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Headline Data – November 2021

Child Protection & Welfare

- 21,400 cases open to social work at the end of November 2021.
- 78% (16,676) of cases open to social work had an allocated social worker.
- 4,724 (22%) cases awaiting allocation of a social worker, 36 fewer than October 2021 (4,760). Cases awaiting allocation are up 11% (485) from December 2020 (4,239).
- Six areas account for 61% (2,898) of cases awaiting allocation: Waterford/Wexford (606), Dublin South Central (585), Dublin South East/Wicklow (449), Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (446), Louth/Meath (441) and Cork (371).
- 8% (384) of cases awaiting allocation at the end of November 2021 were categorised as high priority, 50 (12%) fewer than October 2021 (434). High priority cases are up eight from December 2020 (376).

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

Cases of Retrospective Abuse

- 1,549 cases of retrospective abuse open to social work at the end of November 2021.
- 61% (944) of cases of retrospective abuse open to social work had an allocated social worker.
- 605 (39%) cases were awaiting allocation to a social worker, 20 more than October 2021 (585). Cases awaiting allocation are down 37 (6%) from December 2020 (642).
- Seven areas account for 70% (424) of cases awaiting allocation: Waterford/Wexford (97), Galway/Roscommon (69), Dublin North City (59), Cork (56), Dublin South East/Wicklow (53), Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (45) and Midwest (45). One area (Mayo) have no cases awaiting allocation.

Children in Care

- 5,860 children in care at the end of November 2021; 23 more than October 2021 (5,837) and 22 fewer than the same time last year (5,882).
- 778 (13%) children in care at the end of November 2021 were in placements with private providers, 20 (3%) fewer than October 2021 (798) and 45 (6%) more than at the end of November 2020 (733).
- 88% (5,171) of children in care at the end of November 2021 had an allocated social worker; no change from October 2021.
- A total of 689 children were awaiting an allocated social worker; no change from October 2021 and 290 (73%) more than Dec 2020 (399).

Child Protection Notification System (CPNS)

- 909 children listed as “active” on the CPNS at the end of November 2021; 58 more than October 2021 (851). There were six more children “active” at the end of November 2021 than November 2020 (903).
- All but three children listed as “active” at the end of November 2021 had an allocated social worker. The three children have since been allocated a social worker.

Children’s Services Regulation

- 4,132 early years services on the register at the end of November 2021, nine fewer than October 2021 (4,141). There were 83 (2%) fewer services on the register at the end of November 2021 than November 2020 (4,215).
- 298 inspections of early years services done in November 2021. Brings to 2,378 the number of inspections for 2021 year to date. *Number of inspections for 2021 impacted due to the closure of services under the Covid-19 restrictions.*
- 1,804 children on the register for home education at the end of November 2021, six more than October 2021 (1,798). The number of children on the register is up 10% (166) on November 2020 (1,638).
- 1,876 children on a waiting list for assessment at the end of November 2021, 25 fewer than October 2021 (1,901), first decrease after seven consecutive increases. The number of children on the waiting list is up 31% (441) on December 2020 (1,435). The increase in numbers awaiting assessment in recent months is due to an increase in applications received over the same period.

Tusla Education Support Services

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

- 540 referrals screened by senior educational welfare services in November 2021, 110 (26%) more than October 2021 (430) and 497 (48%) fewer than November 2020 (1,037). Month on month increase from September 2021.
- 1,895 referrals on a waiting list for educational welfare services at the end of November 2021, 44 fewer than October 2021 (1,939) and 459 (32%) more than November 2020 (1,436).
- 285 new individual children worked with in November 2021, 31 (12%) more than October 2021 (254) and 66 (19%) fewer than November 2020 (351).

Child Protection and Welfare

Referrals¹

- **7,070 referrals** in November 2021, 775 (12%) more than October 2021 (6,295) and the highest number for all months January 2021 to November 2021.

It should be noted that the data presented for each month is based on referrals logged on NCCIS at the time is extracted for reporting. Referrals logged after the date the data is extracted are not included, nor are figures updated retrospectively. Hence it is likely that the actual number of referrals for each of the months shown may be slightly higher.

Open Cases

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

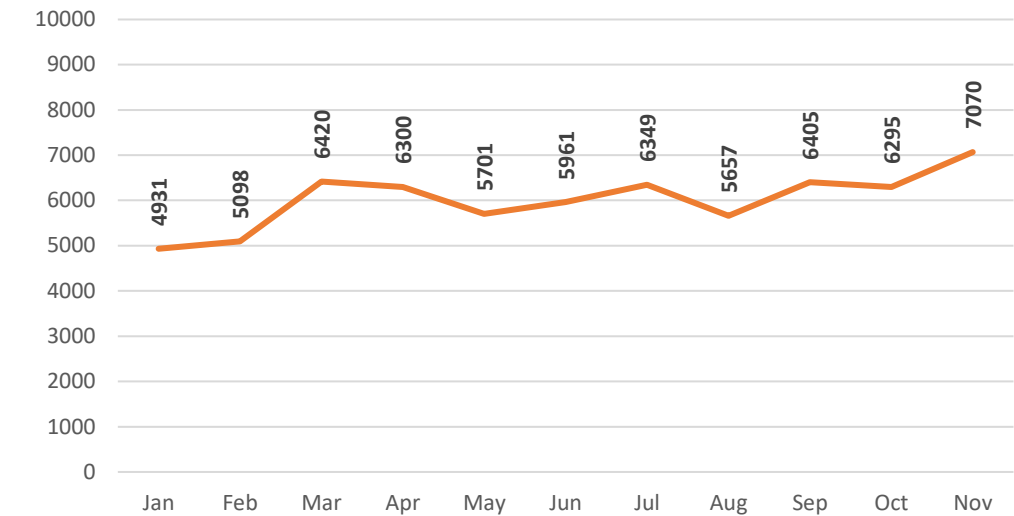
Data for May and June 2021 is not available due to the impact of the cyber attack. The data on open cases is based on the time actions are recorded on NCCIS, hence data during the period when the system was not available is not meaningful (pages 4 -7).

- **21,400 cases open to social work** at the end of November 2021, 194 (<1%) fewer than October 2021 (21,594). *Note: open cases include, all cases held on duty, allocated and unallocated child protection and welfare cases including children in care*
- Open cases are up 35 on November 2020 (21,365).

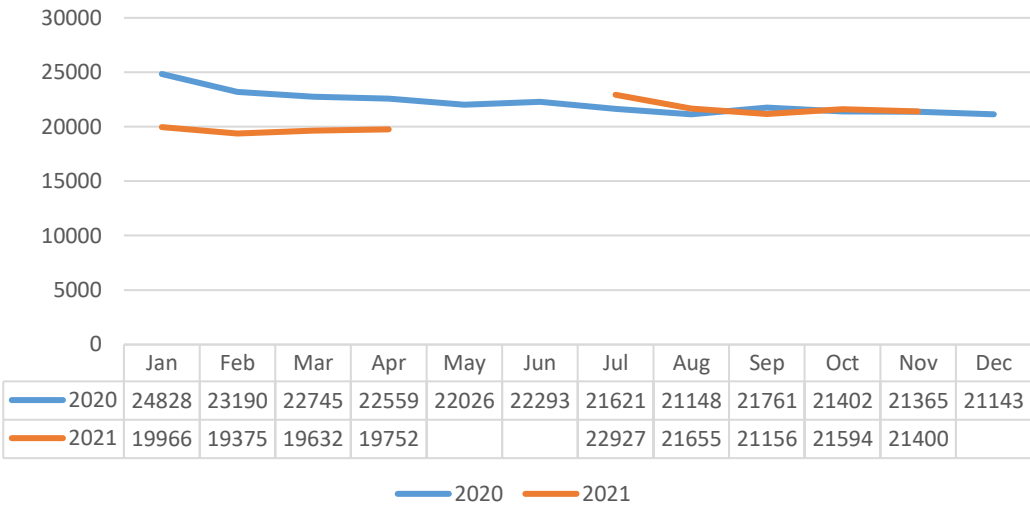
Allocated Cases

- **16,676 open cases allocated** to a social worker at the end of November 2021, 158 (<1%) fewer than October 2021 (16,834). Allocated cases are down 4% (636) from November 2020 (17,312)
- Allocated cases account for 78% of open cases, no change from October 2021.

