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Headline Data – October 2022

Child Protection & Welfare

- 22,160 cases open to social work at the end of October 2022, 633 (3%) more than September 2022 (21,527) and 566 (3%) more than October 2021 (21,594).
- 73% (16,191) of cases open to social work had an allocated social worker.
- 5,969 cases awaiting allocation of a social worker at the end of October 2022, 571 (11%) more than September 2022 (5,398) and 1,209 (25%) more than October 2021 (4,760).
- Five areas account for 58% (3,465) of cases awaiting allocation: Dublin South Central (763), Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (729), Dublin North City (699), Waterford/Wexford (657) and Cork (617).
- 6% (387) of cases awaiting allocation at the end of October 2022 were categorised as high priority, 11 fewer than September 2022 (398).

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

Cases of Retrospective Abuse

Cases of retrospective abuse are undergoing review and categorisation following the implementation of the Tusla ***Child Abuse Substantiation Procedure (CASP)*** on the 27 June 2022. Hence data is not available at this time. The CASP replaces the “Policy and Procedures for Responding to Allegations of Abuse and Neglect”, which has been in use since 2014.

- 1,501 cases open to social work at the end of June 2022, 22 fewer than May 2022 (1,523).
- 62% (936) of cases of retrospective abuse open to social work had an allocated social worker, up from 59% at the end of May 2022.
- 565 cases awaiting allocation at the end of June 2022, 65 (10%) fewer than May 2022 (630) and the third consecutive decrease.
- Five areas account for 67% (377) of all cases awaiting allocation: Midwest (110), Galway/Roscommon (77), Dublin North City (74), Cork (64) and Donegal (52).

Children in Care

- 5,810 children in care at the end of October 2022; no change from September 2022 and 27 fewer than the same time last year (5,837).
- 873 (15%) children in care at the end of October 2022 were in placements with private providers, 15 more than September 2022 (858) and 75 (9%) more than the end of October 2021 (798).

- 87% (5,072) of children in care at the end of October 2022 had an allocated social worker; no change from September 2022.
- A total of 738 children were awaiting an allocated social worker, seven more than September 2022 (731).

Child Protection Notification System (CPNS)

- 864 children listed as “active” at the end of October 2022; 27 (3%) fewer than September 2022 (891).
- There were 13 (2%) more children “active” at the end of October 2022 than at the end of October 2021 (851).
- All children listed as “active” at the end of October 2022 had an allocated social worker.

Children’s Services Regulation

- 4,074 early years services on the register at the end of October 2022, nine more than September 2022 (4,065) and the second consecutive increase after eight consecutive decreases. There were 67 (1.6%) fewer services on the register at the end of October 2022 than October 2021 (4,141).
- 215 inspections of early years services done in October 2022. This brings to 2,126 the number of inspections for the first 10 months of 2022, 46 (2%) more than the same period in 2021 (2,080). *Number of inspections for early 2021 impacted due to the closure of services under the Covid-19 restrictions.*
- 1,924 children on the register for home education at the end of October 2022, four more than September 2022 (1,920) and 126 (7%) more than October 2021 (1,798).
- 1,515 children on a waiting list for assessment at the end of October 2022, 32 (2%) fewer than September 2022 (1,547), the third consecutive decrease and 386 (20%) fewer than October 2021 (1,901).

Tusla Education Support Services

- 538 referrals screened by senior educational welfare services in October 2022. This brings to 884 the number of referrals screened for the first two months of the 2022/2023 academic year, 145 (20%) more than the same period in 2021/2022 (739).
- 3,150 referrals on a waiting list for educational welfare services at the end of October 2022, 77 (2%) fewer than September 2022 (3,227) and 1,211 (62%) more than October 2021 (1,939). Fourth consecutive monthly decrease.
- 297 new individual children worked with in October 2022. This brings to 652 the number of new individual children worked with for the first two months of the 2022/2023 academic year, 69 (12%) more than the same period in 2021/2022 (583).

Child Protection and Welfare

Referrals¹

- **6,940 referrals** in October 2022, 560 (7%) fewer than September 2022 (7,500) and 548 (9%) more than October 2021 (6,392). This brings to at least 67,708 the number of referrals for the first 10 months of 2022, 7,827 (13%) more than the same period in 2021 (59,881).

