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Headline Data – May 2022

Child Protection & Welfare

- 21,748 cases open to social work at the end of May 2022, 207 (<1%) more than April 2022 (21,541), first increase after three consecutive monthly decreases.
- 76% (16,612) of cases open to social work had an allocated social worker.
- 5,136 cases awaiting allocation of a social worker at the end of May 2022, 505 (11%) more than April 2022 (4,631).
- Six areas account for 65% (3,316) of cases awaiting allocation: Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (700), Waterford/Wexford (590), Cork (584), Louth/Meath (576), Dublin North (443) and Dublin South Central (423).
- 7% (372) of cases awaiting allocation at the end of May 2022 were categorised as high priority, 44 (13%) more than April 2022 (328).

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

Cases of Retrospective Abuse

- 1,523 cases open to social work at the end of May 2022, 18 fewer than April 2022 (1,541).
- 59% (893) of cases of retrospective abuse open to social work had an allocated social worker, up from 58% at the end of April 2022.
- 630 cases awaiting allocation at the end of May 2022, 12 fewer than April 2022 (642) and the second consecutive decrease.
- Six areas account for 67% (421) of all cases awaiting allocation: Midwest (104), Dublin North City (75), Cork (72), Galway/Roscommon (71), Donegal (52) and Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (47).

Children in Care

- 5,860 children in care at the end of May 2022; nine fewer than April 2022 (5,869) and 15 fewer children in care than the same time last year (5,875).
- 825 (14%) children in care at the end of May 2022 were in placements with private providers, 11 (1%) more than April 2022 (814) and 73 (10%) more than May 2021 (752).
- 88% (5,158) of children in care at the end of May 2022 had an allocated social worker; no change from April 2022.
- A total of 702 children were awaiting an allocated social worker, eight more than April 2022 (694).

Child Protection Notification System (CPNS)

- 925 children listed as “active” at the end of May 2022; 70 (7%) fewer than April 2022 (995) when the highest number for the period Jan 2021 – Apr 2022 reported.
- There were 21 (2%) fewer children “active” at the end of May 2022 than May 2021 (946).
- All children listed as “active” at the end of May 2022 had an allocated social worker.

Children’s Services Regulation

- 4,110 early years services on the register at the end of May 2022, three fewer than April 2022 (4,113). There were 73 (2%) fewer services on the register at the end of May 2022 than May 2021 (4,183).
- 267 inspections of early years services done in May 2022, 57 (27%) more than April 2022 (210). This brings to 1,119 the number of inspections for the first five months of 2022, 145 (15%) more than the same period in 2021 (974). *Number of inspections for early 2021 impacted due to the closure of services under the Covid-19 restrictions.*
- 1,857 children on the register for home education at the end of May 2022, nine fewer than April 2022 (1,866) and 71 (4%) more than May 2021 (1,786).
- 1,661 children on a waiting list for assessment at the end of May 2022, 37 (2%) fewer than April 2022 (1,698), the fourth consecutive monthly decrease and the fewest number since July 2021 (1,615).

Tusla Education Support Services

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

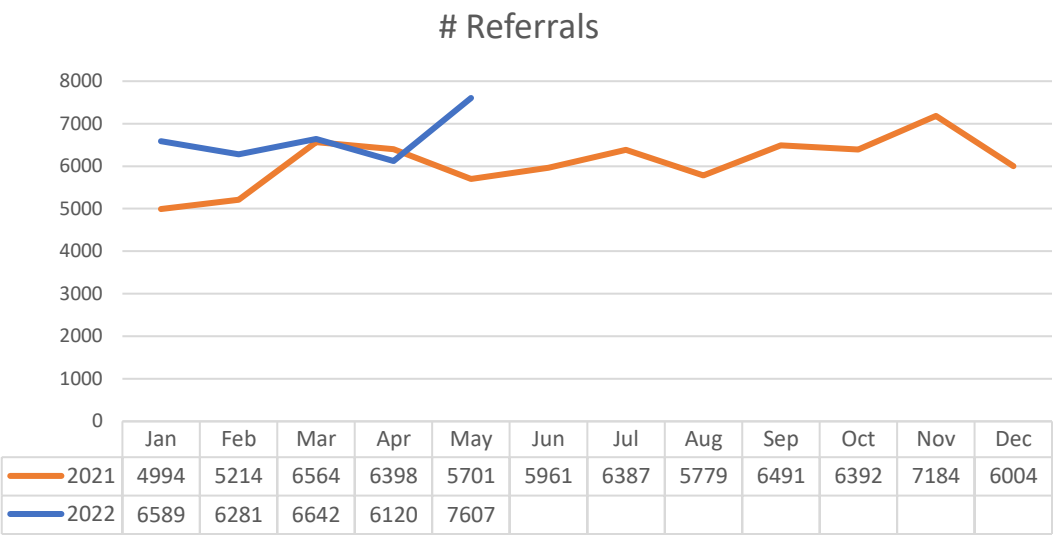
- 861 referrals screened by senior educational welfare services in May 2022, 143 (14%) fewer than April 2022 (1,004) and 313 (57%) more than May 2021 (548). Brings to 5,816 the number of referrals screened for the nine months Sept 2021 – May 2022, 1,454 (33%) more than Sept 2020 – May 2021 (4,362).
- 3,604 referrals on a waiting list for educational welfare services at the end of May 2022, 75 (2%) more than April 2022 (3,529) and 1,601 (80%) more than May 2021 (2,003).
- 278 new individual children worked with in May 2022, 34 (14%) more than April 2022 (244) and 110 (65%) more than May 2021 (168). Brings to 2,751 the number of new individual children worked with for the nine months Sept 2021 – May 2022, 538 (24%) more than Sept 2020 – May 2021 (2,213).

Child Protection and Welfare

Referrals¹

- **7,607 referrals** in May 2022, 1,487 (24%) more than April 2022 (6,120) and 1,906 (33%) more than May 2021 (5,701). This brings to at least 33,239 the number of referrals for the first five months of 2022, 4,368 (15%) more than the same period in 2021 (28,871). *Figure for May 2021 lower than expected due to the HSE cyber-attack.*

It should be noted that the data presented for 2021 has been updated to reflect final validated figures for 2021. Data for 2022 is based on referrals logged on NCCIS at the time the data was extracted for reporting. Referrals logged after the date the data was extracted are not included, nor are figures updated until annual validation is complete.

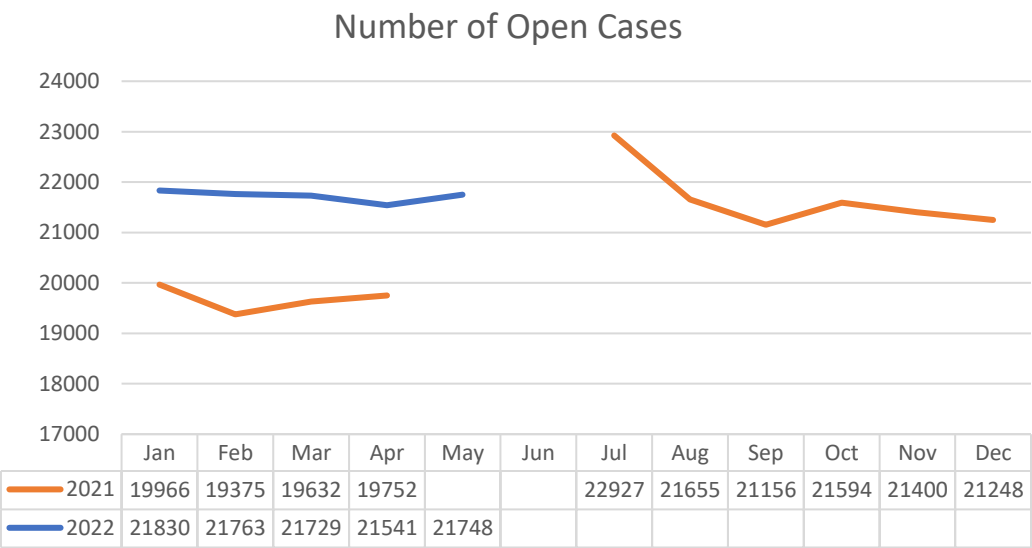


Open Cases

- **21,748 cases open to social work** at the end of May 2022, 207 (<1%) more than April 2022 (21,541), first increase after three consecutive monthly decreases. *Note: open cases include, all cases held on duty, allocated and unallocated child protection and welfare cases including children in care.*

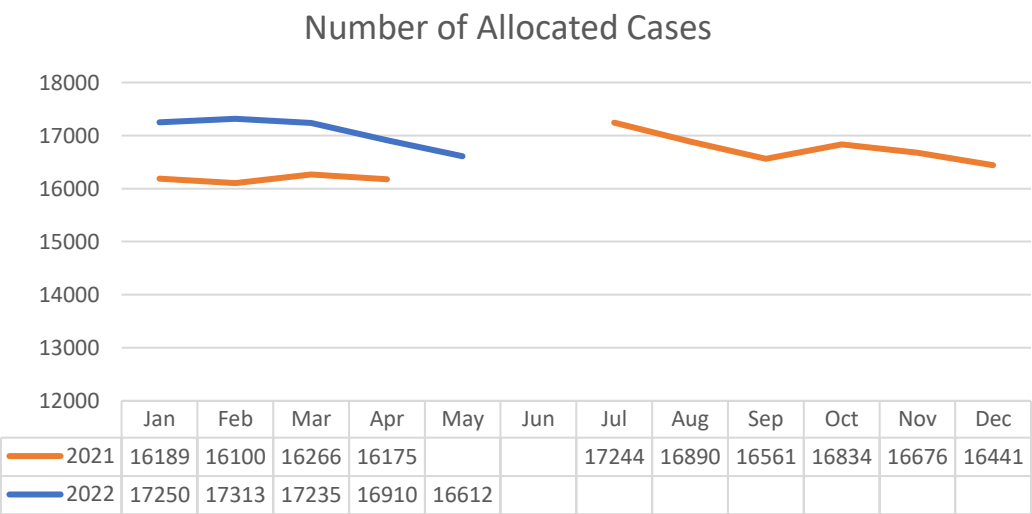
The data presented on cases is based on the status of cases on the National Child Care Information System (NCCIS) at month end.

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



Allocated Cases

- **16,612 open cases allocated** to a social worker at the end of May 2022, 298 (2%) fewer than April 2022 (16,910), third consecutive decrease.
- Allocated cases account for 76% of open cases, down three percentage points from April 2022.



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.