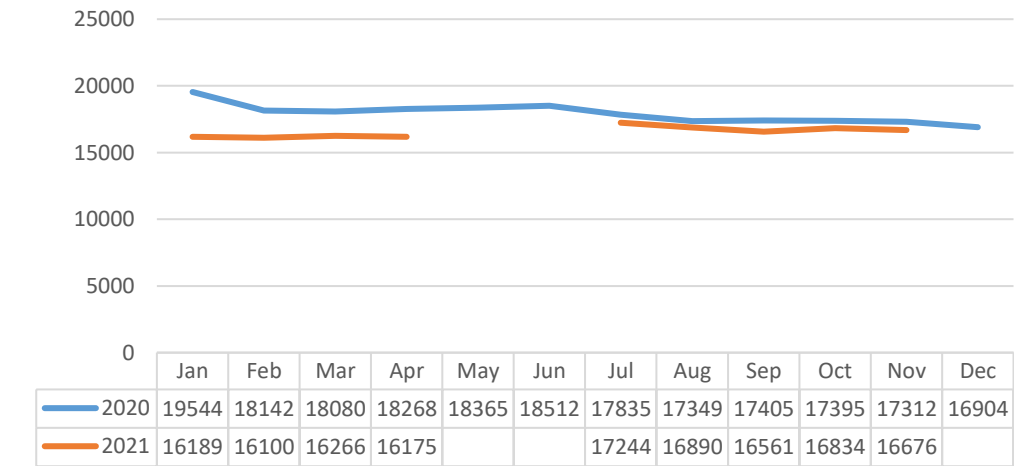
Number of Referrals



Number of Open Cases



Number of Allocated Cases



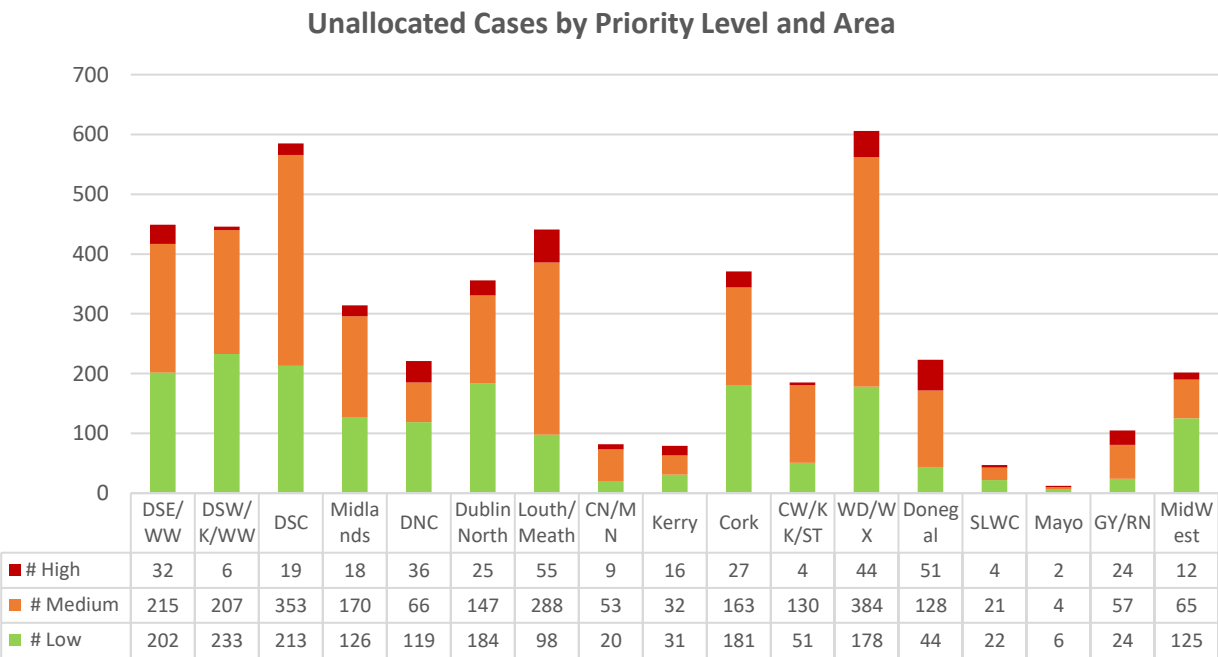
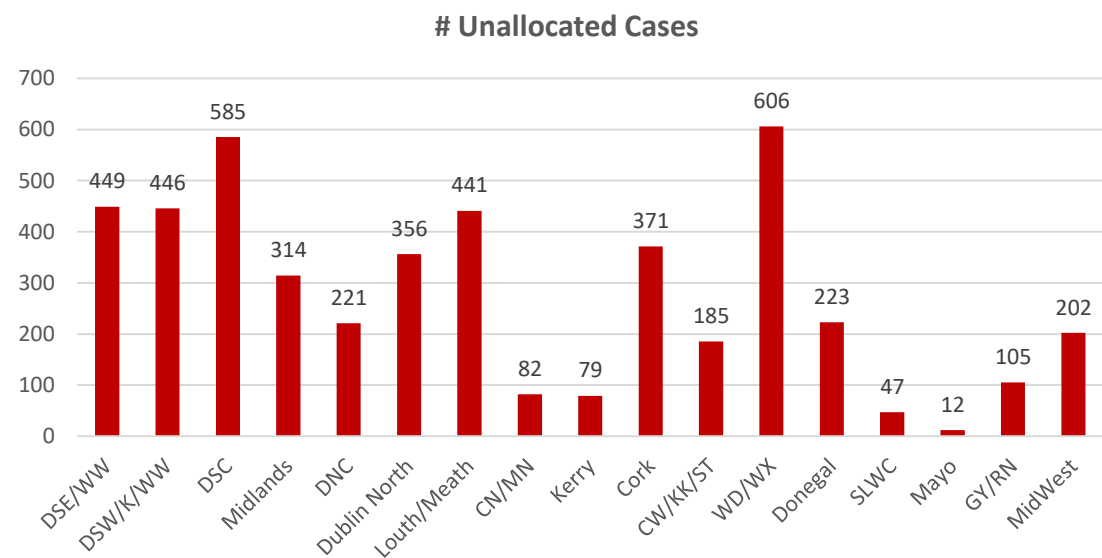
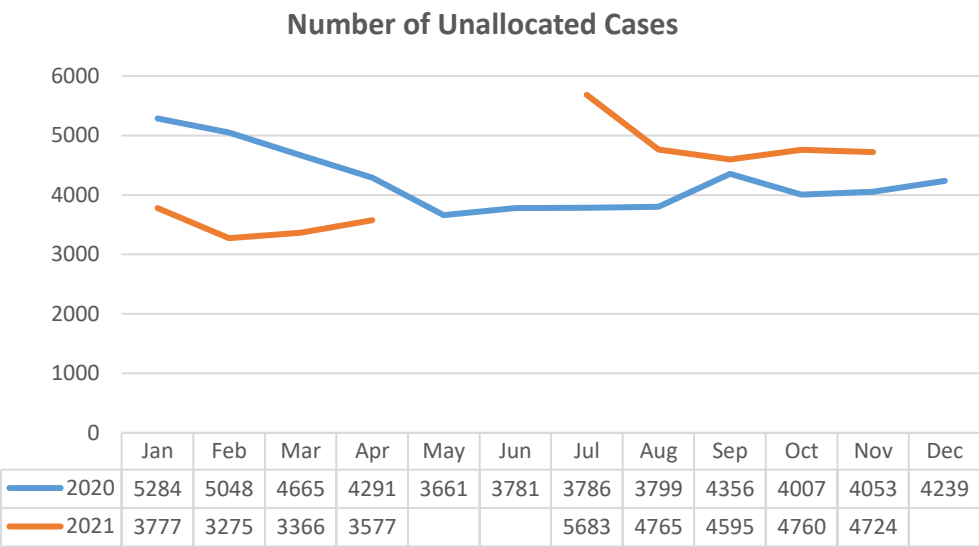
¹ Referrals include referrals meeting the eligibility criteria for child protection and welfare services, multiple reports of the same concern and referrals not meeting the eligibility criteria for child protection and welfare services. Referrals not meeting the eligibility criteria for child protection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

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Cases Awaiting Allocation of a Social Worker

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



















- **4,724 cases awaiting allocation of a social worker** at the end of November 2021, 36 fewer than October 2021 (4,760).
- Cases awaiting allocation are up 11% (485) from December 2020 (4,239).
- Cases awaiting allocation account for 22% of open cases (21,400), no change from October 2021.
- 62% (2,931) of cases awaiting allocation at the end of November 2021 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 Waterford/Wexford (606) followed by Dublin South Central (585), Dublin South East/Wicklow (449), Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (446), Louth/Meath (441) and Cork (371).
- These six areas account for 61% (2,898) of cases awaiting allocation.
- 384 cases awaiting allocation at the end of November 2021 were categorised as high priority, 50 fewer than October (434) and the fourth consecutive monthly decrease. High priority cases are up eight from December 2020 (376).
- High priority cases account for 8% of cases awaiting allocation.
- 53% (2,483) of cases awaiting allocation were categorised at medium priority while the remaining 39% (1,857) were low priority.
- Highest number of high priority cases reported by Louth/Meath (55) followed by Donegal (51) Waterford/Wexford (44), Dublin North City (36), Dublin South East Wicklow (32) and Cork (27). These six areas account for 64% (245) of all high priority cases awaiting.



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Cases Awaiting Allocation

- 8 areas reported an increase in unallocated cases from October 2021.
- Largest increases reported by Dublin South East/Wicklow (up 100) followed by Waterford/Wexford (up 77), Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (up 53), Donegal (up 42) and Dublin North City (up 35). Largest decrease reported by Dublin South Central (down 148) followed by Dublin North (down 74), Midwest (down 65) and Louth/Meath (down 34).
- All but five areas (Dublin North, Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow, Kerry, Carlow/Kilkenny/South Tipperary and Midwest) had more cases awaiting allocation at the end of November 2021 than at the same time last year.
- Largest increases reported by Dublin South East/Wicklow (up 278), Waterford/Wexford (up 232) and Louth/Meath (up 224).
- Largest decreases reported by Dublin North (down 626), Midwest (down 98) and Kerry (down 61)
- Nationally 22% of open cases were unallocated at the end of November 2021. Six areas reported a percentage equal to or higher than the national average of 22%. Highest percentage (38%) reported by Dublin South Central followed by Dublin South East/Wicklow (35%), Waterford/Wexford (34%) and Donegal (31%).

Area	Nov-20		Sep-21		Nov-21		Sep-Nov	Nov-2021 v		Nov-2021 v	
	# Unallocated	% Unallocated	# Unallocated	# Unallocated	# Unallocated	% Unallocated		Nov-2020	% Δ	Oct- 2021	% Δ2
DSE/WW	171	19%	369	349	449	35%		278	163%	100	29%
DSW/K/WW	475	25%	392	393	446	28%		-29	-6%	53	13%
DSC	515	35%	715	733	585	38%		70	14%	-148	-20%
Midlands	173	14%	286	303	314	18%		141	82%	11	4%
DNC	106	7%	186	186	221	12%		115	108%	35	19%
Dublin North	982	29%	351	430	356	15%		-626	-64%	-74	-17%
LH/MH	217	18%	479	475	441	29%		224	103%	-34	-7%
CN/MN	7	2%	42	68	82	14%		75	1071%	14	21%
Kerry	140	22%	60	62	79	16%		-61	-44%	17	27%
Cork	259	12%	386	379	371	19%		112	43%	-8	-2%
CW/KK/ST	214	23%	247	202	185	21%		-29	-14%	-17	-8%
WD/WX	374	22%	487	529	606	34%		232	62%	77	15%
Donegal	80	13%	163	181	223	31%		143	179%	42	23%
SLWC	5	2%	34	55	47	14%		42	840%	-8	-15%
Mayo	9	3%	16	21	12	2%		3	33%	-9	-43%
GY/RN	26	2%	80	127	105	11%		79	304%	-22	-17%
Midwest	300	21%	302	267	202	15%		-98	-33%	-65	-24%
TOTAL	4,053	19%	4595	4760	4724	22%		671	17%	-36	-1%

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

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Summary Tables

Area	Referrals Oct 2021	Referrals Nov 2021	Δ	Open Cases Oct 2021	Open Cases Nov 2021	Δ2	Allocated Cases Oct 2021	Allocated Cases Nov 2021	Δ3	Unallocated Cases Oct 2021	Unallocate d Cases Nov 2021	Δ4
DSE/WW	311	262	-49	1,182	1,274	92	833	825	-8	349	449	100
DSW/K/WW	643	672	29	1,593	1,597	4	1,200	1,151	-49	393	446	53
DSC	373	506	133	1,566	1,527	-39	833	942	109	733	585	-148
Midlands	582	733	151	1,697	1,716	19	1,394	1,402	8	303	314	11
DNC	381	456	75	1,812	1,795	-17	1,626	1,574	-52	186	221	35
Dublin North	596	616	20	2,416	2,434	18	1,986	2,078	92	430	356	-74
LH/MH	423	492	69	1,642	1,517	-125	1,167	1,076	-91	475	441	-34
CN/MN	196	236	40	584	571	-13	516	489	-27	68	82	14
Kerry	172	186	14	515	490	-25	453	411	-42	62	79	17
Cork	534	634	100	2,076	1,998	-78	1,697	1,627	-70	379	371	-8
CW/KK/ST	338	385	47	891	873	-18	689	688	-1	202	185	-17
WD/WX	410	564	154	1,723	1,765	42	1,194	1,159	-35	529	606	77
Donegal	159	176	17	682	722	40	501	499	-2	181	223	42
SLWC	169	130	-39	357	336	-21	302	289	-13	55	47	-8
Mayo	131	175	44	428	511	83	407	499	92	21	12	-9
GY/RN	393	324	-69	1,110	958	-152	983	853	-130	127	105	-22
Midwest	484	523	39	1,320	1,316	-4	1,053	1,114	61	267	202	-65
TOTAL	6295	7070	775	21,594	21,400	-194	16,834	16,676	-158	4760	4724	-36

Area	High Priority Awaiting Oct 2021	High Priority Awaiting Nov 2021	Δ	Medium Priority Awaiting Oct 2021	Medium Priority Awaiting Nov 2021	Δ 2	Low Priority Awaiting Oct 2021	Low Priority Awaiting Nov 2021	Δ 3
DSE/WW	38	32	-6	159	215	56	152	202	50
DSW/K/WW	17	6	-11	177	207	30	199	233	34
DSC	25	19	-6	436	353	-83	272	213	-59
Midlands	34	18	-16	165	170	5	104	126	22
DNC	21	36	15	75	66	-9	90	119	29
Dublin North	28	25	-3	178	147	-31	224	184	-40
LH/MH	55	55	0	287	288	1	133	98	-35
CN/MN	3	9	6	36	53	17	29	20	-9
Kerry	10	16	6	39	32	-7	13	31	18
Cork	26	27	1	157	163	6	196	181	-15
CW/KK/ST	11	4	-7	138	130	-8	53	51	-2
WD/WX	49	44	-5	344	384	40	136	178	42
Donegal	55	51	-4	96	128	32	30	44	14
SLWC	9	4	-5	40	21	-19	6	22	16
Mayo	4	2	-2	11	4	-7	6	6	0
GY/RN	18	24	6	82	57	-25	27	24	-3
Midwest	31	12	-19	110	65	-45	126	125	-1
TOTAL	434	384	-50	2530	2483	-47	1796	1857	61

Retrospective Cases of Abuse

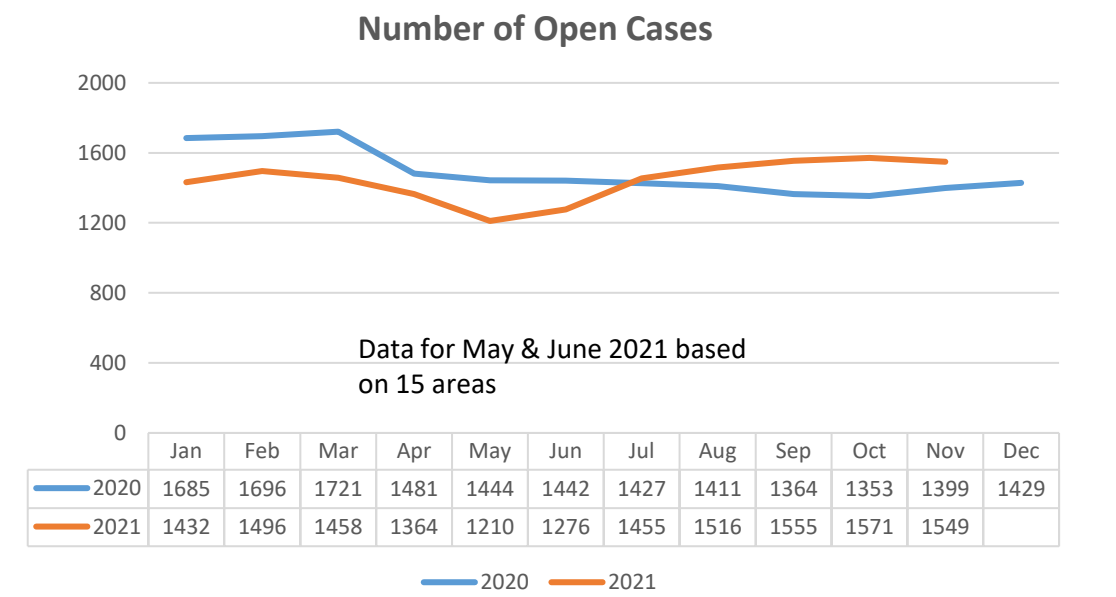
Referrals

- **287 referrals of retrospective abuse** in November 2021, bringing the total number of referrals for the 11 months of 2021 to 2,943. At least 2,647 referrals received during the same period in 2020.

