- Highest number awaiting reported by Midlands (55) followed by Dublin North (47), Dublin South Central (46), CW/K/ST (43), DSW/K/WW (43) and WD/WX (38) These six areas account for 72% (272) of all children awaiting.
- Three areas (Cavan/Monaghan, Donegal and Mayo) along with the Social Work Team for Separated Children Seeking Asylum reporting 100%

Children in care with/awaiting allocated social worker, May 2020



- **95% (5,640) of children in care at the end of May 2020 had an up-to-date care plan;** up one percentage point from April 2020
- A total of 328 children did not have an up-to-date care plan; one fewer than April 2020 (329)
- Highest number with no up-to-date care plan reported by Cork (77), DSW/K/WW (55), Dublin North (46), Dublin North City (43) and Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan (29)
- 14 areas along with the Social Work Team for Separated Children Seeking Asylum are reporting 90% or higher

Children with an Up-to Date Care Plan May 2020



Child Protection Notification System

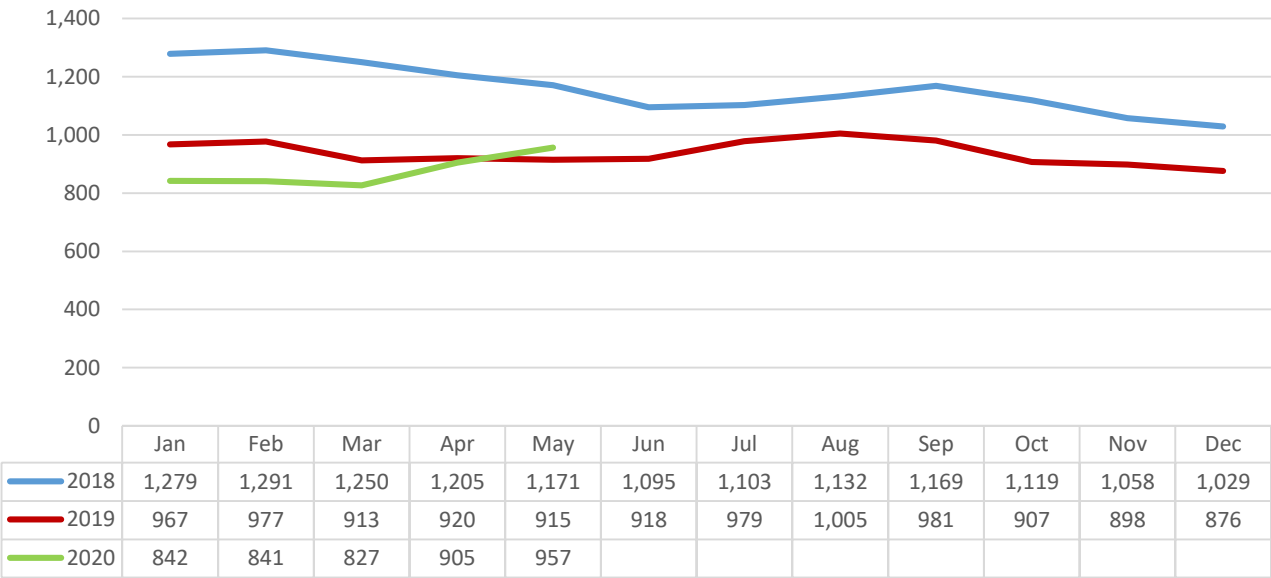
- **957 children listed as “active” at the end of May 2020**; 52 (5%) more than April 2020 (905). Second consecutive increase after seven consecutive monthly decreases.

The number of children listed as "active" in recent weeks needs to be interpreted with caution, due to some review child protection conferences (where decisions are made to remove children listed as "active") being deferred. Guidance issued by Tusla on foot of the COVID-19 restrictions advises that following discussion and evaluation of safety plans, review conferences may be deferred for a maximum of 3 months.

- All children listed as “active” at the end of May 2020 had an **allocated social worker**.