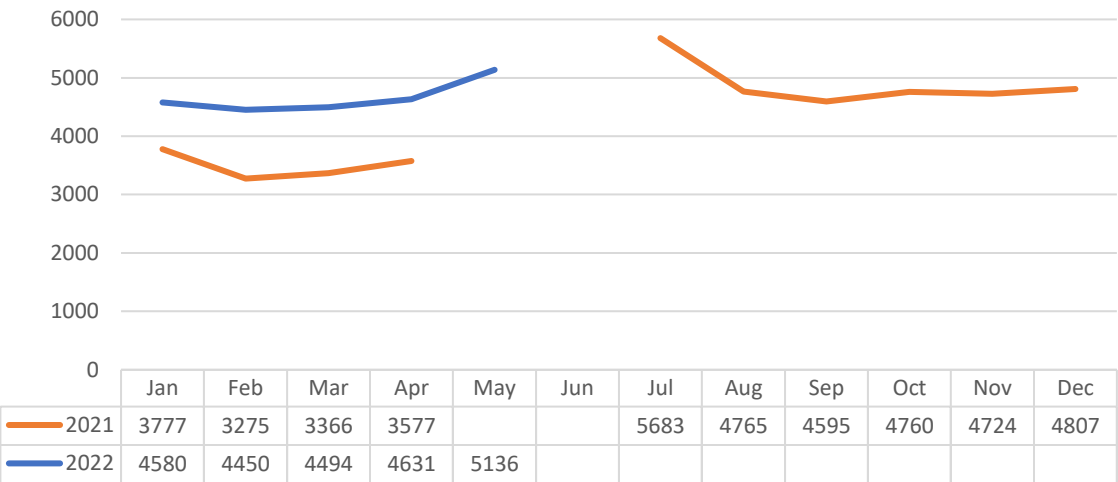
Child Protection & Welfare

Cases Awaiting Allocation of a Social Worker

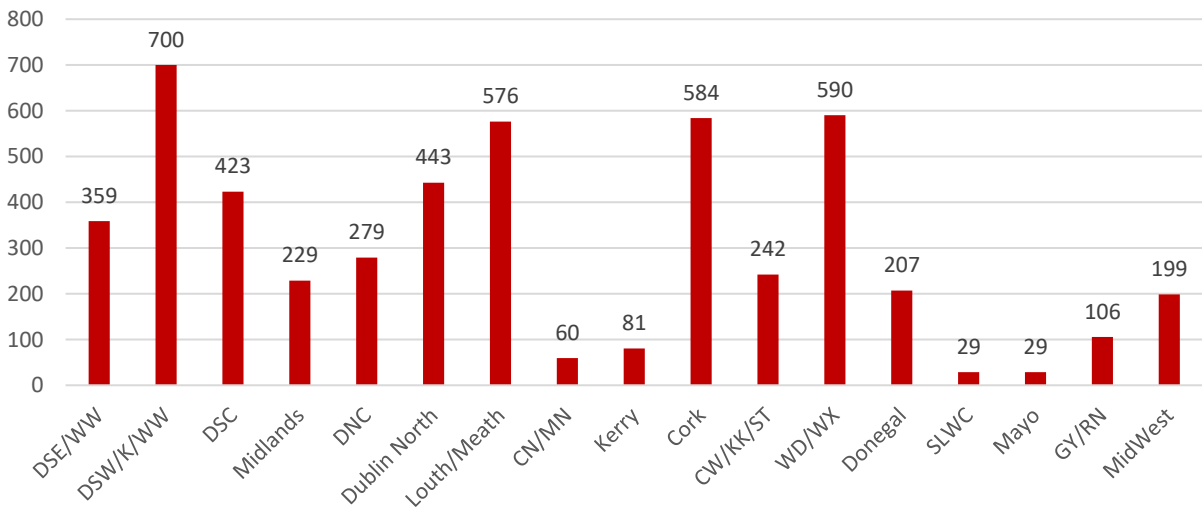
Cases awaiting allocation include cases held on duty, unallocated child protection and welfare cases including children in care

- **5,136 cases awaiting allocation of a social worker** at the end of May 2022, 505 (11%) more than April 2022 (4,631). Third consecutive increase after two consecutive decreases.
- Cases awaiting allocation account for 24% of open cases (21,748), up from 21% at the end of April 2022.
- 73% (3,743) of cases awaiting allocation at the end of May 2022 were “active on duty”. *This means that actions were undertaken by dedicated duty teams or rotating social workers on a duty roster to progress the protection and welfare of the cases. Examples of actions undertaken include telephone calls relating to the concern, visits to see children, completing initial assessments and child in care reviews or care plans.*
- Highest number of cases awaiting allocation reported by Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (700), followed by Waterford/Wexford (590), Cork (584), Louth/Meath (576), Dublin North (443) and Dublin South Central (423). These six areas account for 65% (3,316) of cases awaiting allocation.
- 372 cases awaiting allocation at the end of May 2022 were categorised as high priority, 44 (13%) more than April 2022 (328).
- High priority cases account for 7% of cases awaiting allocation.
- 50% (2,573) of cases awaiting allocation were categorised at medium priority while the remaining 43% (2,191) were low priority.
- Highest number of high priority cases reported by Louth/Meath (45) followed by Donegal (39), Dublin South East/Wicklow (34), Dublin North City (34), Dublin North (31) and Dublin South Central (30). These six areas account for 57% (213) of all high priority cases awaiting.

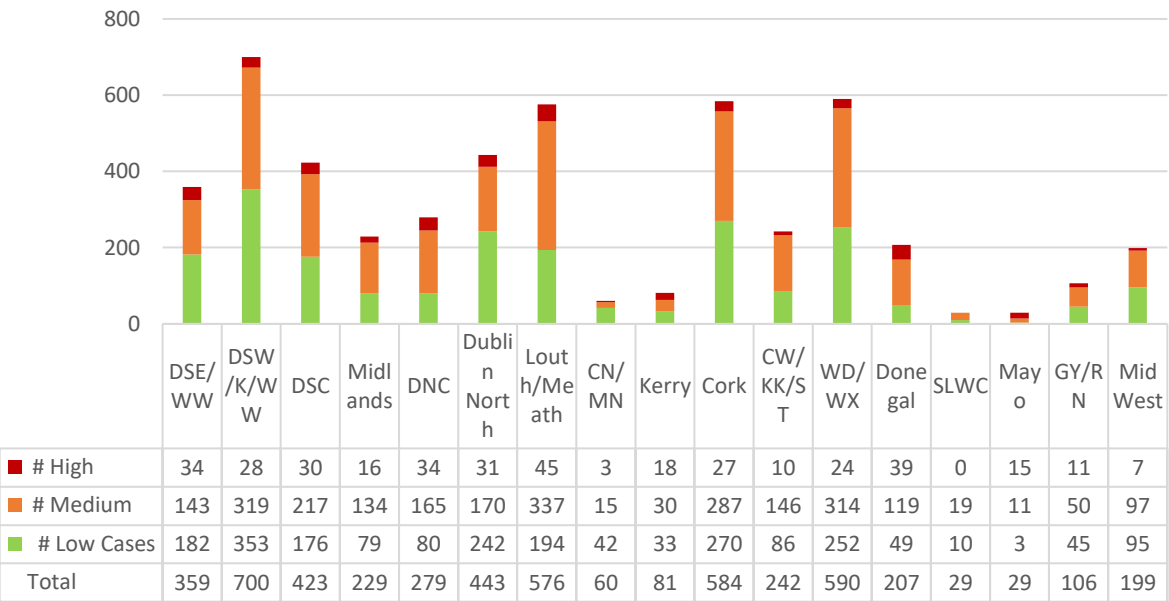
Number of Unallocated Cases



Number of Unallocated Cases



Number Unallocated Cases by Priority Level



Child Protection & Welfare

Cases Awaiting Allocation

- 12 areas reported an increase in unallocated cases from April 2022.
- Largest increase reported by Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (up 111; 19%) followed by Waterford/Wexford (up 94; 19%), Dublin South Central (up 69; 19%), Cork (up 69; 13%) and Dublin North City (up 60; 27%).
- Of the five areas that reported a decrease, the largest decrease was reported by Dublin South East/Wicklow (down 16; 4%) followed by Cavan/Monaghan (down 12; 17%) and Midlands (down 10; 4%).
- Comparison with May 2021 not available due to the absence of data for May 2021 due the HSE cyber-attack.
- Nationally 24% of open cases were unallocated at the end of May 2022. Eight areas reported a percentage equal to or higher than the national average of 21%. Highest percentage (40%) reported by Louth/Meath and Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow followed by Dublin South Central (34%) and Dublin South East/Wicklow (33%). Lowest percentage reported by Mayo (7%), followed by Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan (8%) and Cavan/Monaghan (9%).

Area	May-21 # Unallocated	May-21 % Unallocated	Mar-22 # Unallocated	Apr-22 # Unallocated	May-22 # Unallocated	May-22 % Unallocated	Mar-May	May-22 v May-21	% Δ	May 22 v Apr-22	% Δ2
DSE/WW			324	375	359	33%				-16	-4%
DSW/K/WW			507	589	700	40%				111	19%
DSC			409	354	423	34%				69	19%
Midlands			376	239	229	13%				-10	-4%
DNC			204	219	279	14%				60	27%
Dublin North			446	400	443	20%				43	11%
Louth/Meath			526	526	576	40%				50	10%
CN/MN			95	72	60	9%				-12	-17%
Kerry			64	74	81	16%				7	9%
Cork			408	515	584	25%				69	13%
CW/KK/ST			192	222	242	26%				20	9%
WD/WX			385	496	590	31%				94	19%
Donegal			195	185	207	28%				22	12%
SLWC			40	38	29	8%				-9	-24%
Mayo			22	21	29	7%				8	38%
GY/RN			78	104	106	11%				2	2%
MidWest			223	202	199	15%				-3	-1%
TOTAL			4494	4631	5136	24%				505	11%

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	Apr-22	May-22	Δ	Apr-22	May-22	Δ2	Apr-22	May-22	Δ3	Apr-22	May-22	Δ4
DSE/WW	257	368	111	1,104	1,094	-10	729	735	6	375	359	-16
DSW/K/WW	613	719	106	1,737	1,766	29	1,148	1,066	-82	589	700	111
DSC	450	507	57	1,247	1,252	5	893	829	-64	354	423	69
Midlands	594	739	145	1,789	1,812	23	1,550	1,583	33	239	229	-10
DNC	258	397	139	1,844	1,930	86	1,625	1,651	26	219	279	60
Dublin North	495	567	72	2,483	2,267	-216	2,083	1,824	-259	400	443	43
Louth/Meath	476	559	83	1,463	1,427	-36	937	851	-86	526	576	50
CN/MN	167	226	59	577	634	57	505	574	69	72	60	-12
Kerry	204	183	-21	518	514	-4	444	433	-11	74	81	7
Cork	612	838	226	2,283	2,358	75	1,768	1,774	6	515	584	69
CW/KK/ST	320	356	36	905	942	37	683	700	17	222	242	20
WD/WX	421	600	179	1,712	1,875	163	1,216	1,285	69	496	590	94
Donegal	201	200	-1	751	743	-8	566	536	-30	185	207	22
SLWC	143	137	-6	360	377	17	322	348	26	38	29	-9
Mayo	134	129	-5	489	435	-54	468	406	-62	21	29	8
GY/RN	336	461	125	942	986	44	838	880	42	104	106	2
MidWest	439	621	182	1,337	1,336	-1	1,135	1,137	2	202	199	-3
Total	6120	7607	1487	21,541	21,748	207	16,910	16,612	-298	4631	5136	505

High Priority Awaiting				Medium Priority Awaiting			Low Priority Awaiting			Priority Not Set		
Area	Apr-22	May-22	Δ	Apr-22	May-22	Δ 2	Apr-22	May-22	Δ 3	Apr-22	May-22	Δ 4
DSE/WW	26	34	8	144	143	-1	205	182	-23	53	70	17
DSW/K/WW	25	28	3	263	319	56	301	353	52	10	10	0
DSC	27	30	3	185	217	32	142	176	34	37	27	-10
Midlands	31	16	-15	132	134	2	76	79	3	0	2	2
DNC	34	34	0	110	165	55	75	80	5	2	1	-1
Dublin North	20	31	11	133	170	37	247	242	-5	5	9	4
Louth/Meath	48	45	-3	327	337	10	151	194	43	0	3	3
CN/MN	1	3	2	46	15	-31	25	42	17	0	1	1
Kerry	13	18	5	22	30	8	39	33	-6	0	0	0
Cork	26	27	1	236	287	51	253	270	17	0	0	0
CW/KK/ST	11	10	-1	143	146	3	68	86	18	0	0	0
WD/WX	16	24	8	298	314	16	182	252	70	2	4	2
Donegal	27	39	12	116	119	3	42	49	7	0	0	0
SLWC	0	0	0	27	19	-8	11	10	-1	0	0	0
Mayo	9	15	6	11	11	0	1	3	2	0	0	0
GY/RN	8	11	3	61	50	-11	35	45	10	21	13	-8
MidWest	6	7	1	93	97	4	103	95	-8	5	4	-1
TOTAL	328	372	44	2347	2573	226	1956	2191	235	135	144	9

Retrospective Cases of Abuse

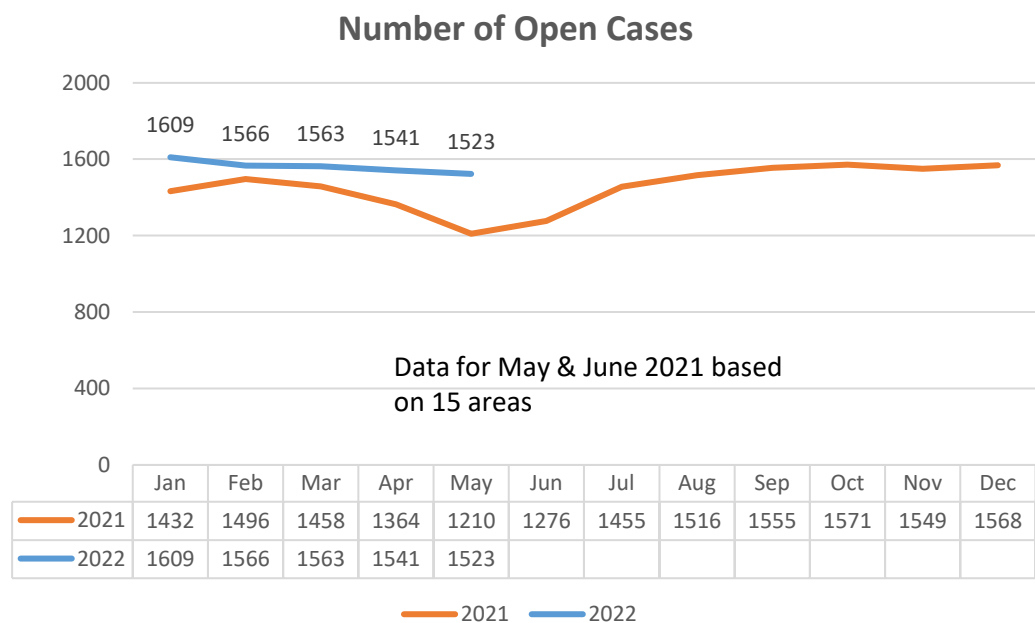
Referrals

- **470 referrals of retrospective abuse** in May 2022, 79 (20%) more than April 2022 (391) and 250 (114%) more than May 2021 (220). Brings to 2,111 the number of referrals for the first five months of 2022, 820 (64%) more than the same period in 2021 (1,291).