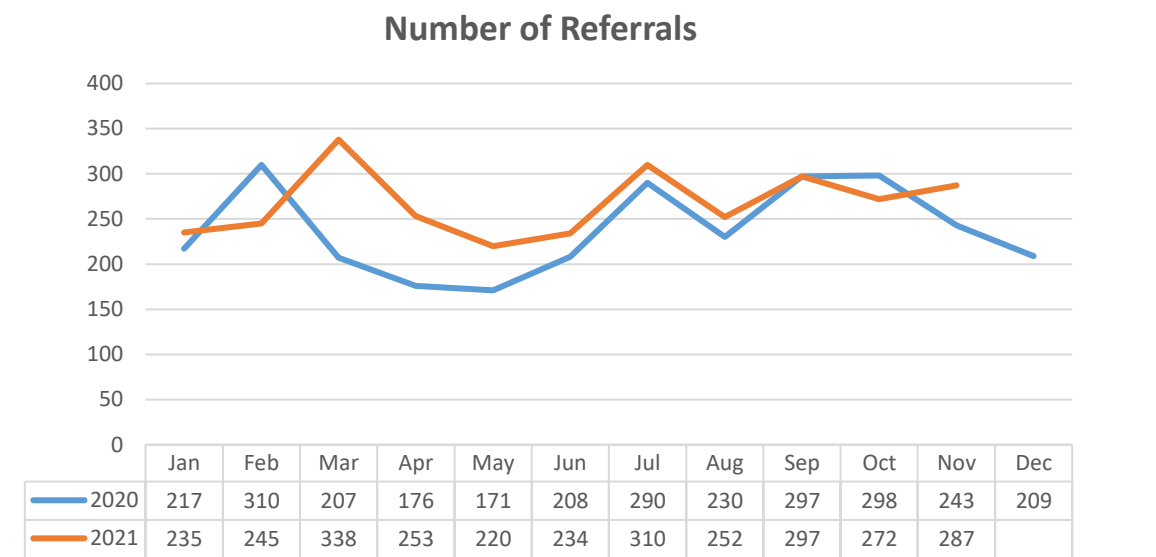
Data presented on retrospective cases of abuse (pages 8-10) for May and June 2021 is based on 15 areas. Data for Donegal and Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan not available due to the impact of the cyber-attack.

Open Cases

- **1,549 cases open to social work** at the end of November 2021, 22 fewer than October 2021 (1,571) and 150 (11%) more than November 2020 (1,399).

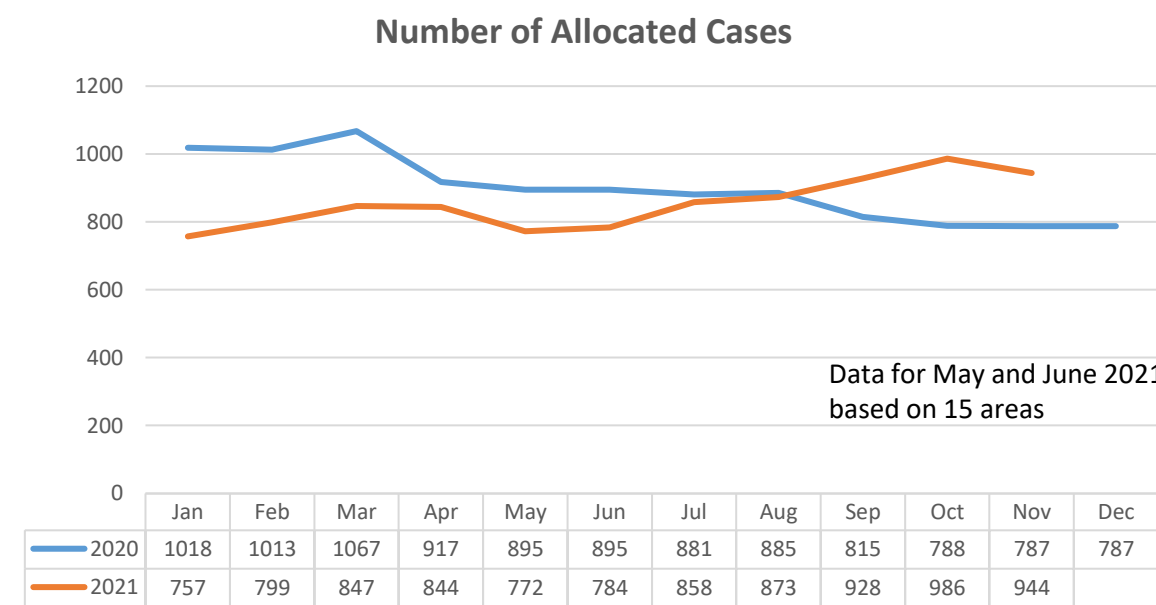


Note: all data on cases of retrospective abuse needs to be interpreted with caution due to concerns about the consistent interpretation of definitions.



Allocated Cases

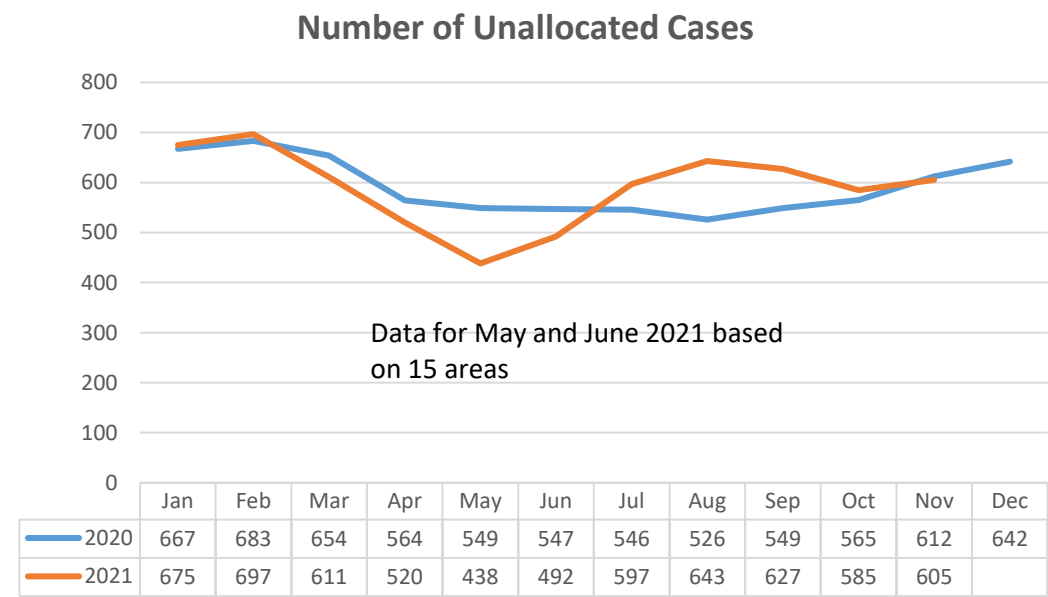
- **944 cases allocated to a social worker** at the end of November 2021, 42 (4%) fewer than October 2021 (986) and 157 (20%) more than November 2020 (787).
- Allocated cases account for 61% of open cases, down two percentage points from the end of October 2021 (63%).



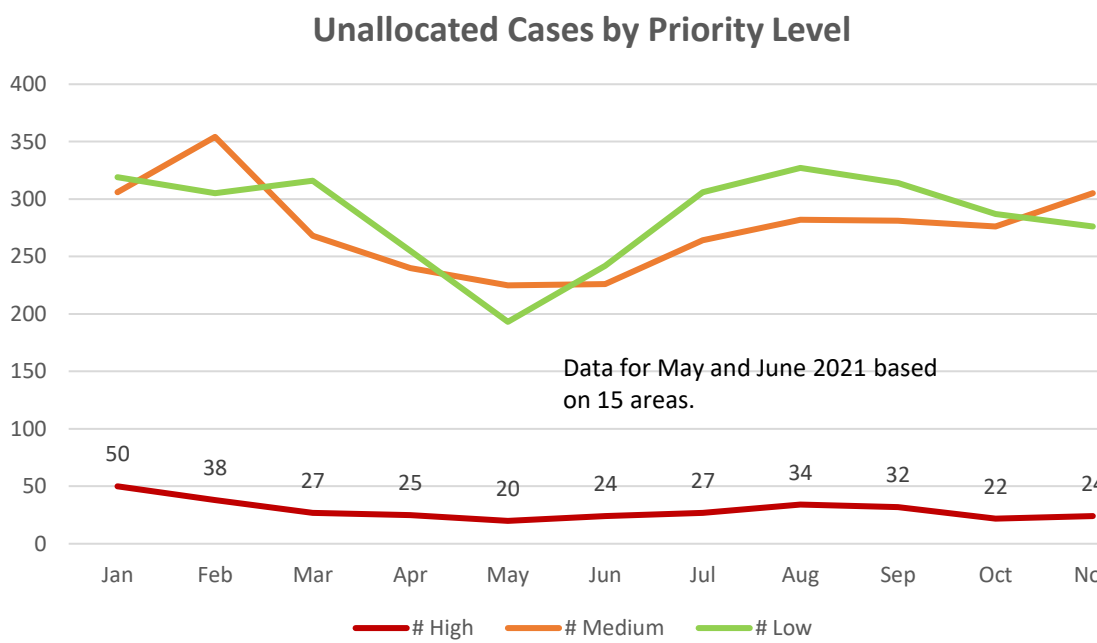
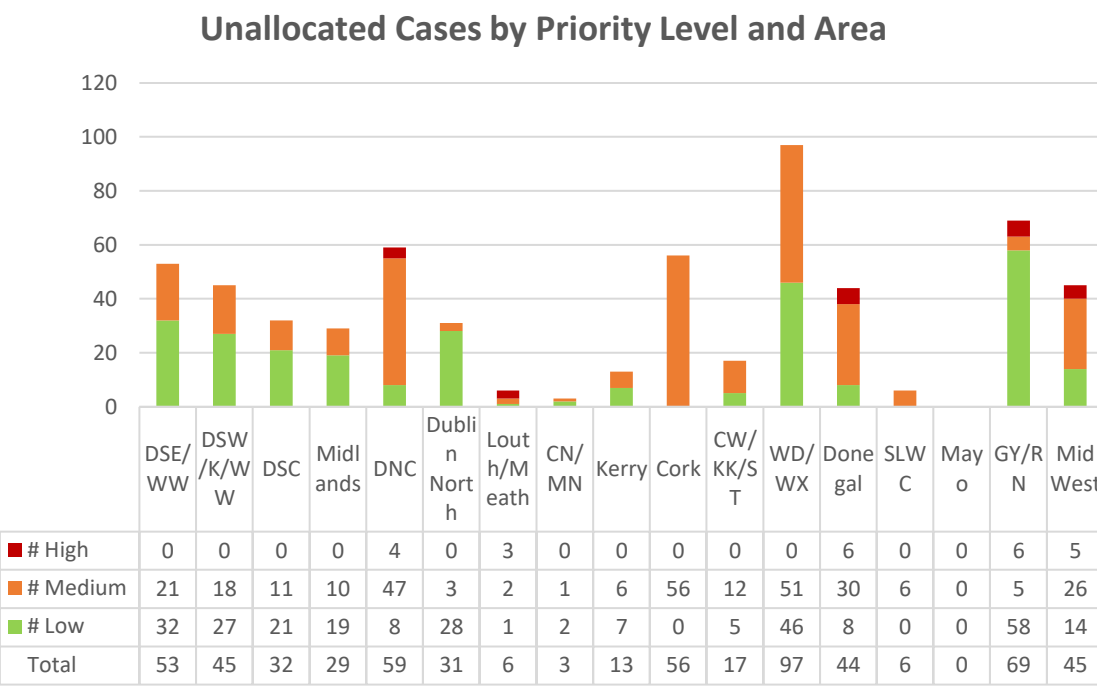
Retrospective Cases of Abuse

Cases Awaiting Allocation of a Social Worker

- **605 cases awaiting allocation** at the end of November 2021, 20 (3%) more than October 2021 (585).
- Cases awaiting allocation are down 37 (6%) on Dec 2020 (642).
- Cases awaiting allocation account for 39% of open cases, up from 37% at the end of October 2021.
- Highest number of cases awaiting in Waterford/Wexford (97) followed by Galway/Roscommon (69), Dublin North City (59), Cork (56), Dublin South East/Wicklow (53), Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (45) and Midwest (45). These seven areas account for 70% (424) of cases awaiting allocation. One area (Mayo) have no cases awaiting allocation.