It should be noted that the data presented for January – June 2022 has been updated to reflect final validated figures for this period. Data for the remaining months of 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 quarterly validation is complete.

Open Cases

- **22,160 cases open to social work** at the end of October 2022, 633 (3%) more than September 2022 (21,527) and 566 (3%) more 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.

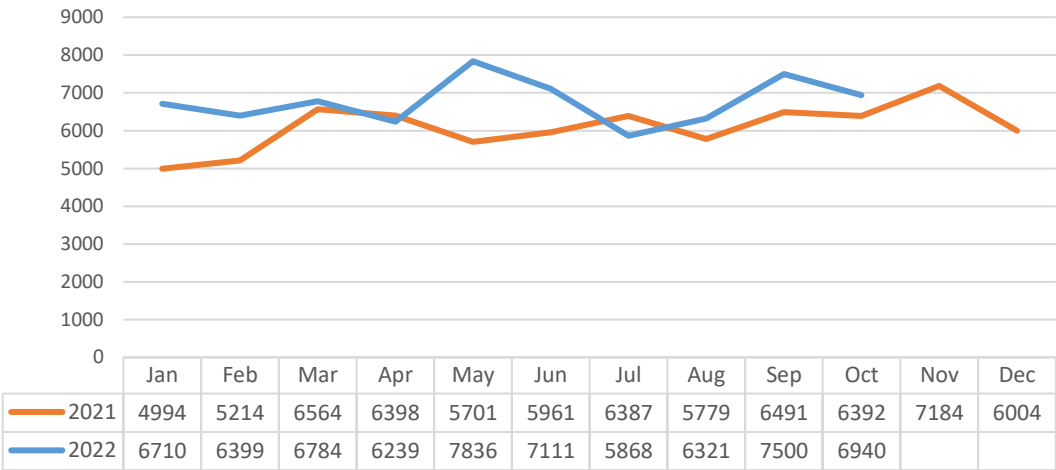
The data presented on cases is based on the status of cases on the National Child Care Information System (NCCIS) at month end.

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).

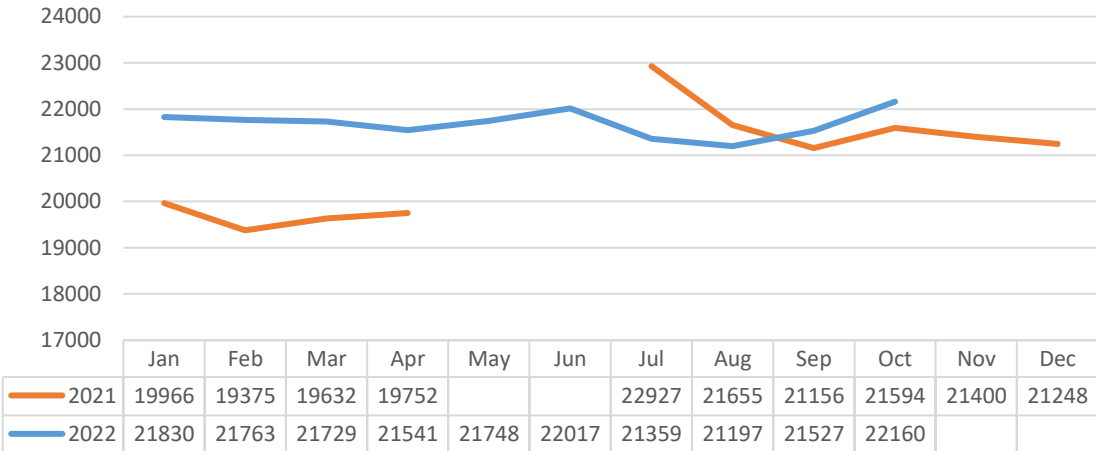
Allocated Cases

- **16,191 open cases allocated** to a social worker at the end of October 2022, 62 (<1%) fewer than September 2022 (16,129) and 643 (4%) fewer than October 2021 (16,834).
- Allocated cases account for 73% of open cases, down two percentage point from September 2022 (75%).