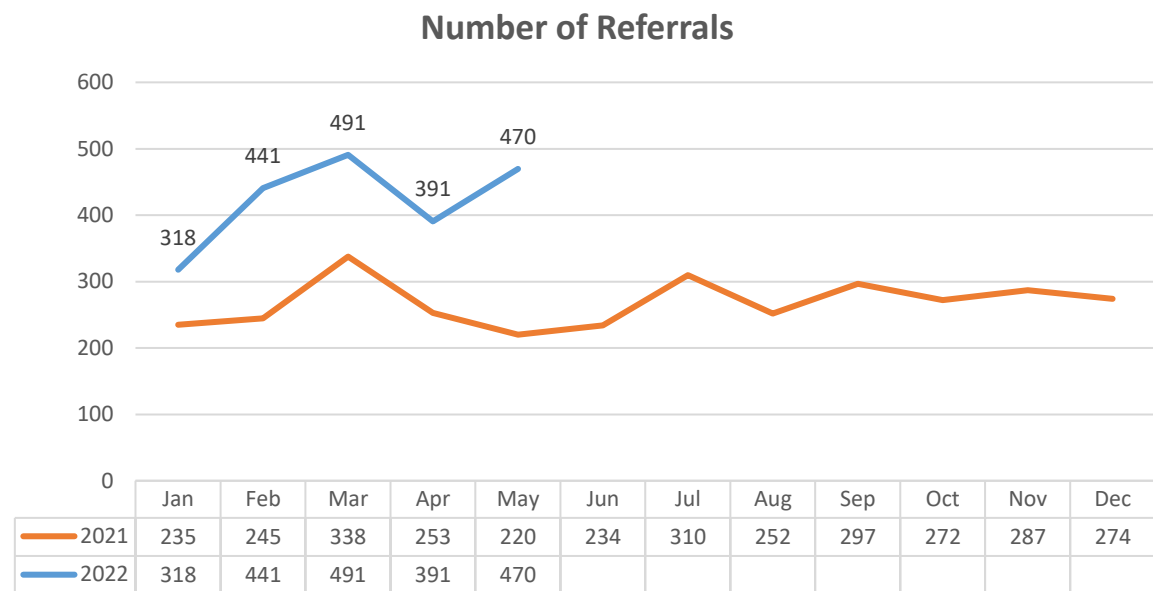
Data presented on retrospective cases of abuse (pages 8-10) for May and June 2021 is based on 15 areas. Data for Donegal and Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan not available due to the impact of the cyber-attack.

Open Cases

- **1,523 cases open to social work** at the end of May 2022, 18 fewer than April 2022 (1,541).

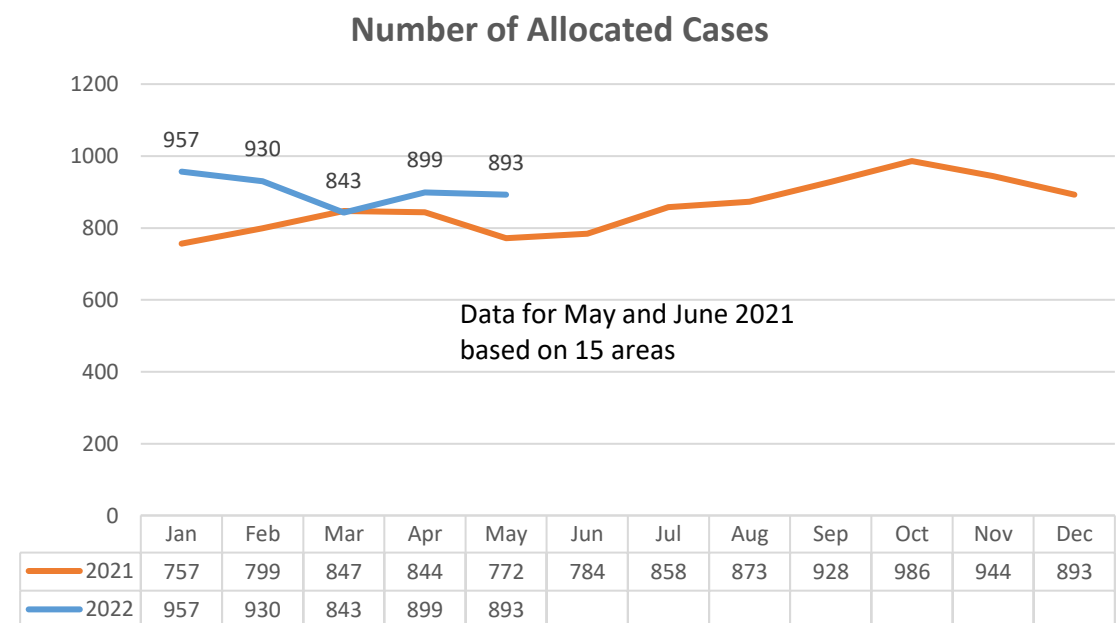


Note: all data on cases of retrospective abuse needs to be interpreted with caution due to concerns about the consistent interpretation of definitions.



Allocated Cases

- **893 cases allocated to a social worker** at the end of May 2022, six fewer than at the end of April 2022 (899).
- Allocated cases account for 59% of open cases, up from 58% at the end of April 2022.

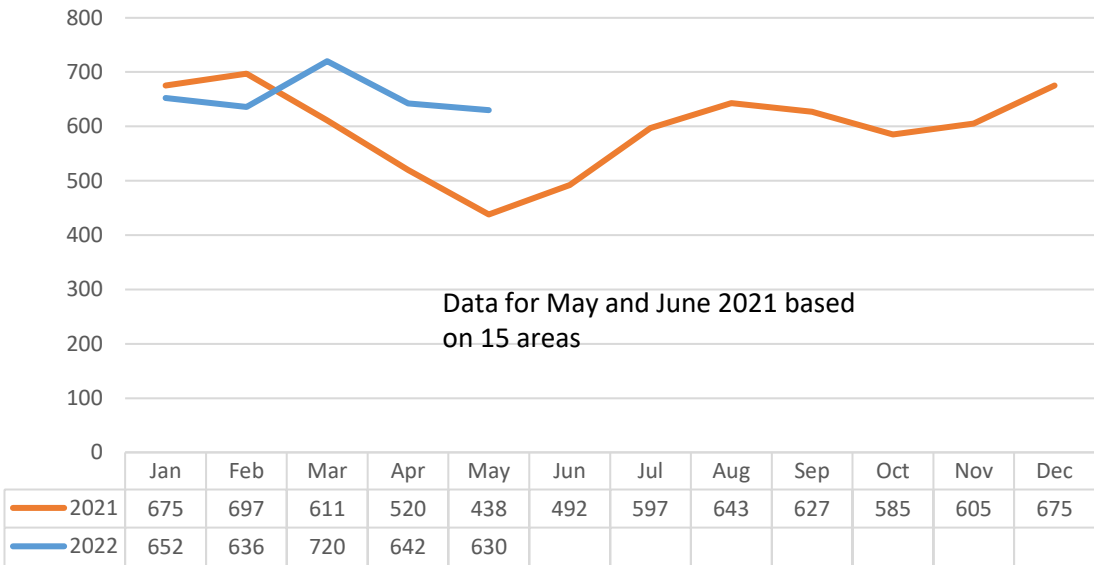


Retrospective Cases of Abuse

Cases Awaiting Allocation of a Social Worker

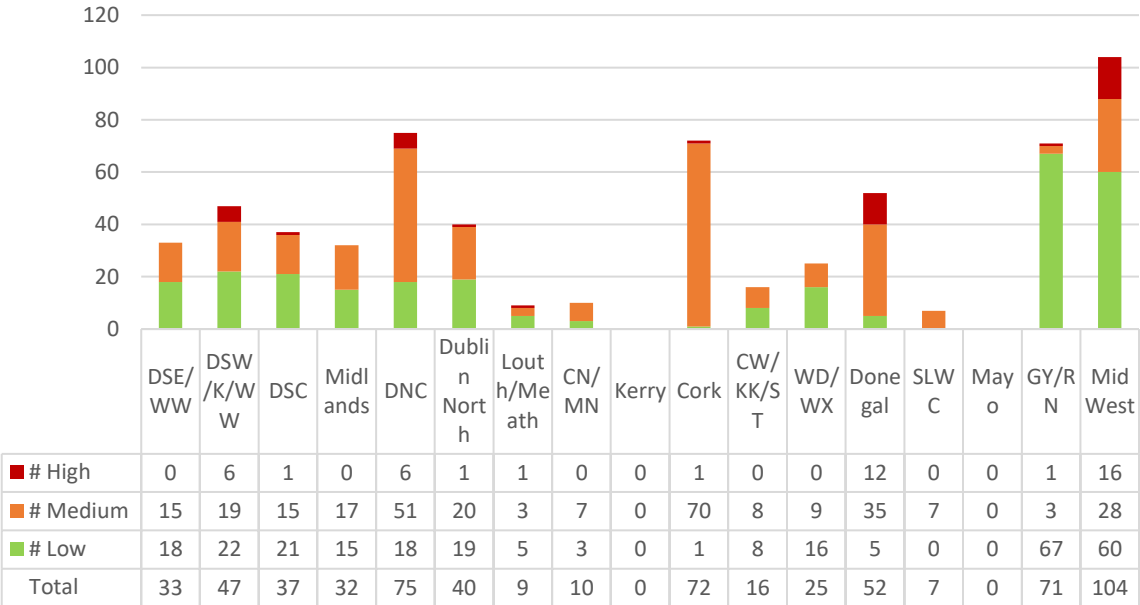
- **630 cases awaiting allocation** at the end of May 2022, 12 (2%) fewer than April 2022 (642) and the second consecutive decrease.
- Cases awaiting allocation account for 41% of open cases, down from 42% at the end of April 2022.
- Highest number of cases awaiting in Midwest (104) followed by Dublin North City (75), Cork (72), Galway/Roscommon (71), Donegal (52) and Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (47). These six areas account for 67% (421) of cases awaiting allocation. Two areas (Kerry and Mayo) has no cases awaiting allocation.