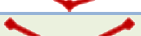












- **24 high priority cases awaiting allocation** at the end of November 2021, two more than October 2021 (22).
- High priority cases accounted for 4% of cases awaiting allocation at the end of November 2021 (605).
- High priority cases are reported by five areas with the highest numbers reported by Galway/Roscommon (6) and Donegal (6).



Retrospective Cases of Abuse

- **9 areas reported an increase** in cases awaiting allocation from October 2021. Largest increase reported by Waterford/Wexford (up 17) followed by Cork (up 12), Dublin North City (up 8) and Midwest (up 8).
- **6 areas reported an decrease** with the largest decrease reported by Galway/Roscommon (down 16) followed by Kerry (down 11) and Carlow/Kilkenny/South Tipperary (down 6).
- The remaining two areas (Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan and Mayo) reported no change.
- 39% (605) of open cases are awaiting allocation nationally, with eight areas reporting a percentage equal to or higher than the national average. Highest percentages reported by Dublin South East/Wicklow (69%), Dublin South Central (64%%), Galway/Roscommon (63%) and Donegal (60%).

- 9 areas had more cases awaiting allocation at the end of November 2021 than November 2020, while seven areas had fewer cases. One area (Mayo) had no cases awaiting allocation at the end of either month.

Area	Nov-20		Oct-21		Nov-21		Sep-Nov	Nov-2021 v		Nov-2021 v	
	# Unallocated	% Unallocated	Sep-21 # Unallocated	# Unallocated	# Unallocated	% Unallocated		Nov-2020	% Δ	Oct- 2021	% Δ2
DSE/WW	18	100%	45	49	53	69%		35	194%	4	8%
DSW/K/WW	74	54%	53	47	45	42%		-29	-39%	-2	-4%
DSC	48	55%	27	35	32	64%		-16	-33%	-3	-9%
Midlands	0	0%	26	26	29	47%		29		3	12%
DNC	26	27%	49	51	59	39%		33	127%	8	16%
Dublin North	33	23%	34	26	31	20%		-2	-6%	5	19%
LH/MH	3	5%	6	4	6	22%		3	100%	2	50%
CN/MN	0	0%	0	0	3	5%		3		3	
Kerry	0	0%	38	24	13	27%		13		-11	-46%
Cork	61	39%	54	44	56	35%		-5	-8%	12	27%
CW/KK/ST	77	100%	17	23	17	38%		-60	-78%	-6	-26%
WD/WX	93	62%	124	80	97	44%		4	4%	17	21%
Donegal	57	76%	53	48	44	60%		-13	-23%	-4	-8%
SLWC	2	12%	2	6	6	25%		4	200%	0	0%
Mayo	0	0%	0	0	0	0%		0		0	
GY/RN	86	75%	68	85	69	63%		-17	-20%	-16	-19%
Midwest	34	30%	31	37	45	36%		11	32%	8	22%
TOTAL	612	44%	627	585	605	39%		-7	-1%	20	3%

Retrospective Cases of Abuse

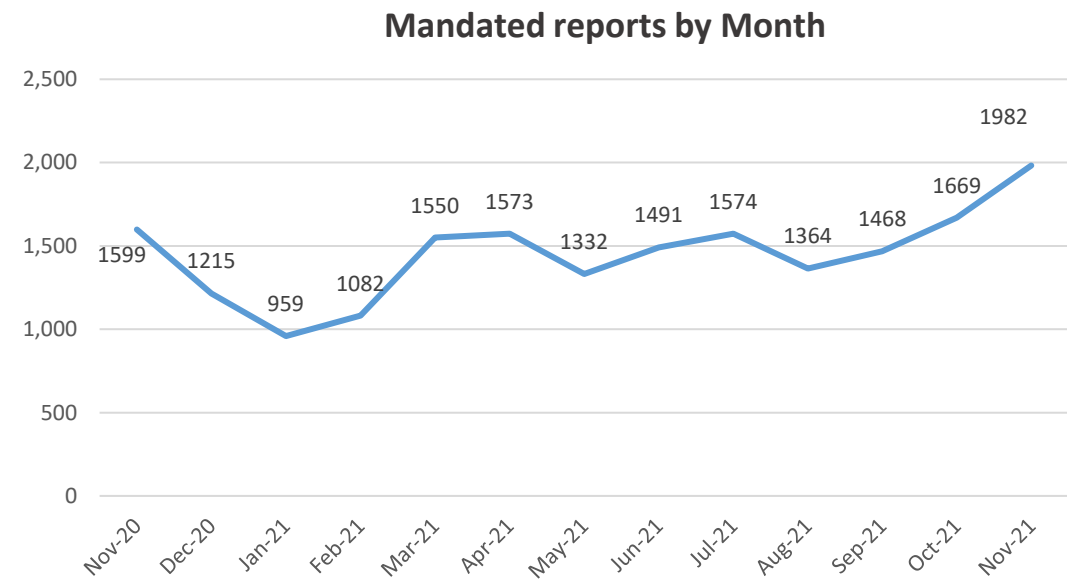
Summary Tables

Referrals				Open Cases			Allocated Cases			Unallocated Cases		
Area	Oct 2021	Nov 2021	Δ	Oct 2021	Nov 2021	Δ2	Oct 2021	Nov 2021	Δ3	Oct 2021	Nov 2021	Δ4
DSE/WW	20	12	-8	78	77	-1	29	24	-5	49	53	4
DSW/K/WW	14	4	-10	121	107	-14	74	62	-12	47	45	-2
DSC	13	12	-1	53	50	-3	18	18	0	35	32	-3
Midlands	20	31	11	61	62	1	35	33	-2	26	29	3
DNC	8	15	7	147	150	3	96	91	-5	51	59	8
Dublin North	16	14	-2	152	153	1	126	122	-4	26	31	5
LH/MH	22	23	1	31	27	-4	27	21	-6	4	6	2
CN/MN	5	14	9	59	59	0	59	56	-3	0	3	3
Kerry	4	14	10	80	48	-32	56	35	-21	24	13	-11
Cork	34	23	-11	154	161	7	110	105	-5	44	56	12
CW/KK/ST	16	16	0	54	45	-9	31	28	-3	23	17	-6
WD/WX	35	45	10	179	221	42	99	124	25	80	97	17
Donegal	2	3	1	72	73	1	24	29	5	48	44	-4
SLWC	2	2	0	22	24	2	16	18	2	6	6	0
Mayo	18	8	-10	51	57	6	51	57	6	0	0	0
GY/RN	22	33	11	125	109	-16	40	40	0	85	69	-16
Midwest	21	18	-3	132	126	-6	95	81	-14	37	45	8
TOTAL	272	287	15	1571	1549	-22	986	944	-42	585	605	20

High Priority				Medium Priority			Low Priority		
Area	Awaiting Oct 2021	Awaiting Nov 2021	Δ	Awaiting Oct 2021	Awaiting Nov 2021	Δ 2	Awaiting Oct 2021	Awaiting Nov 2021	Δ 3
DSE/WW	1	0	-1	20	21	1	28	32	4
DSW/K/WW	0	0	0	18	18	0	29	27	-2
DSC	2	0	-2	11	11	0	22	21	-1
Midlands	0	0	0	9	10	1	17	19	2
DNC	4	4	0	40	47	7	7	8	1
Dublin North	0	0	0	3	3	0	23	28	5
LH/MH	0	3	3	1	2	1	3	1	-2
CN/MN	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	2
Kerry	0	0	0	15	6	-9	9	7	-2
Cork	0	0	0	44	56	12	0	0	0
CW/KK/ST	0	0	0	17	12	-5	6	5	-1
WD/WX	0	0	0	36	51	15	44	46	2
Donegal	6	6	0	31	30	-1	11	8	-3
SLWC	0	0	0	6	6	0	0	0	0
Mayo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GY/RN	6	6	0	5	5	0	74	58	-16
Midwest	3	5	2	20	26	6	14	14	0
TOTAL	22	24	2	276	305	29	287	276	-11

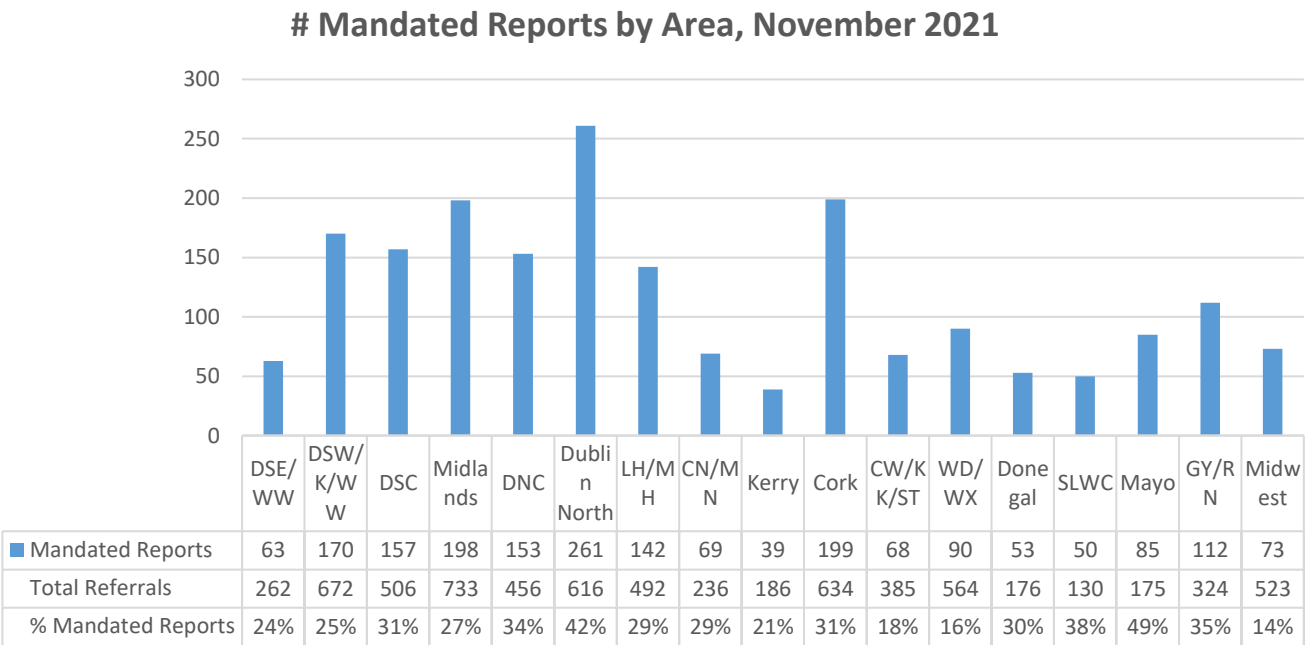
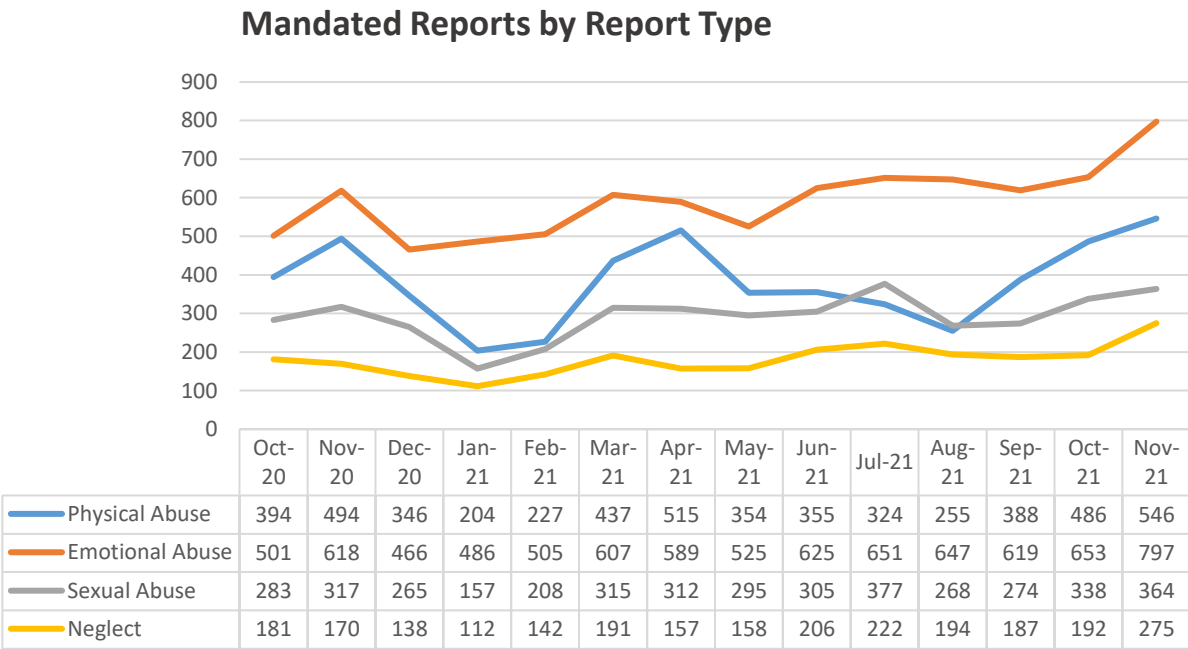
Mandated Reports¹ – Child Protection & Welfare