- Highest number of children listed as “active” at the end of May 2020 reported by CW/K/ST (118) followed by Midwest (113) and Cork (103).
- Fewest number listed as “active” reported by Cavan/Monaghan (10)
- Highest rate per 10,000 population under 18 years reported by Dublin North City and CW/K/ST at more than double (19/10,000) the national rate (8/10,000) followed by Waterford/Wexford (13/10,000) and Midwest (12/10,000)
- Lowest rate reported by Dublin South East/Wicklow, Louth/Meath and Dublin South East/Wicklow at 3/10,000 population
- 8 areas had fewer children listed as “active” at the end of May 2020 than May 2019. Largest decrease reported by Louth/Meath, down 26 followed by Galway/Roscommon, down 25 and Dublin North, down 24.
- 9 areas had more children listed as “active” at the end of May 2020 than May 2019. Largest increase reported by CW/K/ST, up 55 followed by Dublin North City, up 45 and Waterford/Wexford, up 19.

Children Listed as "Active" on the CPNS



Area	May-19	Apr-20	May-20	Δ May 2020 v May 2019	Population (0-17 years)	Rate/10,000
Dublin North City	40	72	85	45	44,927	19
Carlow / Kilkenny / South Tipperary	63	102	118	55	63,009	19
Waterford / Wexford	73	87	92	19	68,513	13
Mid West	101	110	113	12	96,266	12
Donegal	34	41	45	11	42,865	10
Dublin South Central	72	63	66	-6	65,564	10
Kerry	25	28	34	9	34,527	10
Cork	96	94	103	7	134,015	8
Mayo	40	29	21	-19	31,968	7
Dublin South West / Kildare / West Wicklow	57	61	64	7	108,186	6
Midlands	66	48	45	-21	80,193	6
Sligo / Leitrim / West Cavan	16	12	13	-3	23,554	6
Galway / Roscommon	68	40	43	-25	79,912	5
Dublin North	77	59	53	-24	100,654	5
Dublin South East / Wicklow	28	20	26	-2	86,810	3
Louth / Meath	52	25	26	-26	93,093	3
Cavan / Monaghan	7	14	10	3	36,446	3
Total	915	905	957	42	1,190,502	8

Children's Services Regulation

EARLY YEARS INSPECORATE

- **4,310** early years services on the register at the end of **May 2020**, five fewer than April 2020 and 72 (2%) fewer than May 2019 (4,382)

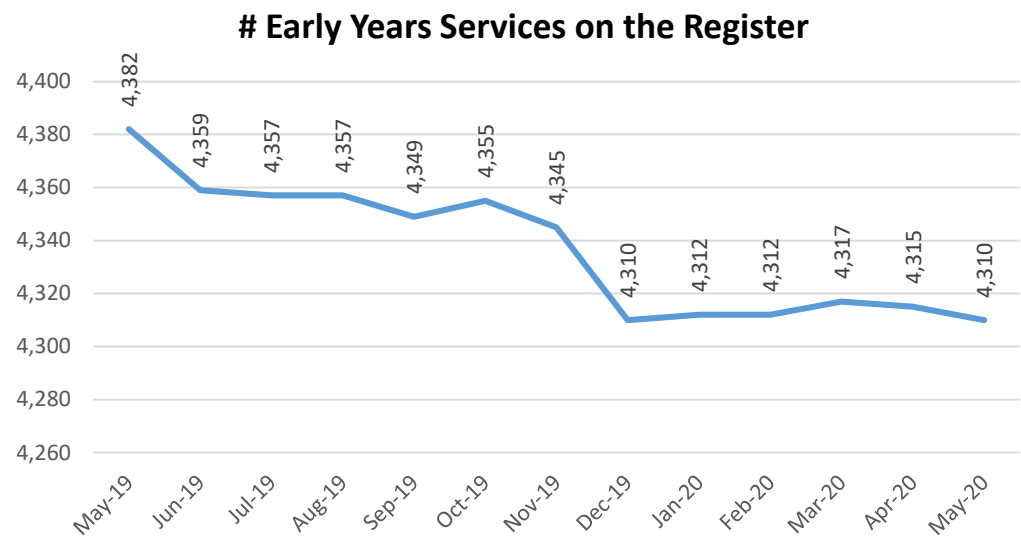
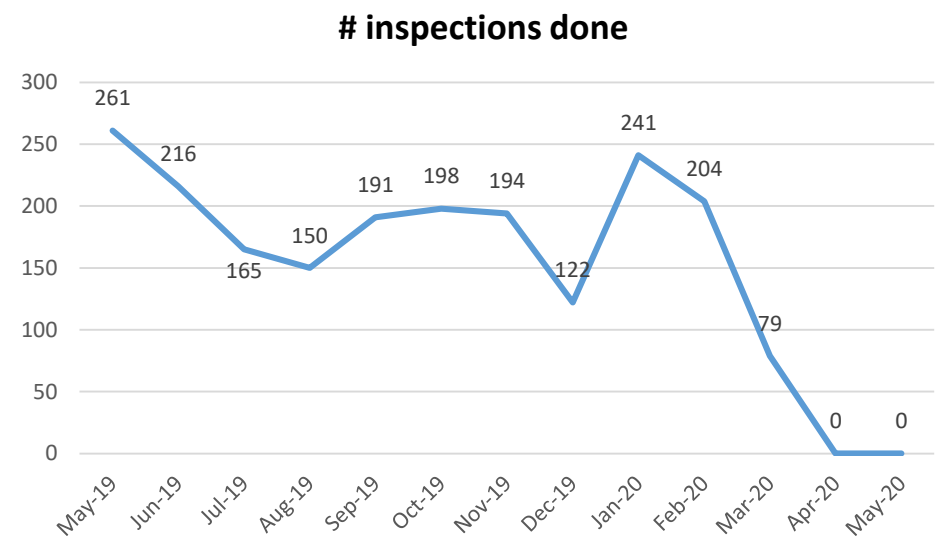