Number of Unallocated Cases

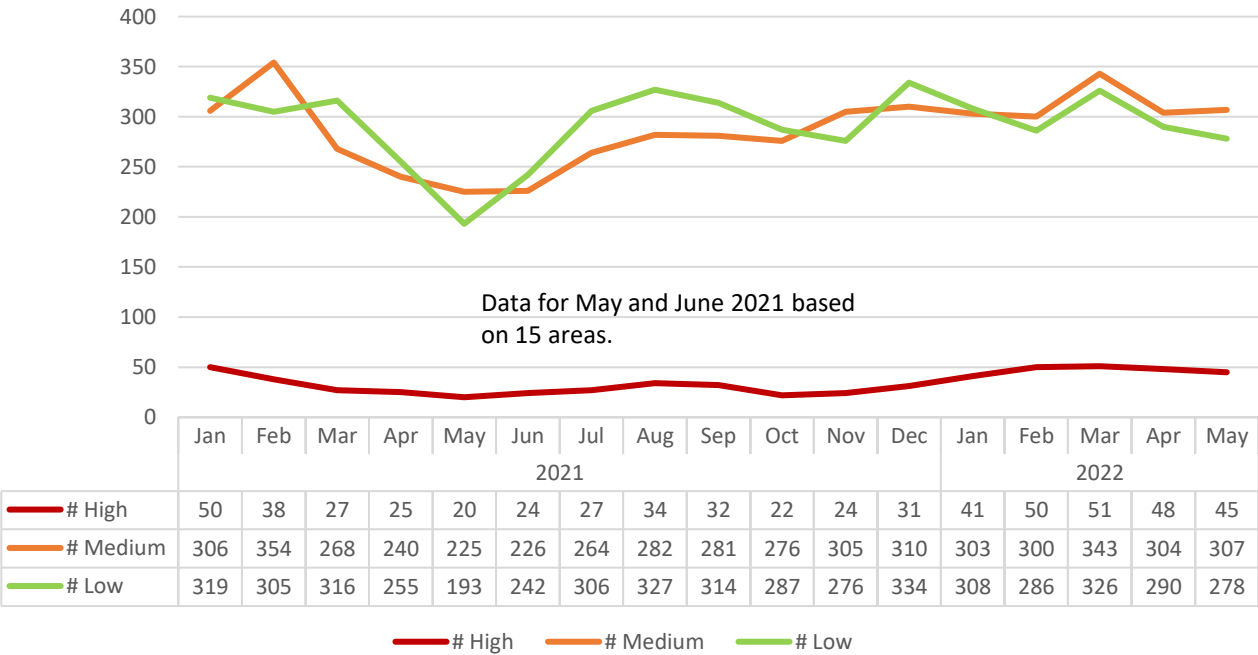


- **45 high priority cases awaiting allocation** at the end of May 2022, three fewer than April 2022 (48) and the second consecutive decrease after five consecutive monthly increases.
- High priority cases accounted for 7% of cases awaiting allocation at the end of May 2022 (630), no change from April 2022.
- High priority cases are reported by nine areas with the highest numbers reported by Midwest (16), Donegal (12) and Dublin South West/Kildare West Wicklow (6), Dublin North City (6).

Unallocated Cases by Priority Level and Area



Unallocated Cases by Priority Level



Retrospective Cases of Abuse

- **5 areas reported an increase** in cases awaiting allocation from April 2022, Galway/Roscommon (up 8), Dublin South East/Wicklow (up 5), Dublin South Central (up 4), Cork (up 3) and Dublin North (up 1).
- **8 areas reported an decrease** with the largest decrease reported by Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (down 14) followed by Carlow/Kilkenny/South Tipperary (down 6) and Waterford/Wexford (down 5).
- The remaining four areas (Midlands, Cavan/Monaghan, Kerry, Mayo) reported no change.
- 41% (630) of open cases are awaiting allocation nationally, with nine areas reporting a percentage equal to or higher than the national average. Highest percentages reported by Dublin South Central (77%), Donegal (69%), Galway/Roscommon (65%) and Midwest (59%).

- **11/15 areas** had more cases awaiting allocation at the end of May 2022 than May 2021, three areas had fewer cases. Of the remaining three areas Mayo reported no change while data for Donegal and Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan was not available for May 2021 due to the HSE cyber-attack. .
- Largest increases reported by Midwest (up 104), Dublin North City (up 32) and Dublin South East/Wicklow (up 30). Largest decrease reported by Kerry (down 70) followed by Waterford/Wexford (down 43) and Carlow/Kilkenny/South Tipperary (down 1).

Area	May-21 # Unallocated	May-21 % Unallocated	Mar-22 # Unallocated	Apr-22 # Unallocated	May-22 # Unallocated	May-22 % Unallocated	Mar-May	May-22 v May-21	% Δ	May 22 v Apr-22	% Δ2
DSE/WW	3	75%	46	28	33	48%		30	1000%	5	18%
DSW/K/WW	43	52%	73	61	47	49%		4	9%	-14	-23%
DSC	22	45%	44	33	37	77%		15	68%	4	12%
Midlands	14	67%	35	32	32	52%		18	129%	0	0%
DNC	43	35%	75	76	75	54%		32	74%	-1	-1%
Dublin North	34	22%	39	39	40	26%		6	18%	1	3%
LH/MH	3	7%	12	11	9	41%		6	200%	-2	-18%
CN/MN	0	0%	11	10	10	24%		10		0	0%
Kerry	70	59%	24	0	0	0%		-70	-100%	0	
Cork	65	45%	76	69	72	38%		7	11%	3	4%
CW/KK/ST	17	36%	15	22	16	39%		-1	-6%	-6	-27%
WD/WX	68	48%	32	30	25	13%		-43	-63%	-5	-17%
Donegal	NA		51	53	52	69%				-1	-2%
SLWC	NA		8	8	7	28%				-1	-13%
Mayo	0	0%	0	0	0	0%		0		0	
GY/RN	56	67%	66	63	71	65%		15	27%	8	13%
Midwest	0	0%	113	107	104	59%		104		-3	-3%
TOTAL	438	36%	720	642	630	41%		133	30%	-12	-2%

Retrospective Cases of Abuse

Summary Tables

Area	Referrals Apr-22	Referrals May-22	Δ	Open Cases Apr-22	Open Cases May-22	Δ2	Allocated Cases Apr-22	Allocated Cases May-22	Δ3	Unallocated Cases Apr-22	Unallocated Cases May-22	Δ4
DSE/WW	21	21	0	68	69	1	40	36	-4	28	33	5
DSW/K/WW	13	13	0	117	95	-22	56	48	-8	61	47	-14
DSC	26	22	-4	43	48	5	10	11	1	33	37	4
Midlands	7	30	23	62	61	-1	30	29	-1	32	32	0
DNC	17	9	-8	142	140	-2	66	65	-1	76	75	-1
Dublin North	51	47	-4	151	152	1	112	112	0	39	40	1
LH/MH	6	65	59	26	22	-4	15	13	-2	11	9	-2
CN/MN	20	17	-3	44	41	-3	34	31	-3	10	10	0
Kerry	46	25	-21	29	27	-2	29	27	-2	0	0	0
Cork	57	63	6	180	190	10	111	118	7	69	72	3
CW/KK/ST	41	31	-10	57	41	-16	35	25	-10	22	16	-6
WD/WX	4	50	46	182	189	7	152	164	12	30	25	-5
Donegal	2	4	2	72	75	3	19	23	4	53	52	-1
SLWC	6	1	-5	28	25	-3	20	18	-2	8	7	-1
Mayo	25	4	-21	65	63	-2	65	63	-2	0	0	0
GY/RN	28	35	7	98	109	11	35	38	3	63	71	8
Midwest	21	33	12	177	176	-1	70	72	2	107	104	-3
TOTAL	391	470	79	1541	1523	-18	899	893	-6	642	630	-12

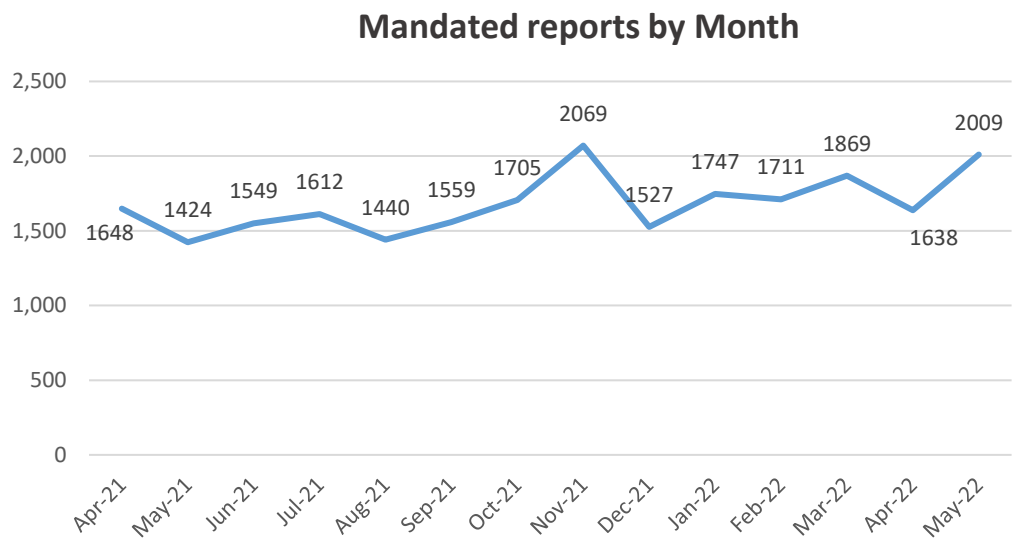
Area	High Priority Awaiting Apr-22	High Priority Awaiting May-22	Δ	Medium Priority Awaiting Apr-22	Medium Priority Awaiting May-22	Δ 2	Low Priority Awaiting Apr-22	Low Priority Awaiting May-22	Δ 3
DSE/WW	0	0	0	15	15	0	13	18	5
DSW/K/WW	7	6	-1	19	19	0	35	22	-13
DSC	1	1	0	15	15	0	17	21	4
Midlands	0	0	0	16	17	1	16	15	-1
DNC	6	6	0	51	51	0	19	18	-1
Dublin North	1	1	0	20	20	0	18	19	1
LH/MH	4	1	-3	1	3	2	6	5	-1
CN/MN	0	0	0	7	7	0	3	3	0
Kerry	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cork	0	1	1	68	70	2	1	1	0
CW/KK/ST	0	0	0	10	8	-2	12	8	-4
WD/WX	0	0	0	10	9	-1	20	16	-4
Donegal	12	12	0	35	35	0	6	5	-1
SLWC	1	0	-1	7	7	0	0	0	0
Mayo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GY/RN	1	1	0	2	3	1	60	67	7
Midwest	15	16	1	28	28	0	64	60	-4
TOTAL	48	45	-3	304	307	3	290	278	-12

Mandated Reports¹ – Child Protection & Welfare

- **2,009 mandated reports of abuse** received in May 2022, 371 (23%) more than April 2022 (1,638). This brings to at least 8,974 mandated reports for the first five months of 2022, 2,062 (30%) more than the same period in 2021 (6,912).

It should be noted that the data presented for 2021 has been updated to reflect final validated figures for 2021. Data for 2022 is based on reports logged on NCCIS at the time the data was extracted for reporting. Reports logged after the date the data was extracted are not included, nor are figures updated until annual validation is complete.

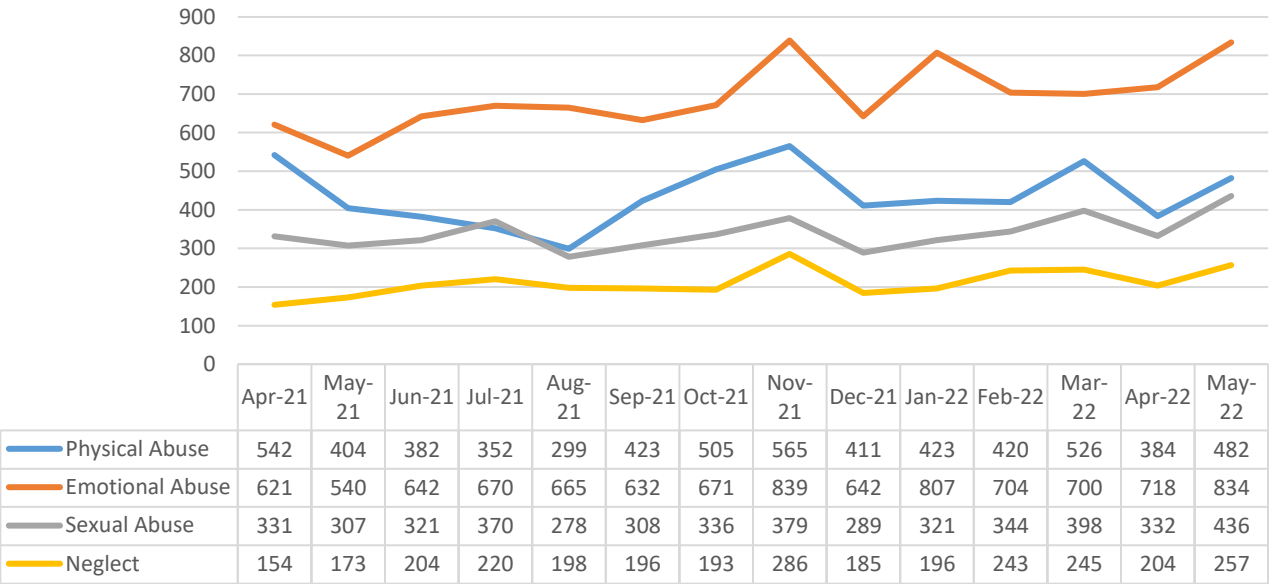
- Mandated reports accounted for 26% (2,009) of all referrals received (7,607) in May 2022.