- **1,982 mandated reports of abuse** received in November 2021. Brings to 16,044 the number of reports for the first 11 months of 2021 (provisional figure). *It should be noted that the data presented is based on mandated reports logged on NCCIS at the time is extracted for reporting. Referrals logged after the date the data is extracted are not included, nor are figures updated retrospectively. Hence it is likely that the actual number of referrals for each of the months shown may be slightly higher.*
- Mandated reports accounted for 28% (1,982) of all referrals received (7,070) in November 2021.



- The number of mandated reports for November 2021, by area ranged from 39 (Kerry) to 261 (Dublin North).
- As a percentage of referrals, the highest percentage (49%) was reported by Mayo followed by Dublin North (42%) and Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan (38%).
- The lowest percentage was reported by Midwest (14%) followed by Waterford/Wexford (16%) and Carlow/Kilkenny/South Tipperary (18%).

- Highest number of reports for November 2021 for emotional abuse (797; 40%) followed by physical abuse (546; 28%), sexual abuse (364; 18%) and neglect (275; 14%). *Category of abuse not available for, 113 reports for October 2020*



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

Mandated Reports – Child Protection & Welfare

Source of Reports

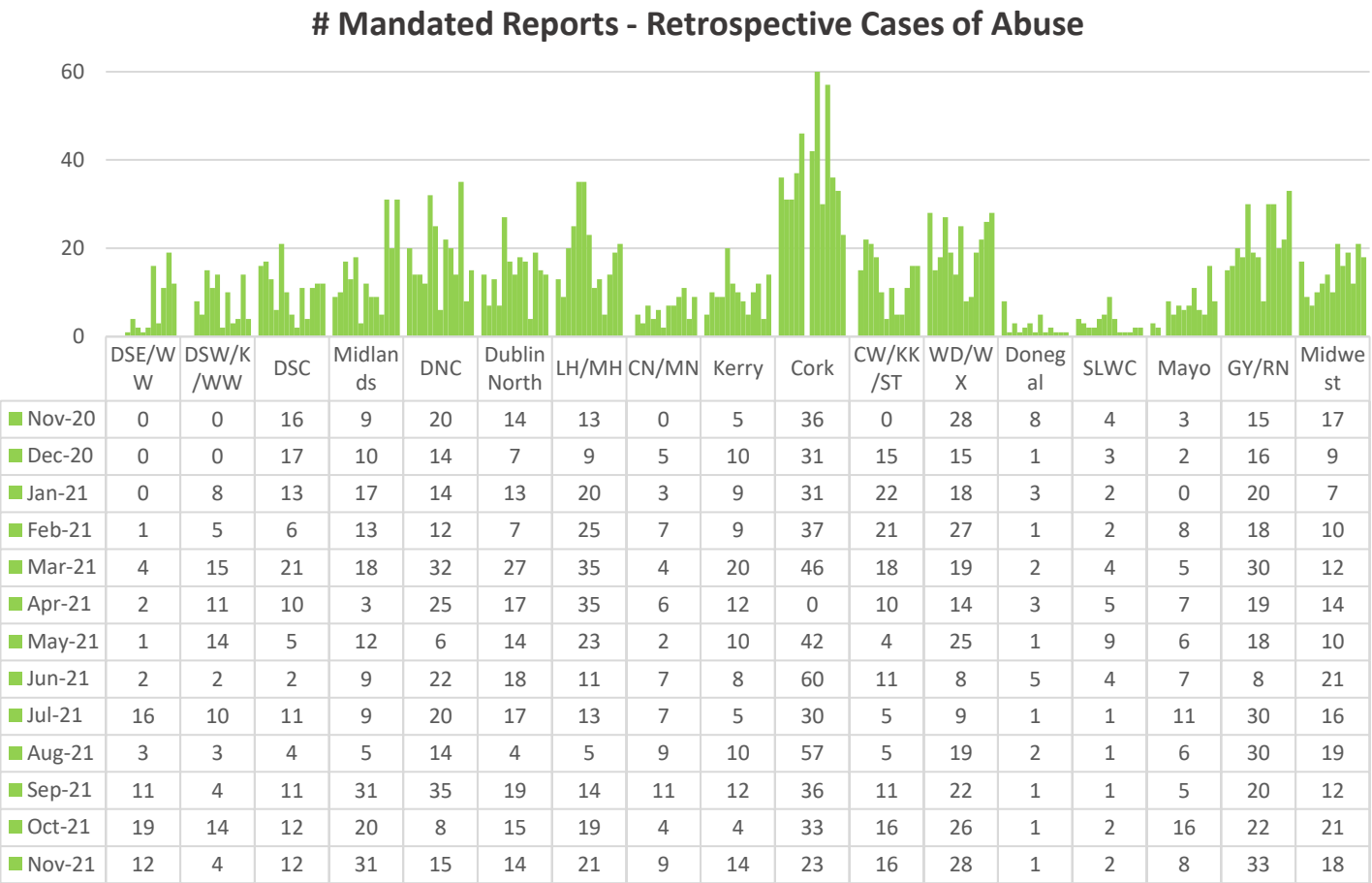
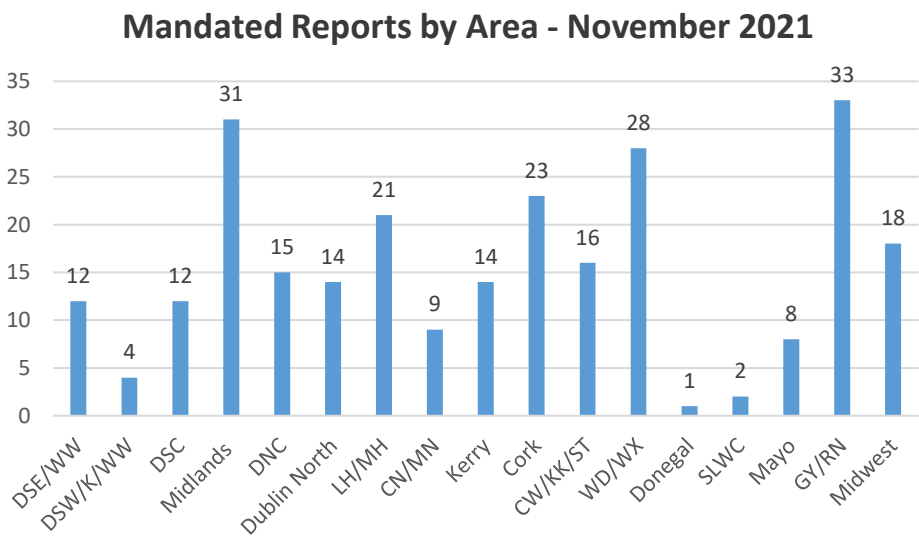
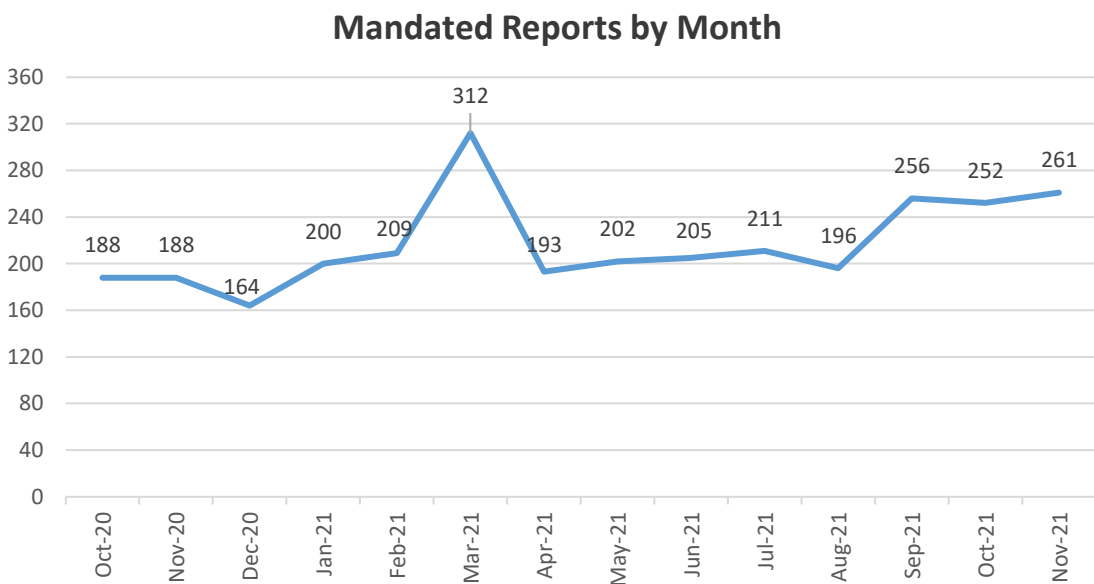
- Highest number of reports for November 2021 from An Garda Síochána (825; 42%) followed by teachers (414; 21%), social workers (186; 9%), safeguarding officer (96; 5%), social care workers (87; 4%) and psychologists (73; 4%)
- These six sources account for 85% (1,681) of reports for November 2021.
- The highest number of reports year to date has been from An Garda Síochána (7,022; 44%) followed by teachers (2,260; 14%), social workers (2,000; 12%); social care workers (845; 5%), safeguarding officers (693; 4%), medical practitioners (674; 4%) and managers of domestic violence shelters (498; 3%).
- These seven sources account for 87% (13,992) of all reports.

*Values <5 suppressed

Source	# Nov 2021	% Nov 2021	Total 2021 YTD	% Total 2021 YTD
Medical practitioner (Registered)	67	3.38%	674	4.20%
Nurse or registered midwife (Registered)	38	1.92%	326	2.03%
Physiotherapist (Registered)	5	0.25%	83	0.52%
Speech & language therapist (Registered)	*	*	36	0.22%
Occupational therapist (Registered)	*	*	36	0.22%
Registered dentist	0	0.00%	6	0.04%
Psychologist who practises as such and who is eligible for registration	73	3.68%	445	2.77%
Social care worker who practises as such and who is eligible for registration	87	4.39%	845	5.27%
Social worker who practises as such and who is eligible for registration	186	9.38%	2000	12.47%
EMT, paramedic and advanced paramedic registered with the Pre-Hospital Emergency Care Council	5	0.25%	24	0.15%
Probation officer within the meaning of section 1 of the Criminal Justice (Community Service) Act 1983.	*	*	45	0.28%
Teacher registered with the Teaching Council.	414	20.89%	2260	14.09%
An Garda Síochána Member	825	41.62%	7022	43.77%
Guardian ad litem appointed in accordance with section 26 of the Child Care Act 1991	0	0.00%	25	0.16%
Domestic violence shelter manager	67	3.38%	498	3.10%
Homeless provision or emergency accommodation facility manager	10	0.50%	129	0.80%
Asylum seeker accommodation (direct provision) centre manager	*	*	36	0.22%
Addiction counsellor employed by a body funded, wholly or partly, out of moneys provided by the Oireachtas	0	0.00%	17	0.11%
Psychotherapist or a person providing counselling who is registered with one of the voluntary professional bodies	49	2.47%	384	2.39%
Language school or other recreational school where children reside away from home manager	0	0.00%	*	*
Clergy member (howsoever described) or pastoral care worker (howsoever described) of a church or other religious community;	*	*	8	0.05%
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;	96	4.84%	693	4.32%
Child care staff member employed in a pre-school service within the meaning of Part VIIA of the Child Care Act 1991;	5	0.25%	52	0.32%
Youth work service - person responsible for the care or management within the meaning of section 2 of the Youth Work Act 2001	6	0.30%	99	0.62%
Youth worker holds a professional qualification and who is employed in a youth work service	22	1.11%	206	1.28%
Foster carer registered with the Agency.	9	0.45%	50	0.31%
Pre-school service within the meaning of Part VIIA of the Child Care Act 1991.	8	0.40%	37	0.23%
Total (includes suppressed values)	1982	100.00%	16044	100.00%

Mandated Reports¹ – Retrospective Abuse

- **261 mandated reports of retrospective abuse** in November 2021. Brings to 2,497 the number of reports for the first 11 months of 2021.
- Mandated reports accounted for 91% (261) of all reports of retrospective abuse received in November 2021 (287).
- The majority (89%; 232) of mandated reports for November 2021 were for sexual abuse.
- Highest number of mandated reports (33) reported by Galway/Roscommon followed by Waterford/Wexford (28) and Midlands (31).