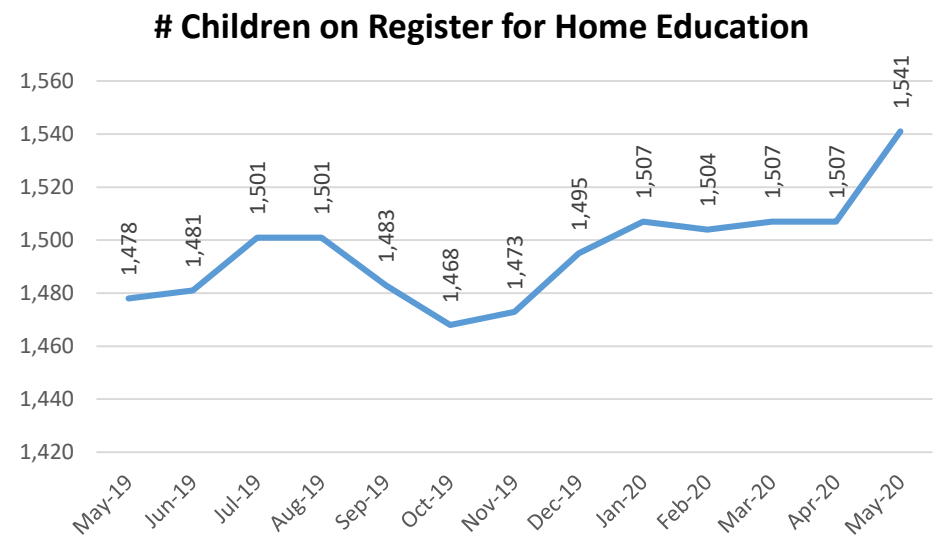
Figure for April 2020 (4,315) revised from previously reported (4,314)

- **No inspections of early years services done in May 2020**, due to the closure of services under the COVID-19 restrictions