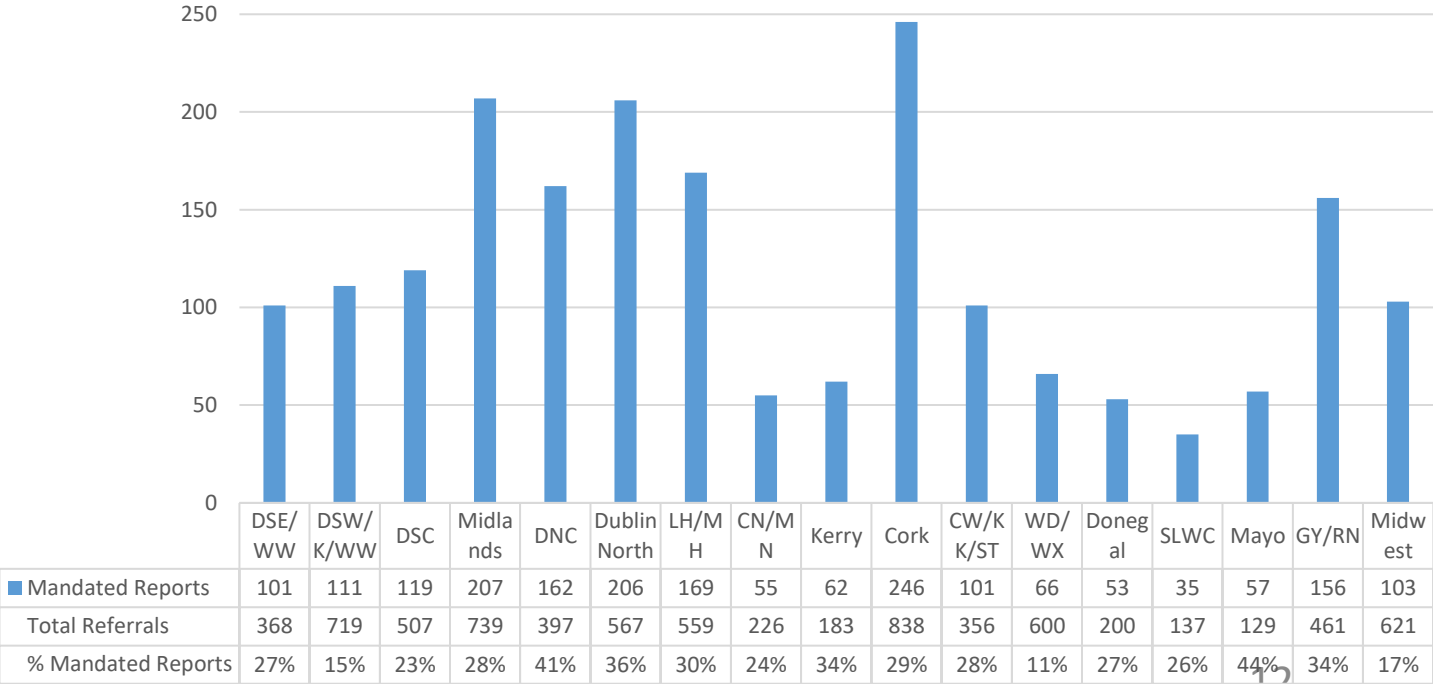
- The number of mandated reports for May 2022, by area ranged from 35 (Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan) to 246 (Cork).
- As a percentage of referrals, the highest percentage (44%) was reported by Mayo followed by Dublin North City (41%) and Dublin North (36%).
- The lowest percentages were reported by Waterford / Wexford (11%), Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (15%) and Midwest (17%)

- Highest number of reports for April 2022 were for emotional abuse (718; 44%) followed by physical abuse (384; 23%), sexual abuse (332; 20%) and neglect (204; 12%).

Mandated Reports by Report Type



Mandated Reports by Area, May 2022



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 May 2022 from An Garda Síochána (836; 42%) followed by teachers (399; 20%), social workers (193; 10%), safeguarding officers (99; 5%), social care workers (85; 4%), medical practitioners (82; 4%) and managers of domestic violence shelters (69; 3%). These seven sources account for 88% (1,763) of reports for May 2022.
- Highest number of reports year to date from An Garda Síochána (3,729; 42%) followed by teachers (1,607; 18%), social workers (1,104; 12%), safeguarding officers (434; 5%), social care workers (433; 5%), medical practitioners (348; 4%) and managers of domestic violence shelters (306; 3%). These seven sources account for 88% (7,961) of reports year to date.

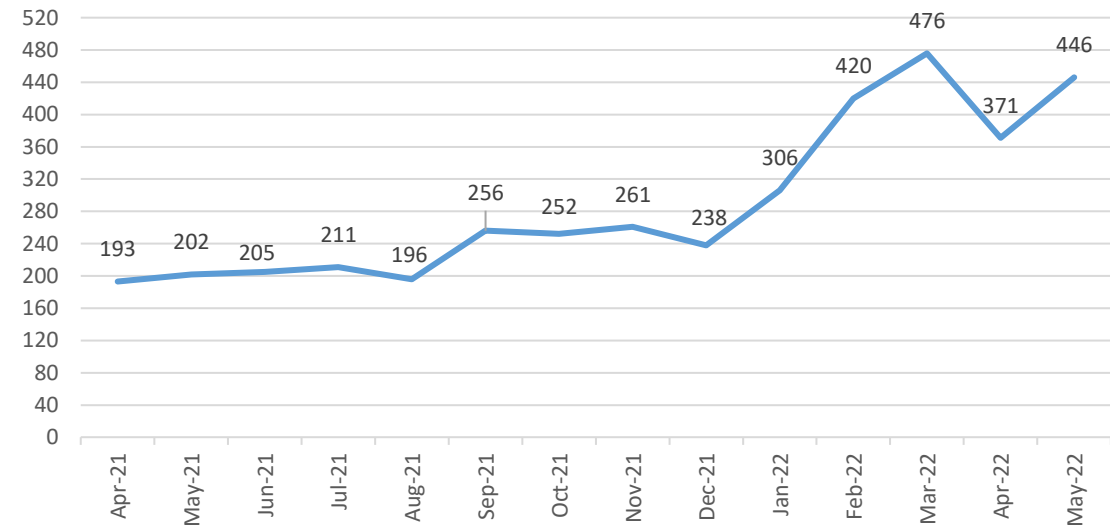
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Source	# May 2022	% May 2022	# YTD 2022	% YTD 2022
Medical practitioner (Registered)	82	4.1%	348	3.9%
Nurse or registered midwife (Registered)	47	2.3%	195	2.2%
Physiotherapist (Registered)	*	*	17	0.2%
Speech & language therapist (Registered)	*	*	16	0.2%
Occupational therapist (Registered)	*	*	27	0.3%
Registered dentist	0	0.0%	*	*
Psychologist who practises as such and who is eligible for registration	45	2.2%	187	2.1%
Social care worker who practises as such and who is eligible for registration	85	4.2%	433	4.8%
Social worker who practises as such and who is eligible for registration	193	9.6%	1104	12.3%
EMT, paramedic and advanced paramedic registered with the Pre-Hospital Emergency Care Council	0	0.0%	10	0.1%
Probation officer within the meaning of section 1 of the Criminal Justice (Community Service) Act 1983.	9	0.4%	31	0.3%
Teacher registered with the Teaching Council.	399	19.9%	1607	17.9%
An Garda Síochána Member	836	41.6%	3729	41.6%
Guardian ad litem appointed in accordance with section 26 of the Child Care Act 1991	8	0.4%	13	0.1%
Domestic violence shelter manager	69	3.4%	306	3.4%
Homeless provision or emergency accommodation facility manager	14	0.7%	40	0.4%
Asylum seeker accommodation (direct provision) centre manager	*	*	12	0.1%
Addiction counsellor employed by a body funded, wholly or partly, out of moneys provided by the Oireachtas	*	*	*	*
Psychotherapist or a person providing counselling who is registered with one of the voluntary professional bodies	57	2.8%	242	2.7%
Language school or other recreational school where children reside away from home manager	*	*	6	0.1%
Clergy member (howsoever described) or pastoral care worker (howsoever described) of a church or other religious community;	0	0.0%	*	*
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;	99	4.9%	434	4.8%
Child care staff member employed in a pre-school service within the meaning of Part VIIA of the Child Care Act 1991;	6	0.3%	42	0.5%
Youth work service - person responsible for the care or management within the meaning of section 2 of the Youth Work Act 2001	9	0.4%	54	0.6%
Youth worker holds a professional qualification and who is employed in a youth work service	22	1.1%	72	0.8%
Foster carer registered with the Agency.	7	0.3%	16	0.2%
Pre-school service within the meaning of Part VIIA of the Child Care Act 1991.	*	*	21	0.2%
Total (includes suppressed values)	2009	100.0%	8974	100.0%

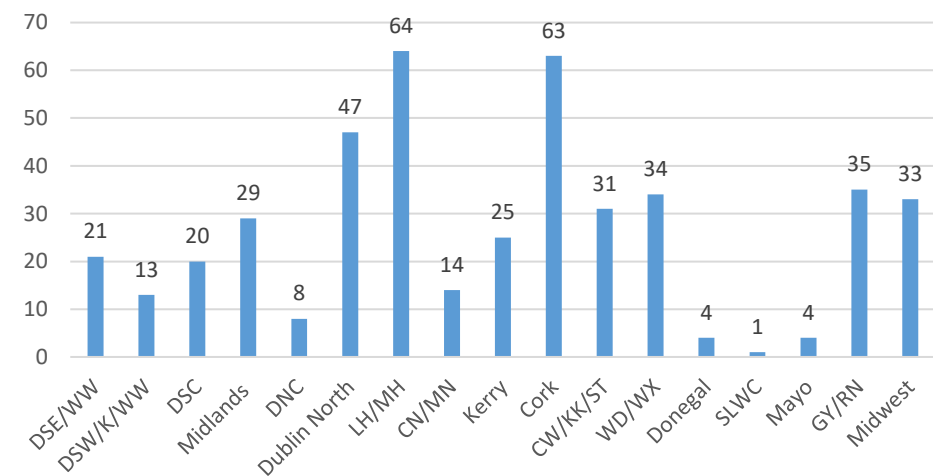
Mandated Reports¹ – Retrospective Abuse

- **446 mandated reports of retrospective abuse** in May 2022, brings to 2,019 the number of reports for the first five months of 2022.
 - Mandated reports accounted for 95% of all reports of retrospective abuse received in May 2022 (470).
 - The majority (85%; 379) of mandated reports for May 2022 were for sexual abuse.
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- Highest number of mandated reports (64) reported by Louth/Meath followed by Cork (63), Cork (46) and Dublin North (47).