¹ Mandated reports are included in the data on referrals (slide 8)

Mandated Reports – Retrospective Abuse

Source of Reports

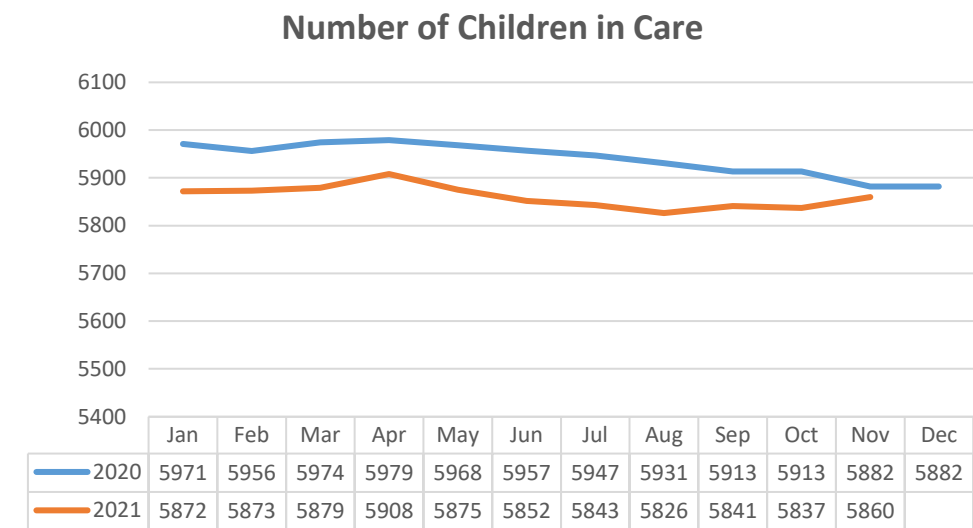
- Highest number of reports for November 2021 from An Garda Síochána (73; 28%) followed by psychotherapists (49; 19%), social workers (40; 15%), psychologists (30; 11%) and medical practitioners (20; 8%). These five sources account for 81% (212) of all reports received.
- The highest number of reports year to date has been from An Garda Síochána (693; 20%) followed by psychotherapists (496; 20%), social workers (369; 15%), psychologists (242; 10%), medical practitioners (186; 7%) and safeguarding officers (132; 5%). These six sources account for 85% (2,118) of all reports received.

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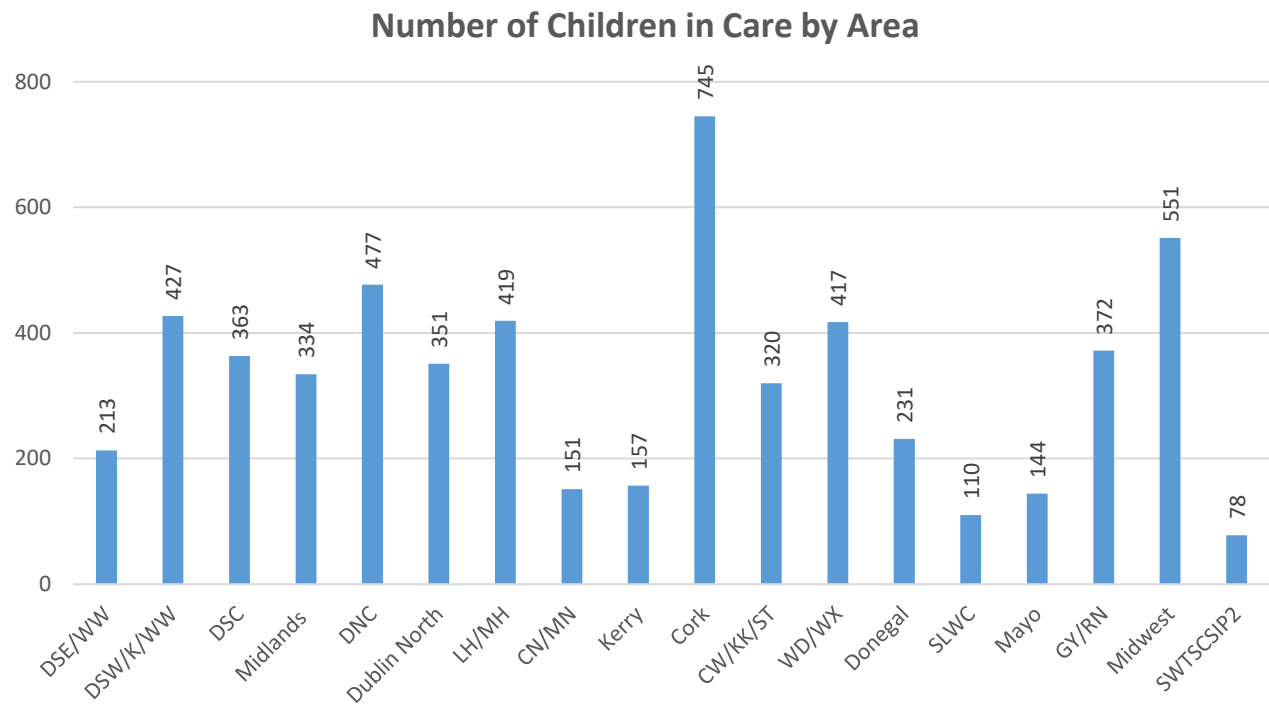
Source	# Nov 2021	% Nov 2021	Total 2021 YTD	% Total 2021 YTD
Medical practitioner (Registered)	20	7.66%	186	7%
Nurse or registered midwife (Registered)	6	2.30%	111	4%
Physiotherapist (Registered)	7	2.68%	29	1%
Speech & language therapist (Registered)	0	0.00%	*	*
Occupational therapist (Registered)	*	*	13	1%
Registered dentist	0	0.00%	*	*
Psychologist who practises as such and who is eligible for registration	30	11.49%	242	10%
Social care worker who practises as such and who is eligible for registration	*	*	41	2%
Social worker who practises as such and who is eligible for registration	40	15.33%	369	15%
EMT, paramedic and advanced paramedic registered with the Pre-Hospital Emergency Care Council	0	0.00%	*	*
Probation officer within the meaning of section 1 of the Criminal Justice (Community Service) Act 1983.	5	1.92%	41	2%
Teacher registered with the Teaching Council.	6	2.30%	24	1%
An Garda Síochána Member	73	27.97%	693	28%
Guardian ad litem appointed in accordance with section 26 of the Child Care Act 1991	0	0.00%	11	0%
Domestic violence shelter manager	0	0.00%	5	0%
Homeless provision or emergency accommodation facility manager	*	*	16	1%
Asylum seeker accommodation (direct provision) centre manager	*	*	*	*
Addiction counsellor employed by a body funded, wholly or partly, out of moneys provided by the Oireachtas	*	*	26	1%
Psychotherapist or a person providing counselling who is registered with one of the voluntary professional bodies	49	18.77%	496	20%
Language school or other recreational school where children reside away from home manager	0	0.00%	5	0%
Clergy member (howsoever described) or pastoral care worker (howsoever described) of a church or other religious community;	*	*	39	2%
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;	10	3.83%	132	5%
Child care staff member employed in a pre-school service within the meaning of Part VIIA of the Child Care Act 1991;	0	0.00%	*	*
Youth work service - person responsible for the care or management within the meaning of section 2 of the Youth Work Act 2001	*	*	5	0%
Youth worker holds a professional qualification and who is employed in a youth work service	*	*	3	0%
Foster carer registered with the Agency.	0	0.00%	0	0%
Pre-school service within the meaning of Part VIIA of the Child Care Act 1991.	0	0.00%	*	*
Total (includes suppressed values)	261	100.00%	2497	100%

Children in Care

- **5,860 children in care at the end of November 2021**; 23 more than October 2021 (5,837 revised figure)
- 22 fewer children in care than the same time last year (5,882).
- 65% (3,802) of children in care are in general foster care, 25% (1,475) are in relative foster care, 8% (451) are in residential care and 2% (132) are in “other” care placements.
- 16 (4%) of the 451 children in residential placements are in special care



- Highest number of children in care reported by Cork (745) followed by Midwest (551) and Dublin North City (477).
- Fewest number reported by the Social Work Team for Separated Children Seeking International Protection (78) followed by Sligo/Leitrim West Cavan (110) and Mayo (144).
- Highest rate of children in care per 1,000 children was reported by Dublin North City (10.6/1,000) followed by Waterford/Wexford (6.1/1,000) and Midwest (5.7/1,000). 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 (3.9/1,000).
- Seven areas reported a percentage equal to or higher than the national average of 4.9/1,000 children.

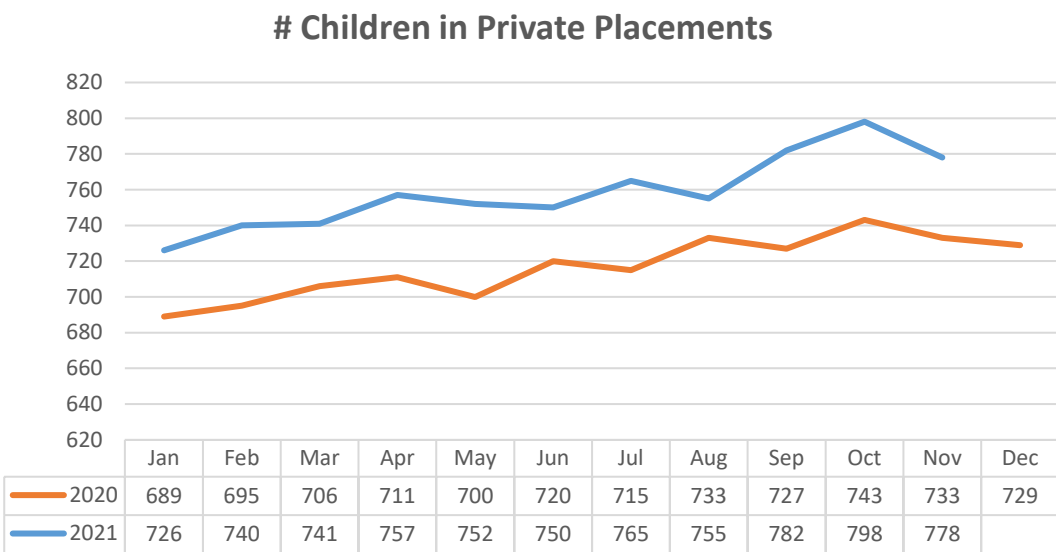


Area	Nov-20	Oct-21	Nov-21	Oct-21 v Oct-20	Oct-21 v Sep-21	Population	Rate/1,000
Dublin South East/Wicklow	230	218	213	-17	-5	86,810	2.5
DSW/K/WW	405	422	427	22	5	108,186	3.9
Dublin South Central	360	362	363	3	1	65,564	5.5
Midlands	341	333	334	-7	1	80,193	4.2
Dublin North City	478	477	477	-1	0	44,927	10.6
Dublin North	341	345	351	10	6	100,654	3.5
Louth/Meath	398	420	419	21	-1	93,093	4.5
Cavan/Monaghan	151	151	151	0	0	36,446	4.1
Kerry	151	155	157	6	2	34,527	4.5
Cork	772	738	745	-27	7	134,015	5.6
CW/KK/ST	330	317	320	-10	3	63,009	5.1
Waterford/Wexford	430	406	417	-13	11	68,513	6.1
Donegal	221	230	231	10	1	42,865	5.4
Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan	114	111	110	-4	-1	23,554	4.7
Mayo	130	143	144	14	1	31,968	4.5
Galway/Roscommon	377	372	372	-5	0	79,912	4.7
Midwest	586	558	551	-35	-7	96,266	5.7
Total Areas	5815	5758	5782	-33	24	1,190,502	4.9
SWTSCIP	67	79	78	11	-1		
National	5882	5837	5860	-22	23		

Figure for Oct 2021 revised from previously published

Children in Care

- **778 (13%) children in care at the end of November 2021 were in placements with private providers**; 20 (3%) fewer than October 2021 (798).
- There were 45 (6%) more children in care in placements with private providers at the end of November 2021 than at the end of November 2020 (733).