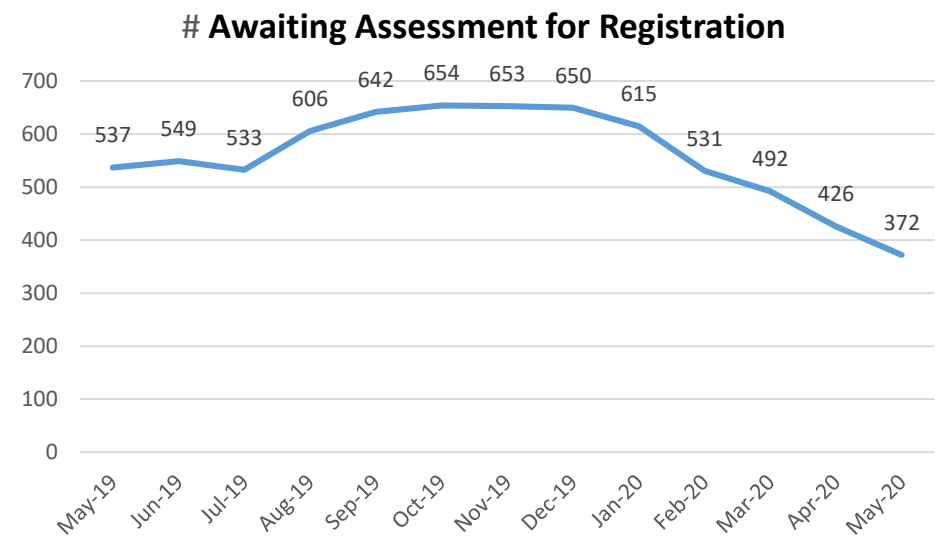


ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION ASSESSMENT AND REGISTRATION SERVICE

- **1,541** children on the register for home education at the end of **May 2020**, 34 more than April 2020 (1,507) and 63 (4%) more than May 2019 (1,478)



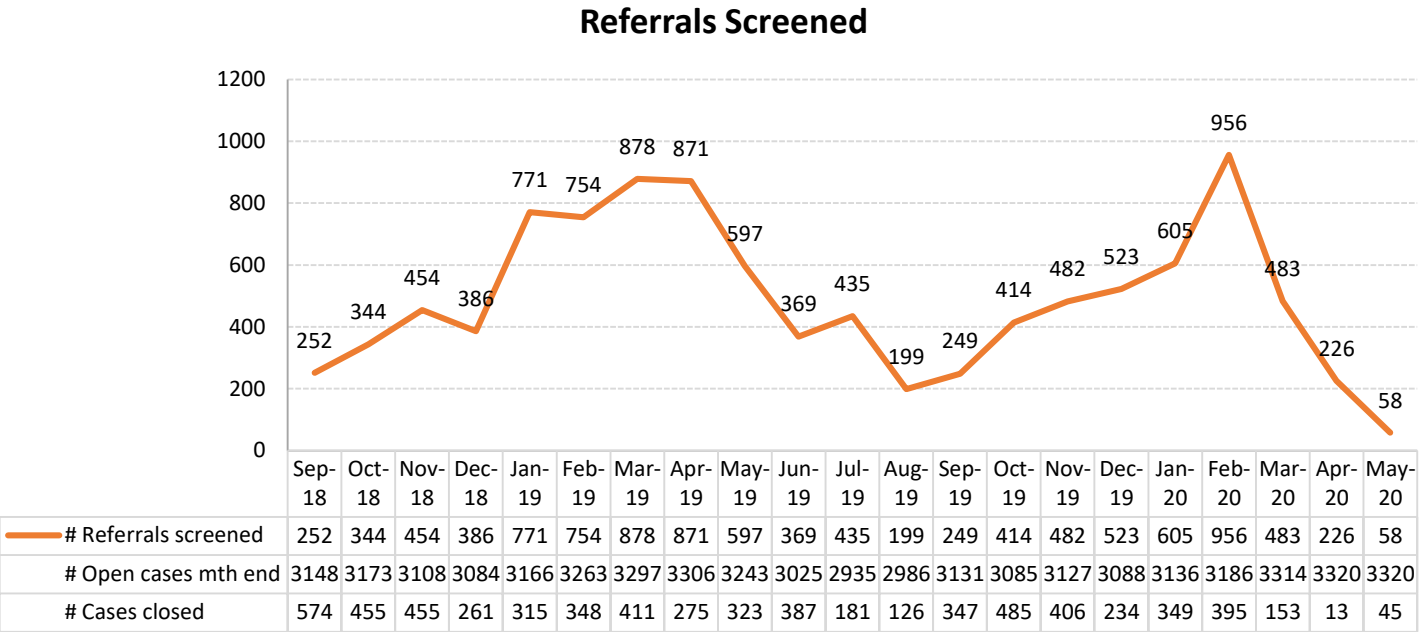
- **372** children awaiting assessment for registration at the end of **May 2020**, 54 fewer than April 2020 (426), seventh consecutive decrease and the fewest number for the period May 2019 – May 2020



Tusla Education Support Services

Activity from March 2020 impacted due to the closure of schools.

- **58 referrals screened** by senior educational welfare services in May 2020.



- **2,404 referrals on a waiting list for educational welfare services at the end of May 2020**; 101 (4%) fewer than April 2020 when the highest number since June 2019 (2,766) was reported.