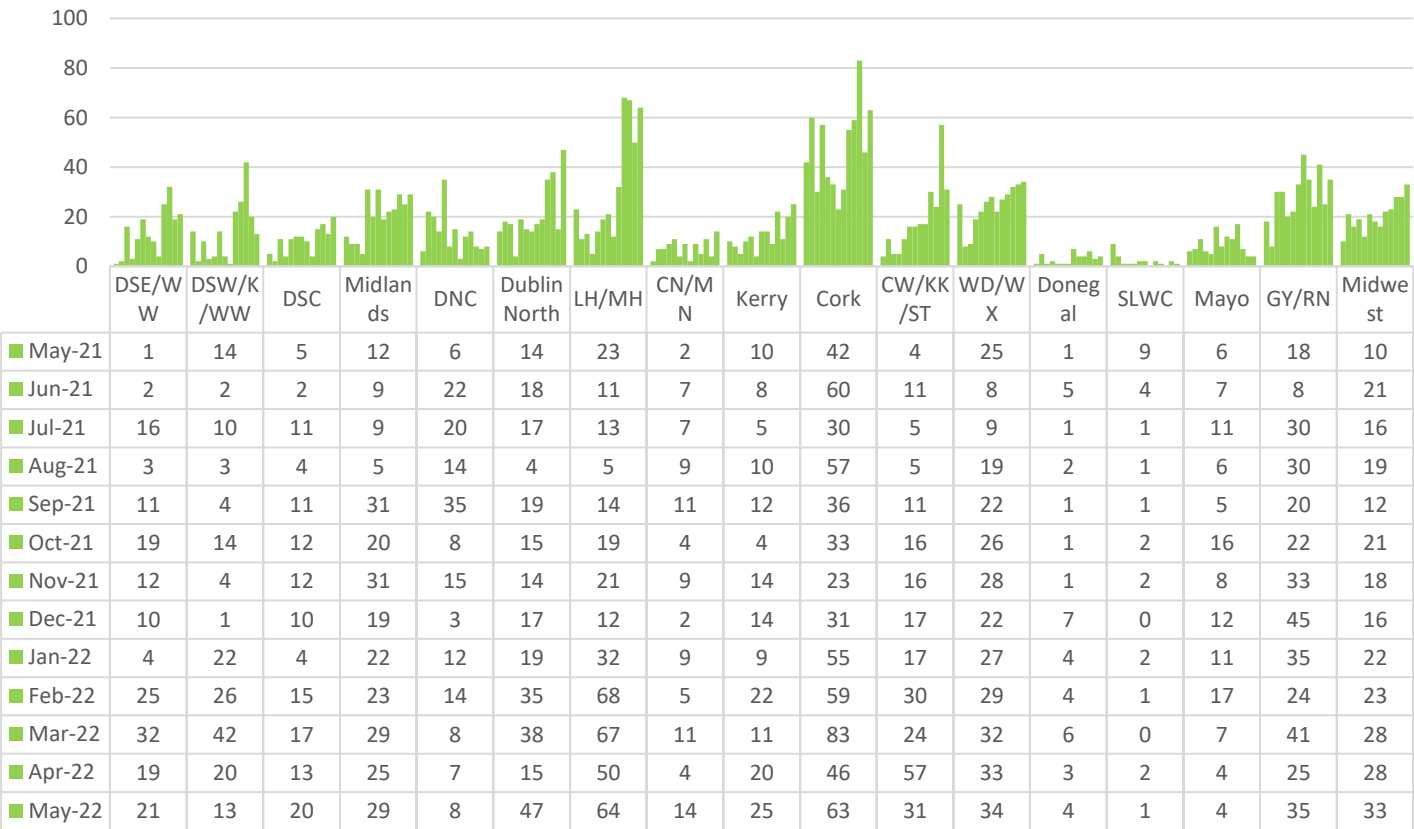
Mandated Reports by Month



Mandated Reports by Area - May 2022



Mandated Reports - Retrospective Cases of Abuse



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Mandated Reports – Retrospective Abuse

Source of Reports

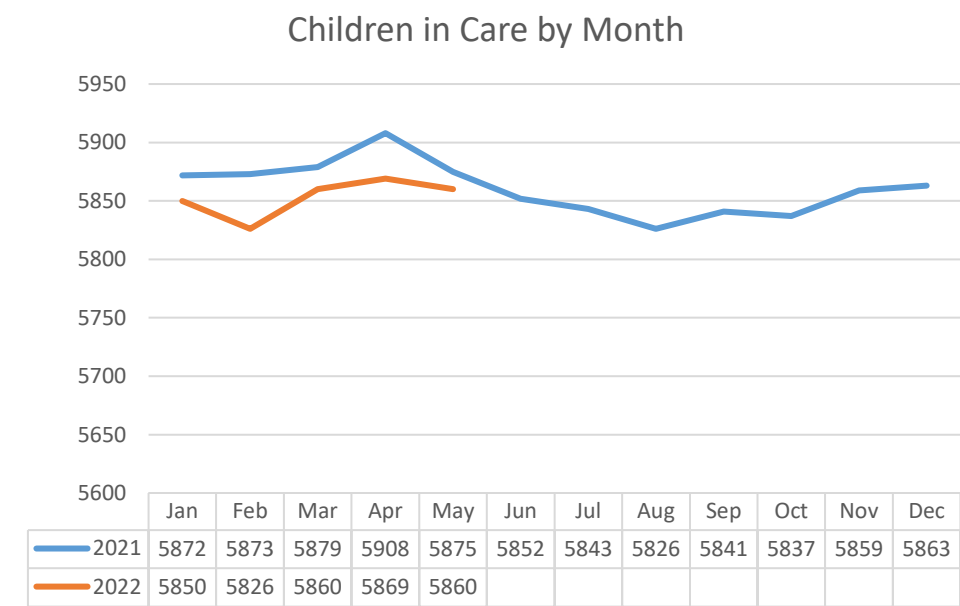
- Highest number of reports for May 2022 from psychotherapists (230; 52%) followed by psychologists (52; 12%), social workers (42; 10%), medical practitioners (37; 8%) and An Garda Síochána (36; 8%). These five sources account for 89% (397) of all reports received.
- Highest number of reports year to date from psychotherapists (900; 45%), An Garda Síochána (282; 14%), social workers (227; 11%), psychologists (220; 11%) and medical practitioners (118; 6%). These five sources account for 87% (1,747) of reports for March 2022.

Source	# May 2022	% May 2022	# YTD 2022	% YTD 2022
Medical practitioner (Registered)	37	8.3%	118	5.8%
Nurse or registered midwife (Registered)	10	2.2%	67	3.3%
Physiotherapist (Registered)	*	*	7	0.3%
Speech & language therapist (Registered)	*	*	*	*
Occupational therapist (Registered)	0	0.0%	*	*
Registered dentist	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Psychologist who practises as such and who is eligible for registration	52	11.7%	220	10.9%
Social care worker who practises as such and who is eligible for registration	*	*	21	1.0%
Social worker who practises as such and who is eligible for registration	42	9.4%	227	11.2%
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.	*	*	18	0.9%
Teacher registered with the Teaching Council.	*	*	24	1.2%
An Garda Síochána Member	36	8.1%	282	14.0%
Guardian ad litem appointed in accordance with section 26 of the Child Care Act 1991	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Domestic violence shelter manager	0	0.0%	*	*
Homeless provision or emergency accommodation facility manager	*	*	7	0.3%
Asylum seeker accommodation (direct provision) centre manager	0	0.0%	*	*
Addiction counsellor employed by a body funded, wholly or partly, out of moneys provided by the Oireachtas	5	1.1%	22	1.1%
Psychotherapist or a person providing counselling who is registered with one of the voluntary professional bodies	230	51.6%	900	44.6%
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;	*	*	9	0.4%
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;	16	3.6%	72	3.6%
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	*	*	8	0.4%
Youth worker holds a professional qualification and who is employed in a youth work service	*	*	*	*
Foster carer registered with the Agency.	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Pre-school service within the meaning of Part VIIA of the Child Care Act 1991.	0	0.0%	*	*
Total (includes suppressed values)	446	100.0%	2019	100.0%

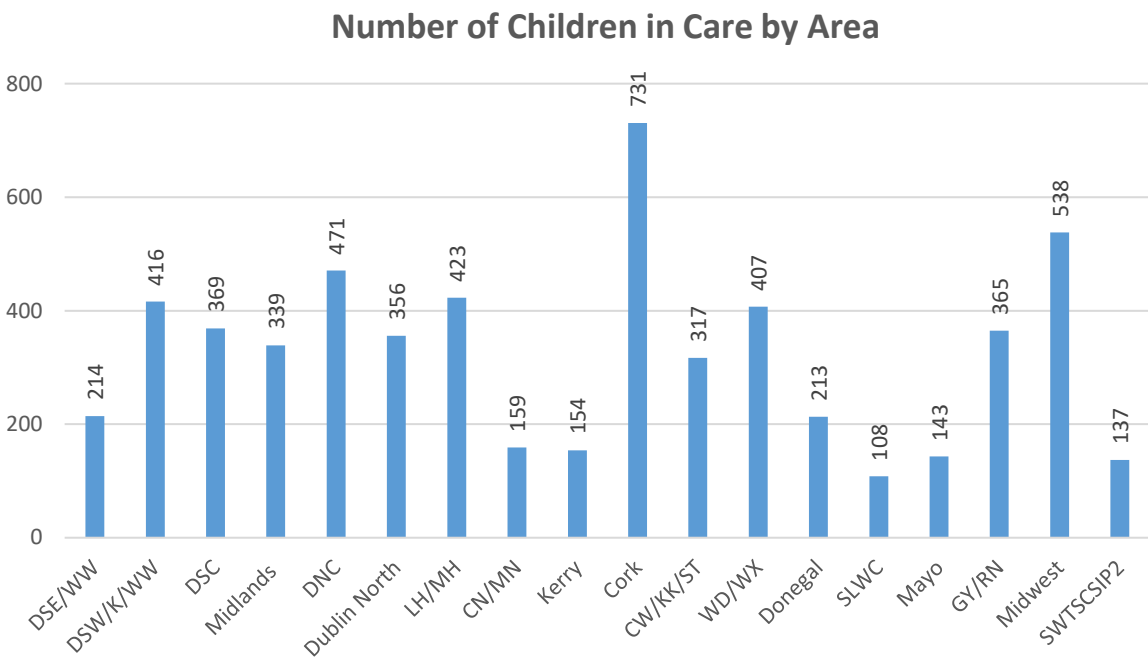
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Children in Care

- **5,860 children in care at the end of May 2022**; nine fewer than April 2022 (5,869).
- 15 fewer children in care than the same time last year (5,875).
- 64% (3,742) of children in care are in general foster care, 26% (1,507) are in relative foster care, 7% (439) are in residential care and 3% (172) are in “other” care placements.
- 15 (3%) of the 439 children in residential placements are in special care



- Highest number of children in care reported by Cork (731) followed by Midwest (538) and Dublin North City (471).
- Fewest number reported by Sligo/Leitrim West Cavan (108) followed by the Social Work Team for Separated Children Seeking International Protection (137) and Mayo (143).
- Highest rate of children in care per 1,000 children was reported by Dublin North City (10.5/1,000) followed by Waterford/Wexford (5.9/1,000) , Dublin South Central (5.6/1,000) and Midwest (5.6/1,000). Lowest rate reported by Dublin South East/Wicklow (2.5/1,000) followed by Dublin North (3.5/1,000) 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.



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

Area	May-21	Apr-22	May-22	May-22 v May-21	May-22 v Apr-22	Population	Rate/1,000
Dublin South East/Wicklow	220	212	214	-6	2	86,810	2.5
DSW/K/WW	413	413	416	3	3	108,186	3.8
Dublin South Central	370	374	369	-1	-5	65,564	5.6
Midlands	342	338	339	-3	1	80,193	4.2
Dublin North City	474	472	471	-3	-1	44,927	10.5
Dublin North	354	358	356	2	-2	100,654	3.5
Louth/Meath	409	427	423	14	-4	93,093	4.5
Cavan/Monaghan	156	159	159	3	0	36,446	4.4
Kerry	150	158	154	4	-4	34,527	4.5
Cork	754	731	731	-23	0	134,015	5.5
CW/KK/ST	331	317	317	-14	0	63,009	5.0
Waterford/Wexford	418	409	407	-11	-2	68,513	5.9
Donegal	228	213	213	-15	0	42,865	5.0
Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan	120	107	108	-12	1	23,554	4.6
Mayo	130	145	143	13	-2	31,968	4.5
Galway/Roscommon	383	363	365	-18	2	79,912	4.6
Midwest	569	541	538	-31	-3	96,266	5.6
Total Areas	5821	5737	5723	-98	-14	1,190,502	4.8
SWTSCIP	54	132	137	83	5		
National	5875	5869	5860	-15	-9		

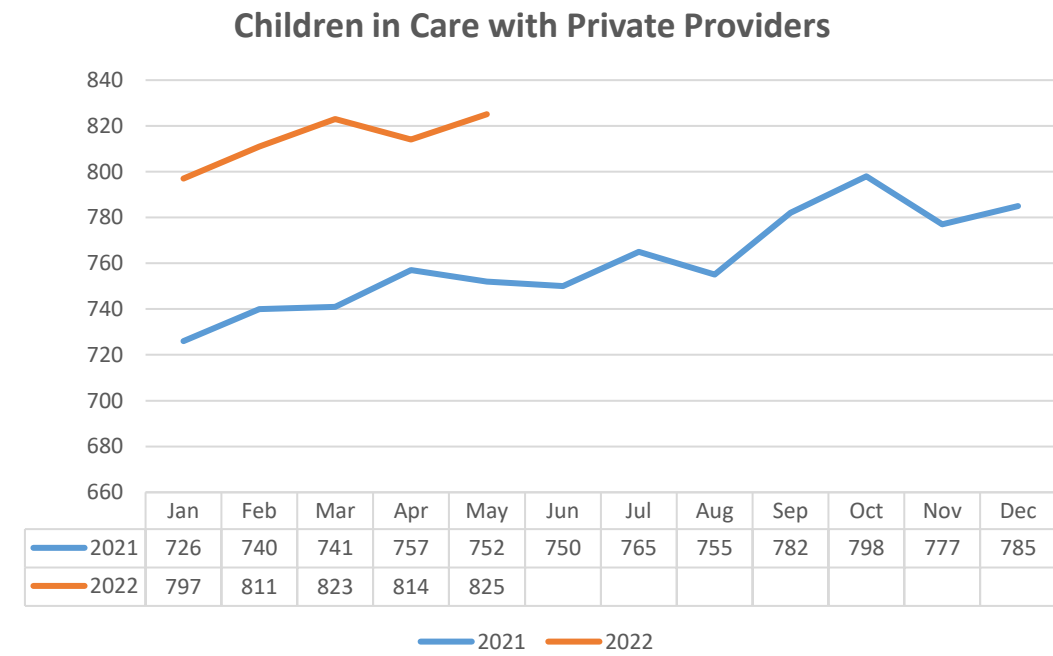
SWTSCSIP: Social Work Team for Separated Children Seeking International Protection

Children in Care

- 825 (14%) children in care at the end of May 2022 were in placements with private providers, 11 (1%) more than April 2022 (814).