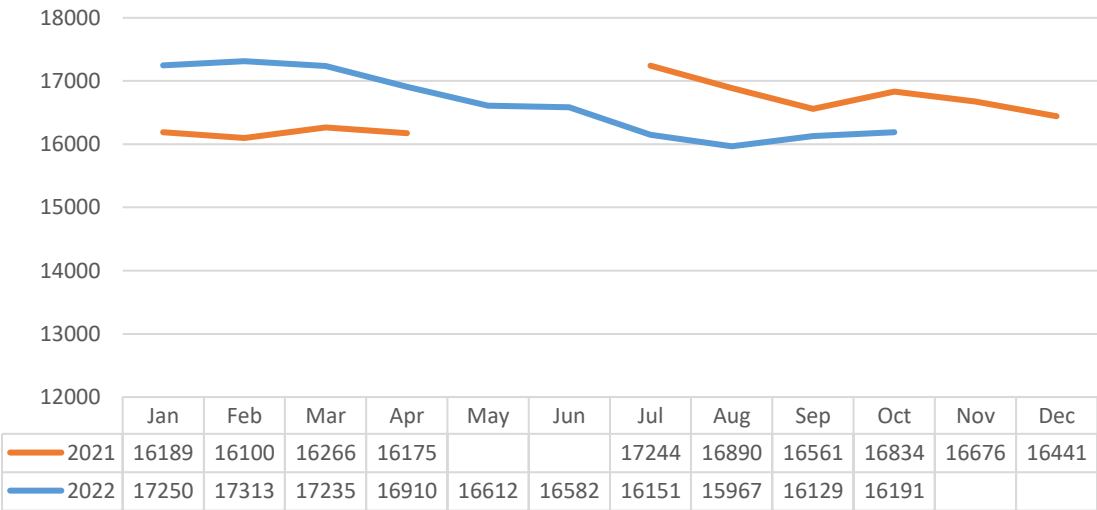
Referrals



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. It should also be noted that more than one referral can be received in relation to a child, hence the number of children involved is likely to be fewer.