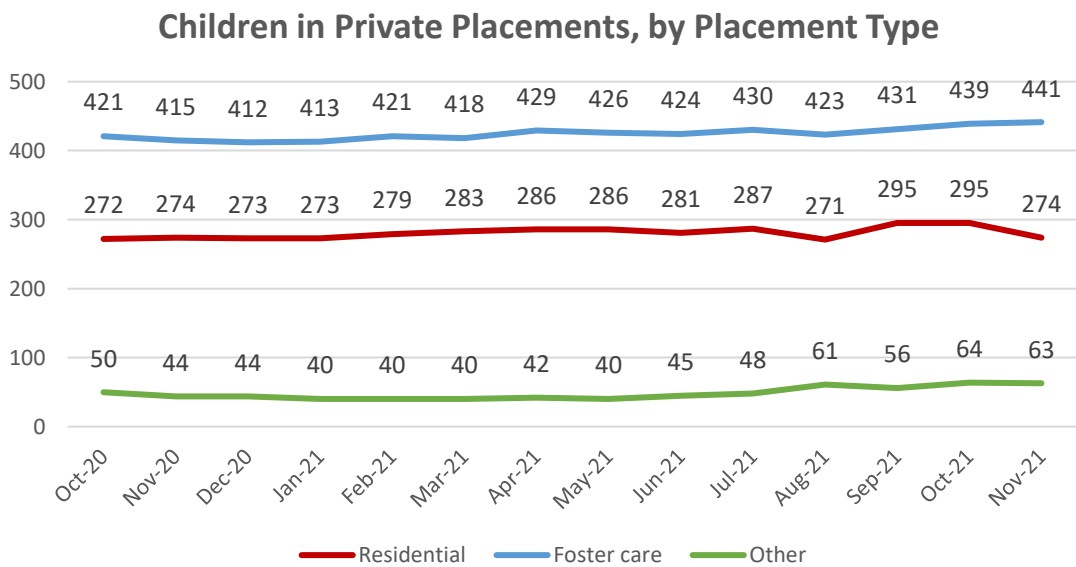


- Highest number of children in placements with private providers reported by Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (107) followed by Dublin South Central (106), Dublin North (86), Dublin North City (85), Cork (69) and Midlands (65). These six areas account for 67% (518) of all children in placements with private providers.

Children with Private Provider	Nov-20	Oct-21	Nov-21	Nov-21 v Nov-20	Nov-21 v Oct-21
Dublin South East/Wicklow	42	45	44	4	-1
DSW/K/WW	89	105	107	8	2
Dublin South Central	105	110	106	-4	-4
Midlands	52	66	65	1	-1
Dublin North City	82	86	85	4	-1
Dublin North	72	86	86	4	0
Louth/Meath	30	33	33	4	0
Cavan/Monaghan	3	10	10	8	0
Kerry	12	15	17	6	2
Cork	67	74	69	2	-5
CW/KK/ST	15	12	12	-2	0
Waterford/Wexford	49	35	36	-7	1
Donegal	19	20	22	2	2
Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan	*	*	*	0	0
Mayo	*	*	*	1	0
Galway/Roscommon	9	7	6	-3	-1
Midwest	40	37	37	-4	0
SWTSCSIP	40	48	34	4	-14
Total	733	798	778	28	-20

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

- 57% (441) of children in placements with private providers were in **foster care**, two more than October 2021 (439). This number (441) is up 26 (6%) on November 2020 (415)
- 35% (274) of children in placements with private providers were in **residential care**, 21 (8%) fewer than October 2021 (295). This number (274) is the same as the number reported in November 2020 (274).



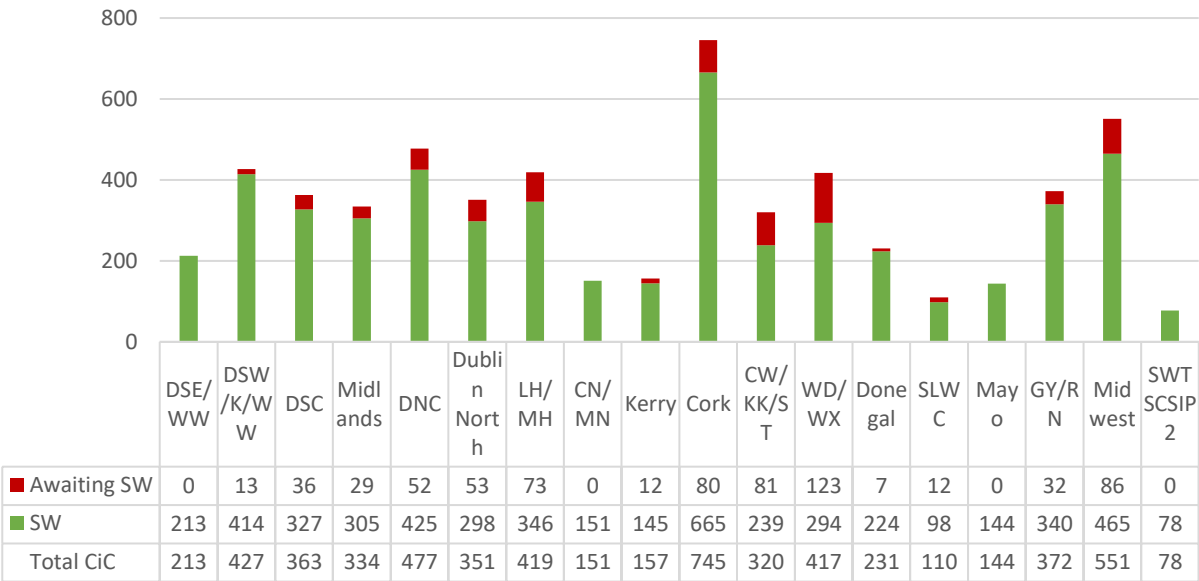
Children in Care

- **88% (5,171) of children in care at the end of November 2021 had an allocated social worker;** no change from October 2021.
- A total of 689 children were awaiting an allocated social worker; no change from October 2021 and 290 (73%) more than Dec 2020 (399).
- Highest number awaiting reported by Waterford/Wexford (123) followed by Midwest (86), Carlow/Kilkenny/South Tipperary (81), Cork (80), Louth/Meath (73), Dublin North (53) and Dublin North City (52). These seven areas account for 80% (548) of all cases awaiting allocation.
- Three areas (Dublin South East/Wicklow, Cavan/Monaghan, Mayo) along with the Social Work Team for Separated Children Seeking International Protection reported no children awaiting allocation of a social worker.

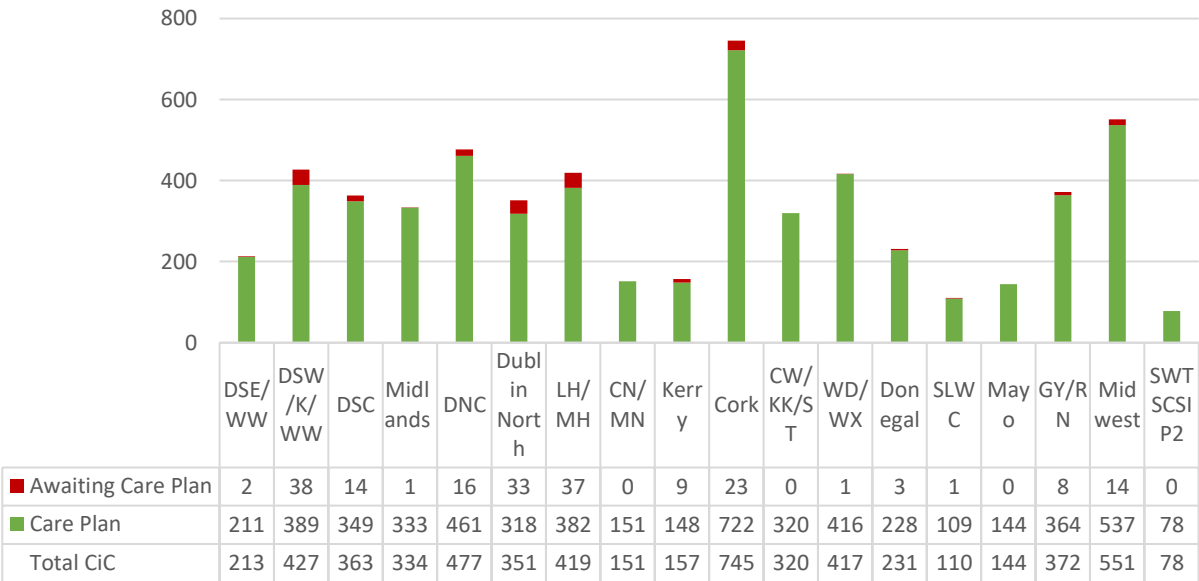
- **97% (5,660) of children in care at the end of November 2021 had an up-to-date care plan;** no change from October 2021.
- A total of 200 children did not have an up-to-date care plan; 43 more than October 2021 (157) and the same number as Dec 2020 (200).
- Highest numbers with no up-to-date care plan reported by Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (38) followed by Louth/Meath (37), Dublin North (33) and Cork (23).

It should be noted that variances have been identified in how data on this metric are being reported by areas. In some areas care plans that have fallen due for review and not updated are included. Also, it should be noted that where a care plan is not up-to-date, the care plan in place (albeit that it is awaiting review) is used to support the care of the child.

Children in Care with a Social Worker



Children in Care with a Care Plan

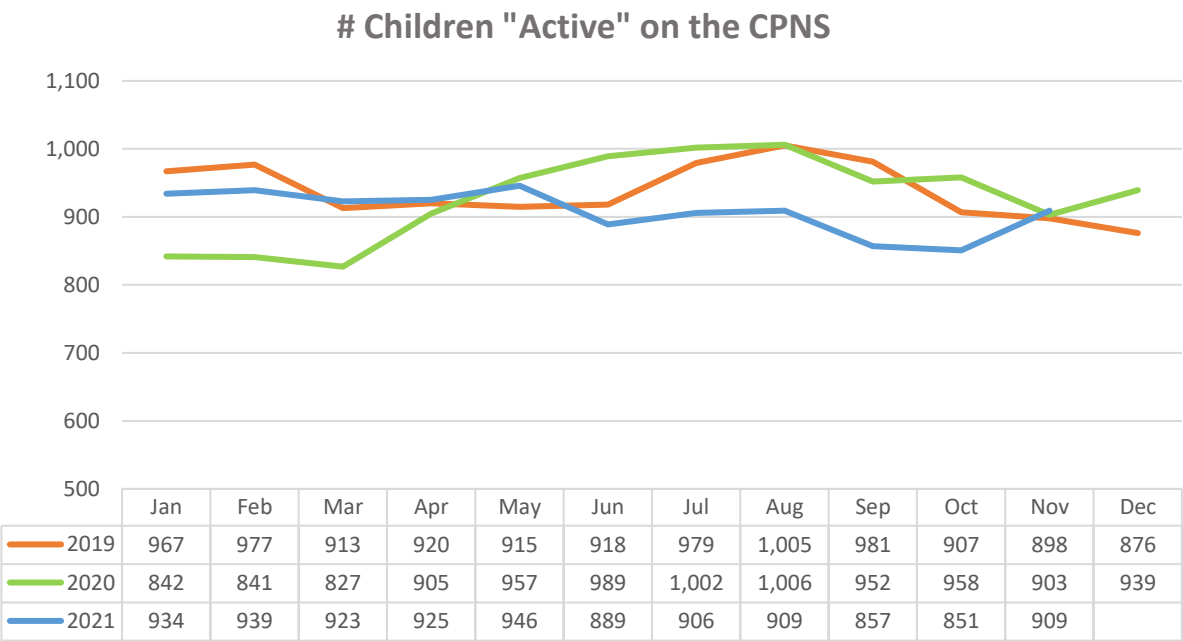


Child Protection Notification System

- **909 children listed as “active” at the end of November 2021**; 58 more than October 2021 (851). There were six more children “active” at the end of November 2021 than November 2020 (903).