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 73 (10%) more children in care in placements with private providers at the end of May 2022 than at the end of May 2021 (752).



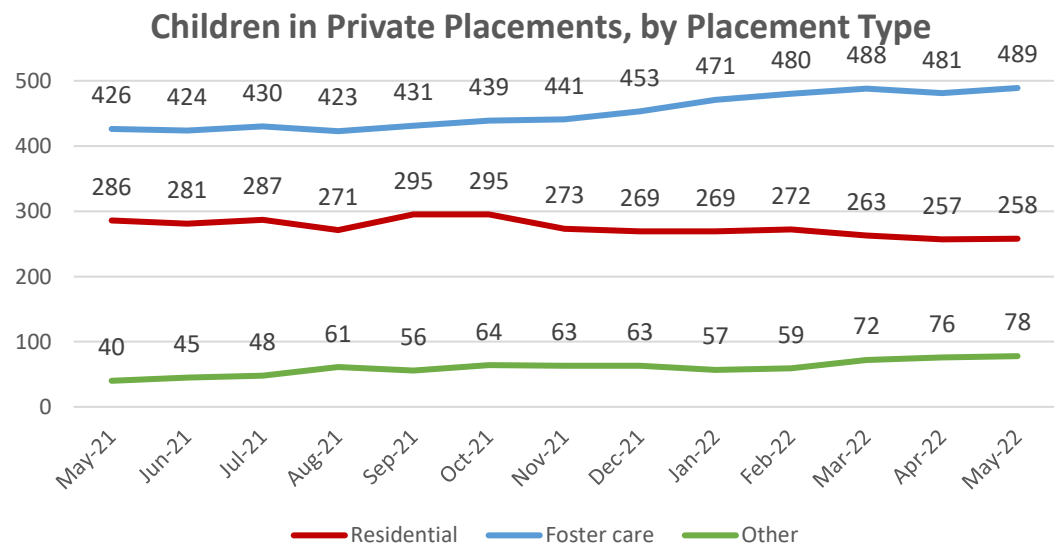
- 59% (489) of children in placements with private providers were in **foster care**, eight more than April 2022 (481) and 63 (15%) more than May 2021 (426).
- 31% (258) of children in placements with private providers were in **residential care**, one more than April 2022 (257) and 28 (10%) fewer than May 2021 (286). [Ref note above re: voluntary organisations]

- Highest number of children in placements with private providers reported by Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (110) followed by Dublin South Central (104), Dublin North City (104), Dublin North (82), Midlands (67) and Cork (65). These six areas account for 64% (532) of all children in placements with private providers.

Children with private providers

Children with Private Providers	May-21	Apr-22	May-22	May-22 v May-21	May-22 v Apr-22
Dublin South East/Wicklow	44	41	43	-1	2
DSW/K/WW	99	107	110	11	3
Dublin South Central	113	104	104	-9	0
Midlands	57	67	67	10	0
Dublin North City	80	101	104	24	3
Dublin North	82	83	82	0	-1
Louth/Meath	29	37	37	8	0
Cavan/Monaghan	3	7	7	4	0
Kerry	13	22	21	8	-1
Cork	68	63	65	-3	2
CW/KK/ST	12	12	13	1	1
Waterford/Wexford	43	26	25	-18	-1
Donegal	20	18	18	-2	0
Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan	5	9	9	4	0
Mayo	1	3	2	1	-1
Galway/Roscommon	9	19	18	9	-1
Midwest	42	42	40	-2	-2
SWTSCSIP	32	53	60	28	7
Total	752	814	825	73	11

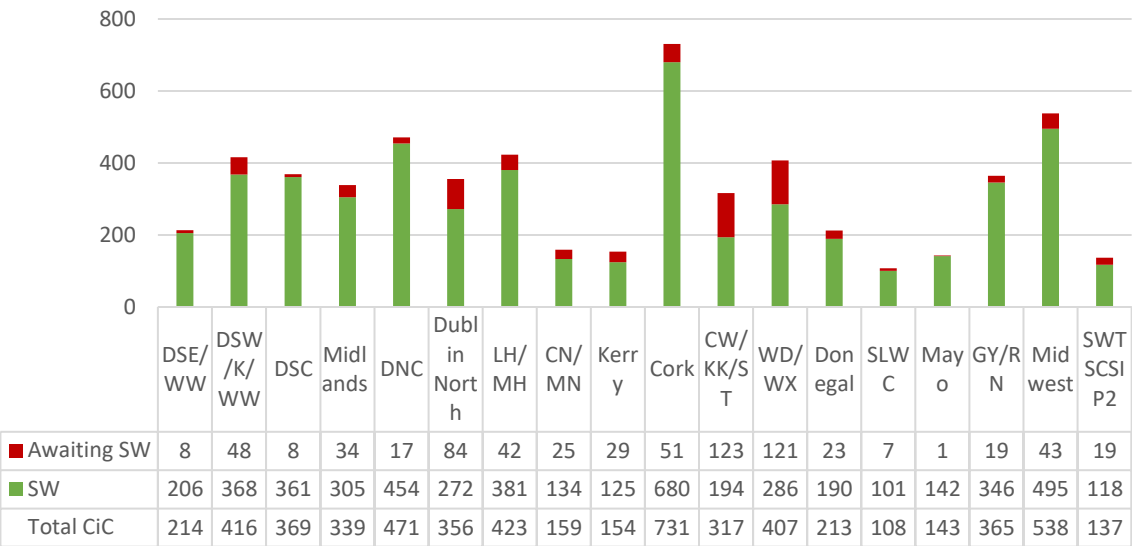
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Children in Care

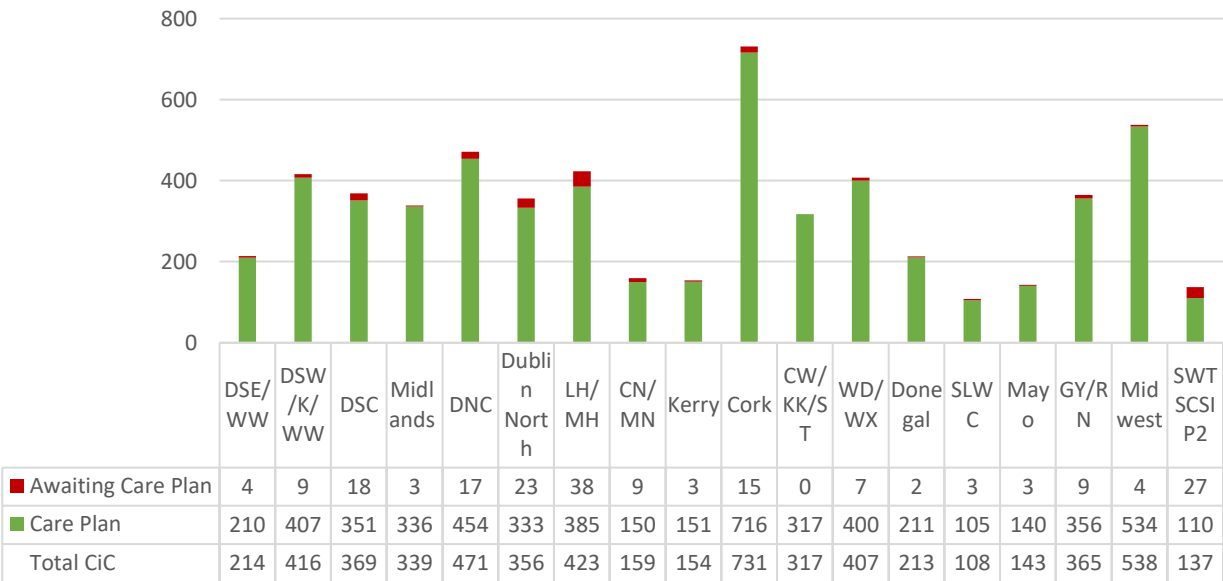
- **88% (5,158) of children in care at the end of May 2022 had an allocated social worker;** no change from April 2022.
- A total of 702 children were awaiting an allocated social worker, eight more than April 2022 (694).
- Highest number awaiting reported by Carlow/Kilkenny/South Tipperary (123) followed by Waterford/Wexford (121), Dublin North (84), Cork (51), Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (48) and Midwest (43). These six areas account for 67% (470) of all cases awaiting allocation.

Children in Care with a Social Worker



- **97% (5,666) of children in care at the end of May 2022 had a care plan;** no change from April 2022.
- A total of 194 children did not have a care plan, 34 (21%) more than April 2022 (160)
- Highest numbers with no care plan reported by Louth/Meath (38), Social Work Team for Separated Children Seeking International Protection (27) and Dublin North (23).

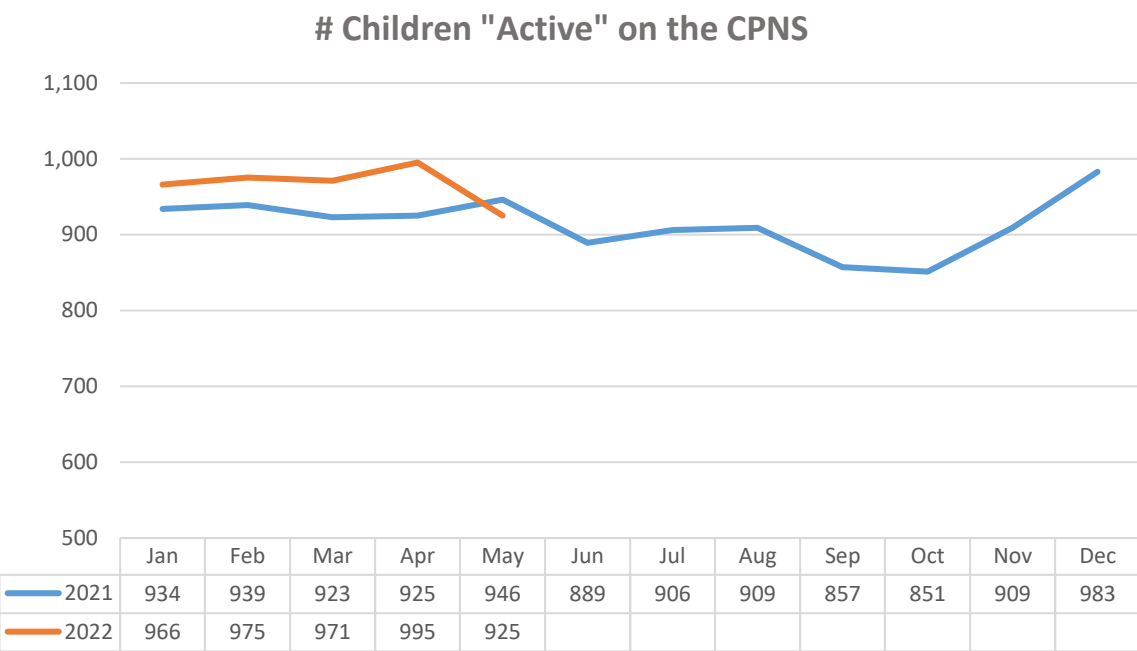
Children in Care with a Care Plan



Child Protection Notification System

- **925 children listed as “active” at the end of May 2022**; 70 (7%) fewer than April 2022 (995) when the highest number for the period Jan 2021 – Apr 2022 reported.
- There were 21 (2%) fewer children “active” at the end of May 2022 than May 2021 (946).
- All children listed as “active” at the end of May 2022 had an **allocated social worker**.