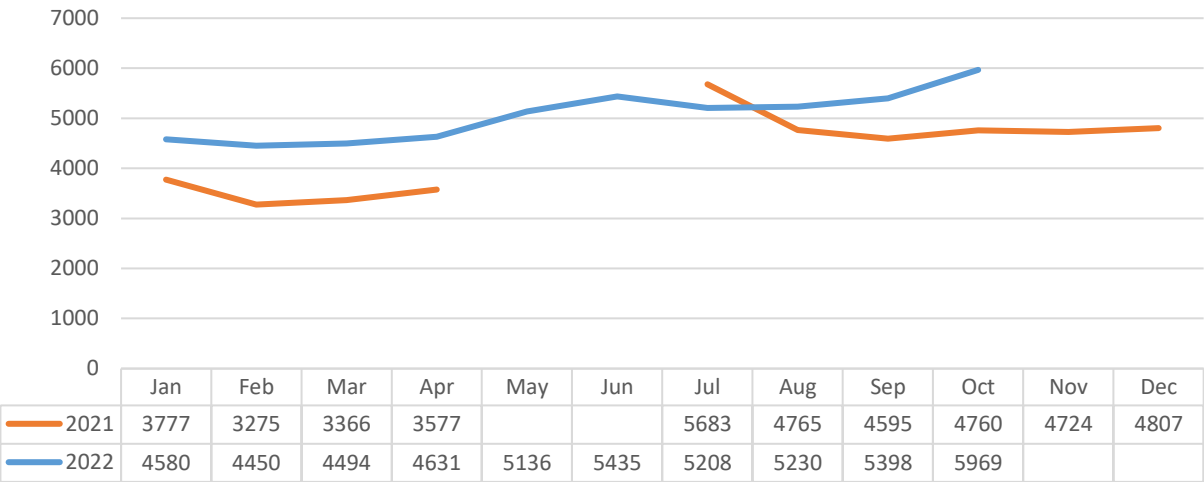
Child Protection & Welfare

Cases Awaiting Allocation of a Social Worker

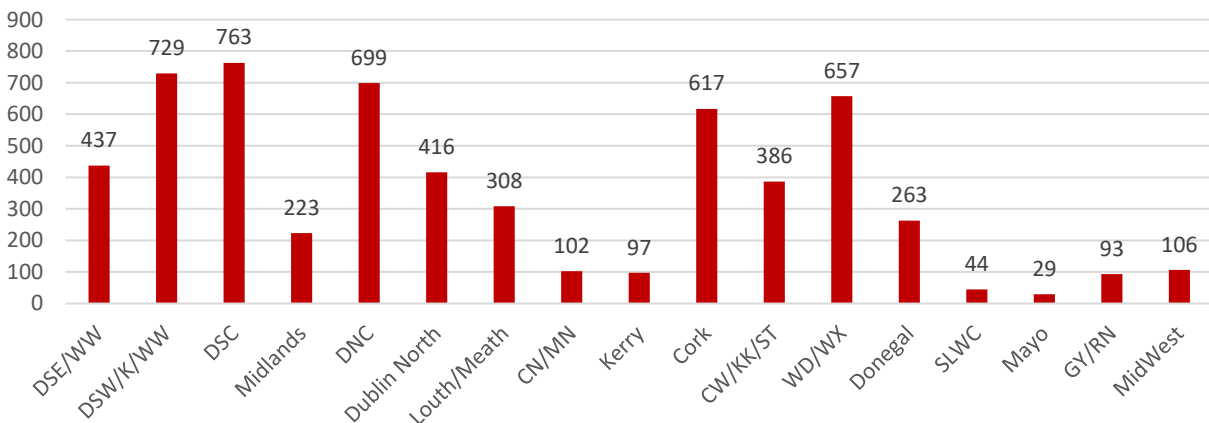
Cases awaiting allocation include cases held on duty, unallocated child protection and welfare cases including children in care

- **5,969 cases awaiting allocation of a social worker** at the end of October 2022, 571 (11%) more than September 2022 (5,398) and 1,209 (25%) more than October 2021 (4,760). Cases awaiting allocation account for 27% of open cases (22,160), up two percentage points from September 2022.
- 67% (4,001) of cases awaiting allocation at the end of October 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 Central (763), followed by Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (729), Dublin North City (699), Waterford/Wexford (657) and Cork (617). These five areas account for 58% (3,465) of all cases awaiting allocation.
- 387 cases awaiting allocation at the end of October 2022 were categorised as high priority, 11 (3%) fewer than September 2022 (398).
- High priority cases account for 6% of cases awaiting allocation, down from 7% in September 2022.
- 54% (3,209) of cases awaiting allocation were categorised at medium priority while the remaining 40% (2,373) were low priority.
- Highest number of high priority cases reported by Waterford/Wexford (51) followed by Donegal (43), Dublin South Central (42), Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (38) and Louth/Meath (34). These five areas account for 54% (208) of all high priority cases awaiting.