The number of children listed as "active" from April 2020 needs to be interpreted with caution, due to the deferral of some review child protection conferences (where decisions are made to remove children listed as "active") during the Covid-19 restrictions. Guidance issued by Tusla on foot of the COVID-19 restrictions advised that following discussion and evaluation of safety plans, review conferences could be deferred for a maximum of 3 months.

- All but three children listed as “active” at the end of November 2021 had an **allocated social worker**. The three children have since been allocated a social worker.
- Highest number of children listed as “active” at the end of November 2021 reported by Cork (90) followed by Dublin South West / Kildare / West Wicklow (74), Midwest (74) and Midlands (72).
- Fewest number listed as “active” reported by Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan (10) followed by Mayo (25), Kerry (30).
- Highest rate per 10,000 population under 18 years reported by Dublin North City (15.1/10,000) followed by Donegal (12.6/10,000) and Carlow/Kilkenny/South Tipperary (11.1/10,000).
- Lowest rates reported by Louth/Meath (3.7/10,000) followed by Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan (4.2/10,000) and Galway/Roscommon (5.1/10,000). Nine areas reported a rate equal to or higher than the national rate of 7.6/10,000
- 10 areas had more children listed as “active” at the end of November 2021 than October 2021. Largest increases reported by Galway/Roscommon (up 19), Dublin North (up 10), Dublin South East/Wicklow (up 9), Midwest (up 9) and Waterford/Wexford (up 9). Largest decreases reported by Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan (down 6), Mayo (down 5) and Kerry (down 5).
- 9 areas had more children active at the end of November 2021 than at the same period last year. Largest increases reported by Dublin North (up 26), Dublin South East/Wicklow (up 16), Louth/Meath (up 12) and Midlands (up 12). Largest decreases reported by Carlow/Kilkenny/South Tipperary (down 25), Waterford/Wexford (down 22), Dublin North City (down 15) and Dublin South Central (down 14).



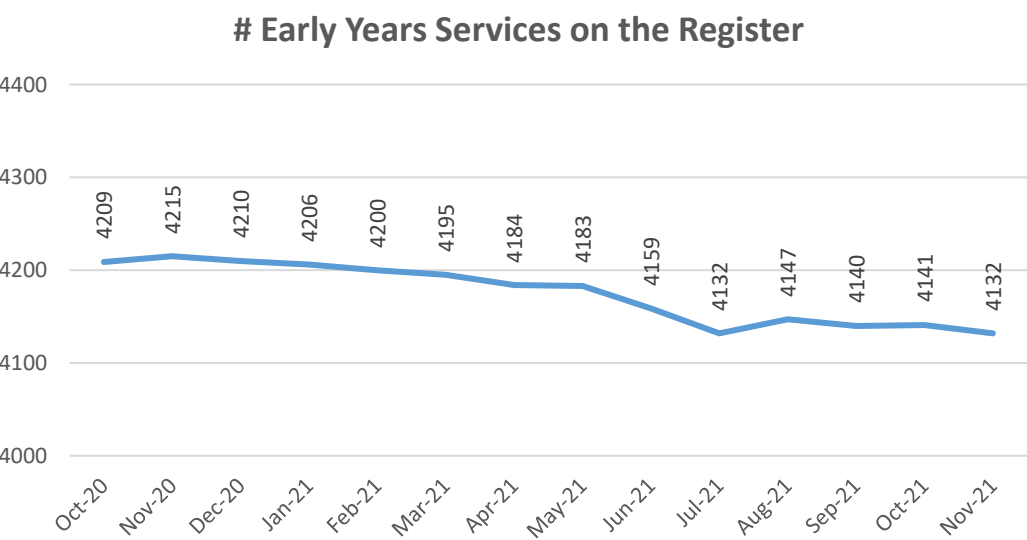
Number and rate of children “active” on the CPNS, by area (ranked by rate)

Area	Nov-20	Oct-21	Nov-21	Nov 21 v Nov 20	Nov 21 v Oct 21	Population	Rate/10,000
Dublin North City	83	66	68	-15	2	44927	15.1
Donegal	53	58	54	1	-4	42865	12.6
Carlow / Kilkenny / South Tipperary	95	73	70	-25	-3	63009	11.1
Midlands	60	65	72	12	7	80193	9.0
Waterford / Wexford	83	52	61	-22	9	68513	8.9
Cavan / Monaghan	21	32	32	11	0	36446	8.8
Kerry	34	35	30	-4	-5	34527	8.7
Mayo	25	30	25	0	-5	31968	7.8
Mid West	73	65	74	1	9	96266	7.7
Dublin North	44	60	70	26	10	100654	7.0
Dublin South East / Wicklow	44	51	60	16	9	86810	6.9
Dublin South West / Kildare / West Wicklow	77	69	74	-3	5	108186	6.8
Cork	83	84	90	7	6	134015	6.7
Dublin South Central	58	47	44	-14	-3	65564	6.7
Galway / Roscommon	37	22	41	4	19	79912	5.1
Sligo / Leitrim / West Cavan	11	16	10	-1	-6	23554	4.2
Louth / Meath	22	26	34	12	8	93093	3.7
Total	903	851	909	6	58	1190502	7.6

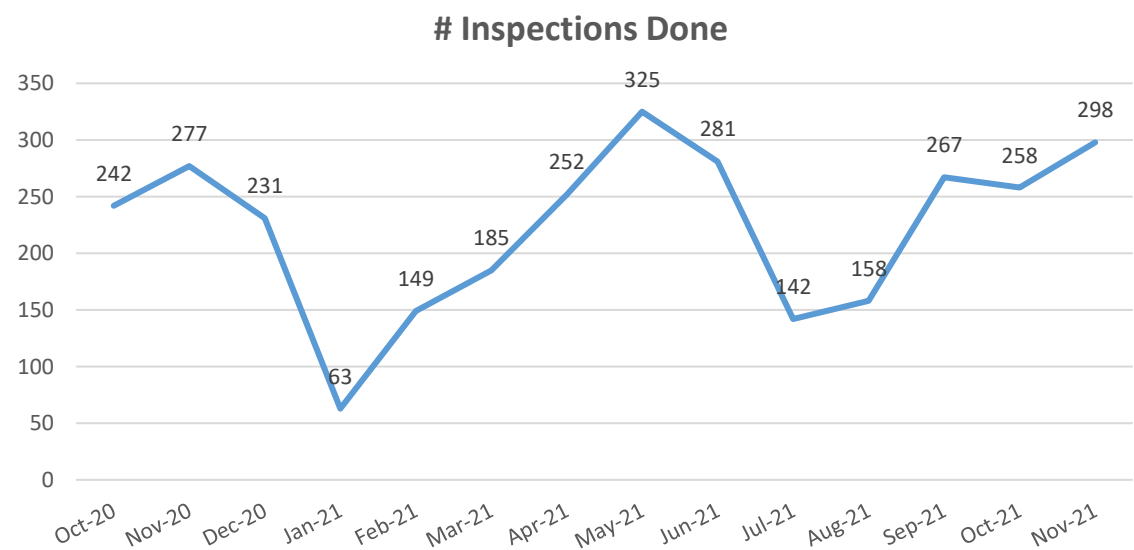
Children's Services Regulation

EARLY YEARS INSPECTORATE

- **4,132 early years services on the register at the end of November 2021**, nine fewer than October 2021 (4,141). There were 83 (2%) fewer services on the register at the end of November 2021 than November 2020 (4,215).

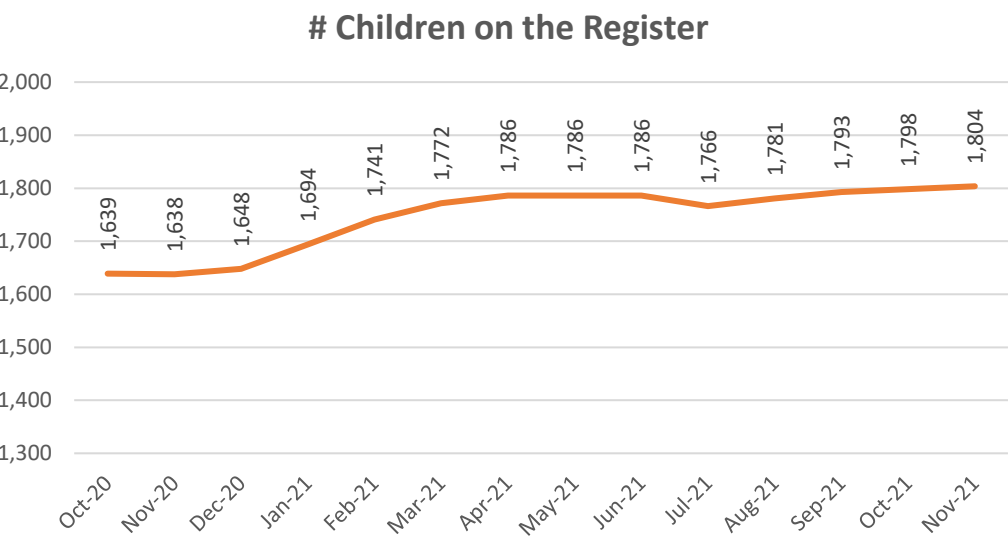


- **298 inspections of early years services done in November 2021.** Brings to 2,378 the number of inspections for 2021 year to date. *Number of inspections impacted, due to the closure of services under the Covid-19 restrictions.*

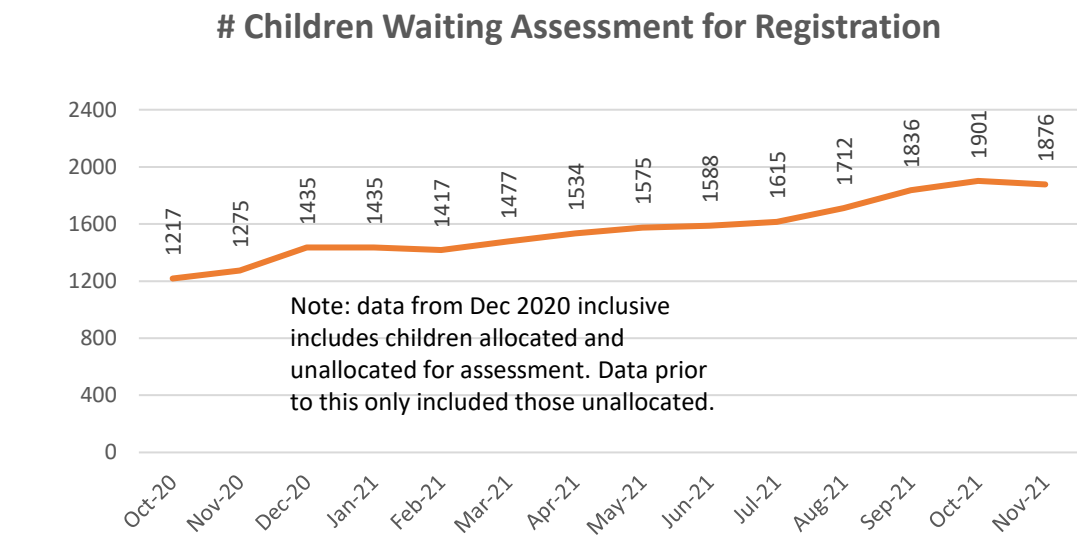


ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION ASSESSMENT AND REGISTRATION SERVICE

- **1,804 children on the register for home education at the end of November 2021**, six more than October 2021 (1,798). The number of children on the register is up 10% (166) on November 2020 (1,638).



- **1,876 children on a waiting list for assessment at the end of November 2021**, 25 fewer than October 2021 (1,901), first decrease after seven consecutive increases. The number of children on the waiting list is up 31% (441) on December 2020 (1,435). The increase in numbers awaiting assessment in recent months is due to an increase in applications received over the same period.



Tusla Education Support Services

Service activity from March – June 2020 and January–March 2021 impacted by the closure of schools (Covid-19)

- **540 referrals screened** by senior educational welfare services in November 2021, 110 (26%) more than October 2021 (430) and 497 (48%) fewer than November 2020 (1,037). Month on month increase from September 2021.

- **1,895 referrals on a waiting list** for educational welfare services at the end of November 2021, 44 fewer than October 2021 (1,939) and 459 (32%) more than November 2020 (1,436).

- **285 new individual children worked with** in November 2021, 31 (12%) more than October 2021 (254) and 66 (19%) fewer than November 2020 (351).