- Highest number of children listed as “active” at the end of May 2022 reported by Midwest (93) followed by Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (81), Carlow/Kilkenny/South Tipperary (79), Cork (74), Dublin North City (73) and Waterford/Wexford (72).
- Fewest number listed as “active” reported by Kerry (20) followed by Louth/Meath (21) and Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan (26).
- Highest rate per 10,000 population under 18 years reported by Dublin North City (16.2/10,000) followed by Donegal (12.8/10,000) and Carlow/Kilkenny/South Tipperary (12.5/10,000).
- Lowest rates reported by Louth/Meath (2.3/10,000), Dublin South East/Wicklow (3.9/10,000) and Galway/Roscommon (5.3/10,000). Nine areas reported a rate equal to or higher than the national rate of 7.8/10,000
- 4/17 areas had more children listed as “active” at the end of May 2022 than April 2022. Largest increase reported by Dublin South Central (up 4) followed by Waterford/Wexford (up 3), Cavan/Monaghan (up 2) and Kerry (up 1). Largest decreases reported by Dublin South East/Wicklow (down 17), Midlands (down 17), Carlow/Kilkenny/South Tipperary (down 8) and Dublin North City (down 8).
- 9/17 areas had more children active at the end of May 2022 than at the same period last year. Largest increases reported by Galway/Roscommon (up 23), Cavan/Monaghan (up 16), Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan (up 14), Dublin south central (up 10) and Waterford/Wexford (up 10). Largest decreases reported by Dublin South East/Wicklow (down 23), Cork (down 18), Midlands (down 17), Dublin North (down 16) and Kerry (down 16).



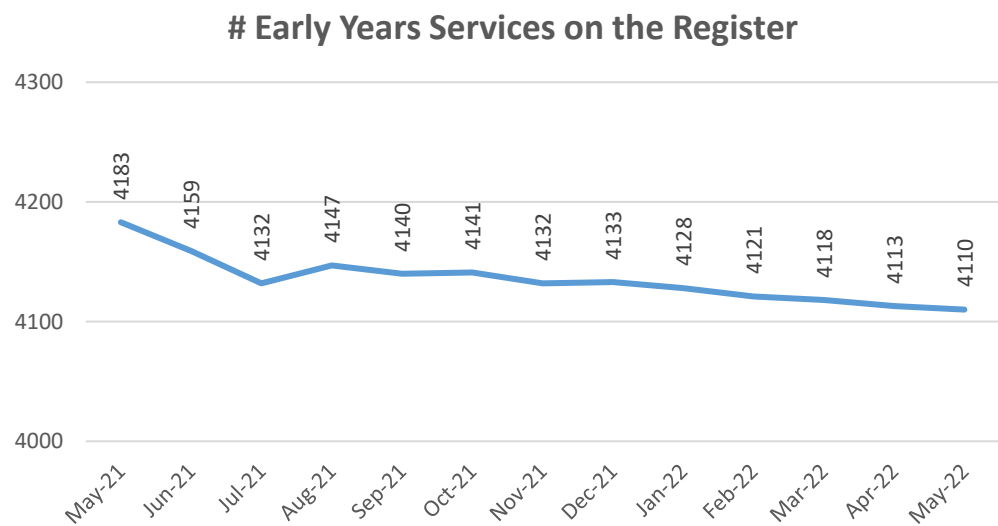
Number and rate of children “active” on the CPNS, by area (ranked by rate)

Area	May-21	Apr-22	May-22	May-22 v May-21	May-22 v Apr-22	Population	Rate/10,000
Dublin North City	75	81	73	-2	-8	44927	16.2
Donegal	54	61	55	1	-6	42865	12.8
Carlow / Kilkenny / South Tipperary	75	87	79	4	-8	63009	12.5
Cavan / Monaghan	27	41	43	16	2	36446	11.8
Sligo / Leitrim / West Cavan	12	28	26	14	-2	23554	11.0
Mayo	30	37	34	4	-3	31968	10.6
Waterford / Wexford	62	69	72	10	3	68513	10.5
Mid West	102	99	93	-9	-6	96266	9.7
Dublin South Central	51	57	61	10	4	65564	9.3
Dublin South West / Kildare / West Wicklow	85	86	81	-4	-5	108186	7.5
Midlands	70	70	53	-17	-17	80193	6.6
Dublin North	80	67	64	-16	-3	100654	6.4
Kerry	36	19	20	-16	1	34527	5.8
Cork	92	74	74	-18	0	134015	5.5
Galway / Roscommon	19	43	42	23	-1	79912	5.3
Dublin South East / Wicklow	57	51	34	-23	-17	86810	3.9
Louth / Meath	19	25	21	2	-4	93093	2.3
Total	946	995	925	-21	-70	1190502	7.8

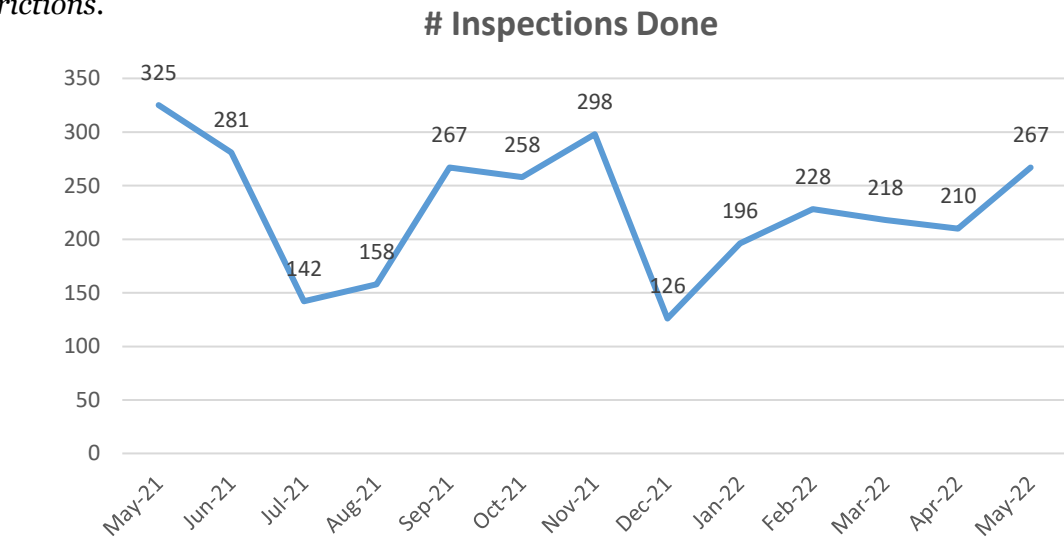
Children’s Services Regulation

EARLY YEARS INSPECTORATE

- **4,110 early years services on the register at the end of May 2022**, three fewer than April 2022 (4,113). There were 73 (2%) fewer services on the register at the end of May 2022 than May 2021 (4,183).

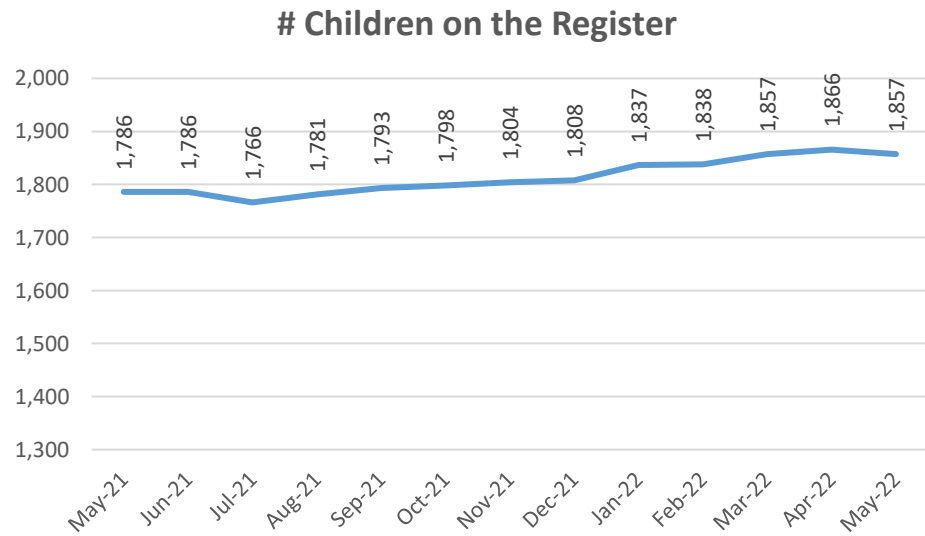


- **267 inspections of early years services done in May 2022**, 57 (27%) more than April 2022 (210). This brings to 1,119 the number of inspections for the first five months of 2022, 145 (15%) more than the same period in 2021 (974). *Number of inspections for early 2021 impacted due to the closure of services under the Covid-19 restrictions.*

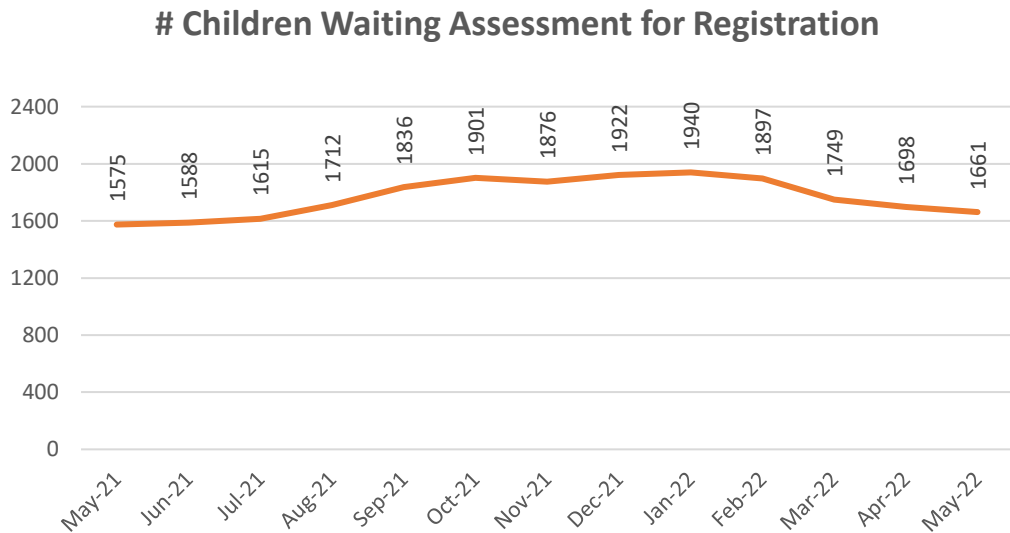


ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION ASSESSMENT AND REGISTRATION SERVICE

- **1,857 children on the register for home education at the end of May 2022**, nine fewer than April 2022 (1,866) and 71 (4%) more than May 2021 (1,786).



- **1,661 children on a waiting list for assessment at the end of May 2022**, 37 (2%) fewer than April 2022 (1,698), the fourth consecutive monthly decrease and the fewest number since July 2021 (1,615).



Tusla Education Support Services

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

- **861 referrals screened** by senior educational welfare services in May 2022, 143 (14%) fewer than April 2022 (1,004) and 313 (57%) more than May 2021 (548). Brings to 5,816 the number of referrals screened for the nine months Sept 2021 – May 2022, 1,454 (33%) more than Sept 2020 – May 2021 (4,362).

- **3,604 referrals on a waiting list** for educational welfare services at the end of May 2022, 75 (2%) more than April 2022 (3,529) and 1,601 (80%) more than May 2021 (2,003).

- **278 new individual children worked with** in May 2022, 34 (14%) more than April 2022 (244) and 110 (65%) more than May 2021 (168). Brings to 2,751 the number of new individual children worked with for the nine months Sept 2021 – May 2022, 538 (24%) more than Sept 2020 – May 2021 (2,213).