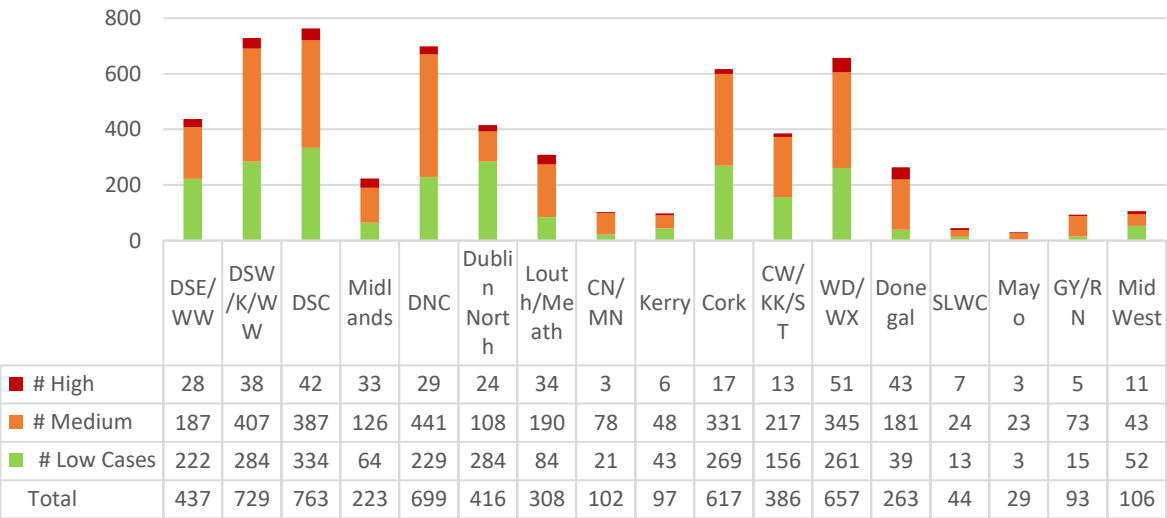
Number of Unallocated Cases



Number of Unallocated Cases



Number Unallocated Cases by Priority Level



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Cases Awaiting Allocation

- 13/17 areas reported an increase in unallocated cases from September 2022.
- Largest increases reported by Dublin South Central (up 195), Dublin North City (up 188), Cork (up 69) and Louth/Meath (up 49).
- Of the four areas that reported a decrease, the largest decrease was reported by Midlands (down 51) followed by Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (down 26), Galway/Roscommon (down 21) and Midwest (down 11).
- Nationally 27% of open cases were unallocated at the end of October 2022. Seven areas reported a percentage equal to or higher than the national average of 27%. Highest percentages reported by Dublin South Central (52%), Carlow/Kilkenny/South Tipperary (42%), Dublin South East/Wicklow (41%) and Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (39%). Lowest percentages reported by Mayo (7%), Midwest (9%), Galway/Roscommon (10%) and Midlands (12%).
- 11 areas had more cases awaiting allocation at the end of October 2022 than at the end of October 2021. Largest increases reported by Dublin North City (up 513), Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (up 336), Cork (up 238), Carlow/Kilkenny/South Tipperary (up 184) and Waterford/Wexford (up 128).
- Of the six areas that reported a decrease, the largest decrease was reported by Louth/Meath (down 167) followed by Midwest (down 161), Midlands (down 80) and Galway/Roscommon (down 34).

Area	Oct-21 # Unallocated	Oct-21 % Unallocated	Aug-22 # Unallocated	Sep-22 # Unallocated	Oct-22 # Unallocated	Oct-22 % Unallocated	Jun-Aug	Oct 22 v Oct-21	% Δ	Oct 22 v Sep- 22	% Δ2
DSE/WW	349	30%	432	406	437	41%		88	25%	31	8%
DSW/K/WW	393	25%	618	755	729	39%		336	85%	-26	-3%
DSC	733	47%	589	568	763	52%		30	4%	195	34%
Midlands	303	18%	216	274	223	12%		-80	-26%	-51	-19%
DNC	186	10%	534	511	699	36%		513	276%	188	37%
Dublin North	430	18%	460	401	416	18%		-14	-3%	15	4%
Louth/Meath	475	29%	258	259	308	23%		-167	-35%	49	19%
CN/MN	68	12%	80	83	102	17%		34	50%	19	23%
Kerry	62	12%	89	93	97	16%		35	56%	4	4%
Cork	379	18%	547	548	617	25%		238	63%	69	13%
CW/KK/ST	202	23%	332	347	386	42%		184	91%	39	11%
WD/WX	529	31%	522	632	657	32%		128	24%	25	4%
Donegal	181	27%	198	233	263	34%		82	45%	30	13%
SLWC	55	15%	41	37	44	13%		-11	-20%	7	19%
Mayo	21	5%	24	20	29	7%		8	38%	9	45%
GY/RN	127	11%	163	114	93	10%		-34	-27%	-21	-18%
MidWest	267	20%	127	117	106	9%		-161	-60%	-11	-9%
TOTAL	4760	22%	5230	5398	5969	27%		1209	25%	571	11%

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Summary Tables

Referrals				Open Cases			Allocated Cases			Unallocated Cases		
Area	Sep-22	Oct-22	Δ	Sep-22	Oct-22	Δ2	Sep-22	Oct-22	Δ3	Sep-22	Oct-22	Δ4
DSE/WW	297	319	22	1,094	1,072	-22	688	635	-53	406	437	31
DSW/K/WW	719	672	-47	1,777	1,853	76	1,022	1,124	102	755	729	-26
DSC	468	542	74	1,287	1,454	167	719	691	-28	568	763	195
Midlands	912	666	-246	1,795	1,824	29	1,521	1,601	80	274	223	-51
DNC	349	336	-13	2,032	1,918	-114	1,521	1,219	-302	511	699	188
Dublin North	597	613	16	2,243	2,362	119	1,842	1,946	104	401	416	15
Louth/Meath	624	565	-59	1,223	1,327	104	964	1,019	55	259	308	49
CN/MN	184	220	36	591	609	18	508	507	-1	83	102	19
Kerry	266	196	-70	536	598	62	443	501	58	93	97	4
Cork	708	642	-66	2,366	2,425	59	1,818	1,808	-10	548	617	69
CW/KK/ST	381	254	-127	925	923	-2	578	537	-41	347	386	39
WD/WX	554	556	2	1,937	2,049	112	1,305	1,392	87	632	657	25
Donegal	242	203	-39	779	785	6	546	522	-24	233	263	30
SLWC	131	126	-5	332	347	15	295	303	8	37	44	7
Mayo	117	142	25	424	439	15	404	410	6	20	29	9
GY/RN	345	340	-5	928	946	18	814	853	39	114	93	-21
MidWest	606	548	-58	1,258	1,229	-29	1,141	1,123	-18	117	106	-11
Total	7500	6940	-560	21,527	22,160	633	16,129	16,191	62	5398	5969	571

High Priority				Medium Priority			Low Priority			Priority Not Set		
Area	Awaiting Sep-22	Awaiting Oct-22	Δ	Awaiting Sep-22	Awaiting Oct-22	Δ 2	Awaiting Sep-22	Awaiting Oct-22	Δ 3	Awaiting Sep-22	Awaiting Oct-22	Δ 4
DSE/WW	35	28	-7	188	187	-1	183	222	39	2	2	0
DSW/K/WW	50	38	-12	425	407	-18	280	284	4	3	32	29
DSC	27	42	15	325	387	62	216	334	118	6	6	0
Midlands	39	33	-6	121	126	5	114	64	-50	0	1	1
DNC	27	29	2	327	441	114	157	229	72	2	3	1
Dublin North	26	24	-2	137	108	-29	238	284	46	6	5	-1
Louth/Meath	46	34	-12	173	190	17	40	84	44	4	0	-4
CN/MN	1	3	2	66	78	12	16	21	5	7	2	-5
Kerry	9	6	-3	45	48	3	39	43	4	0	0	0
Cork	18	17	-1	276	331	55	254	269	15	0	0	0
CW/KK/ST	8	13	5	223	217	-6	116	156	40	3	8	5
WD/WX	51	51	0	364	345	-19	217	261	44	85	79	-6
Donegal	33	43	10	155	181	26	45	39	-6	0	0	0
SLWC	2	7	5	27	24	-3	8	13	5	0	0	0
Mayo	4	3	-1	16	23	7	0	3	3	0	0	0
GY/RN	15	5	-10	76	73	-3	23	15	-8	2	0	-2
MidWest	7	11	4	49	43	-6	61	52	-9	0	2	2
TOTAL	398	387	-11	2993	3209	216	2007	2373	366	120	140	20

Retrospective Cases of Abuse

Cases of retrospective abuse are undergoing review and categorisation following the implementation of the Tusla [Child Abuse Substantiation Procedure \(CASP\)](#) on the 27 June 2022. Hence data is not available at this time. The CASP replaces the “Policy and Procedures for Responding to Allegations of Abuse and Neglect”, which has been in use since 2014.

Referrals

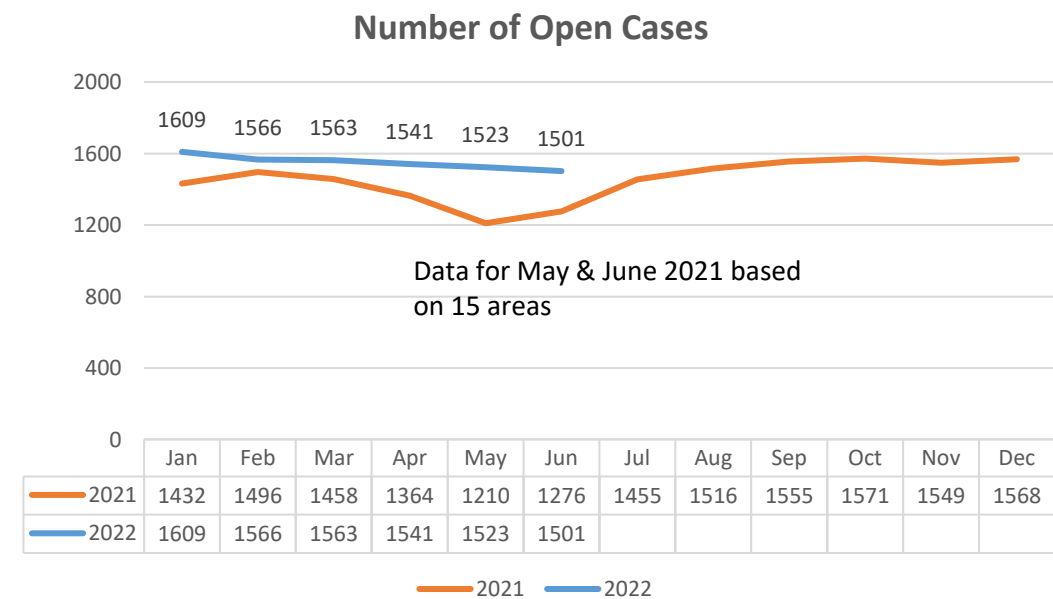
- 428 referrals of retrospective abuse in June 2022, 42 (9%) fewer than May 2022 (470) and 194 (83%) more than June 2021 (234). Brings to 2,539 the number of referrals for the first six months of 2022, 1,014 (66%) more than the same period in 2021 (1,525).

Data for June 2022 is up to the 27 June 2022 when Tusla [Child Abuse Substantiation Procedure \(CASP\)](#) was implemented.

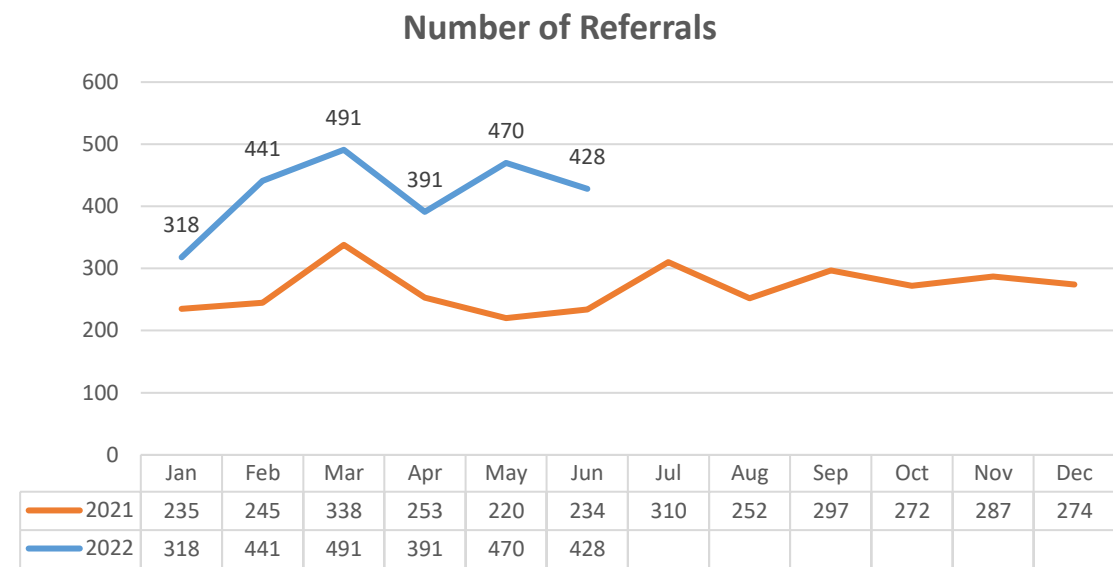
Data presented on retrospective cases of abuse (pages 8-11) for May and June 2021 is based on 15 areas. Data for Donegal and Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan not available due to the impact of the cyber-attack.

Open Cases

- 1,501 cases open to social work at the end of June 2022, 22 fewer than May 2022 (1,523).

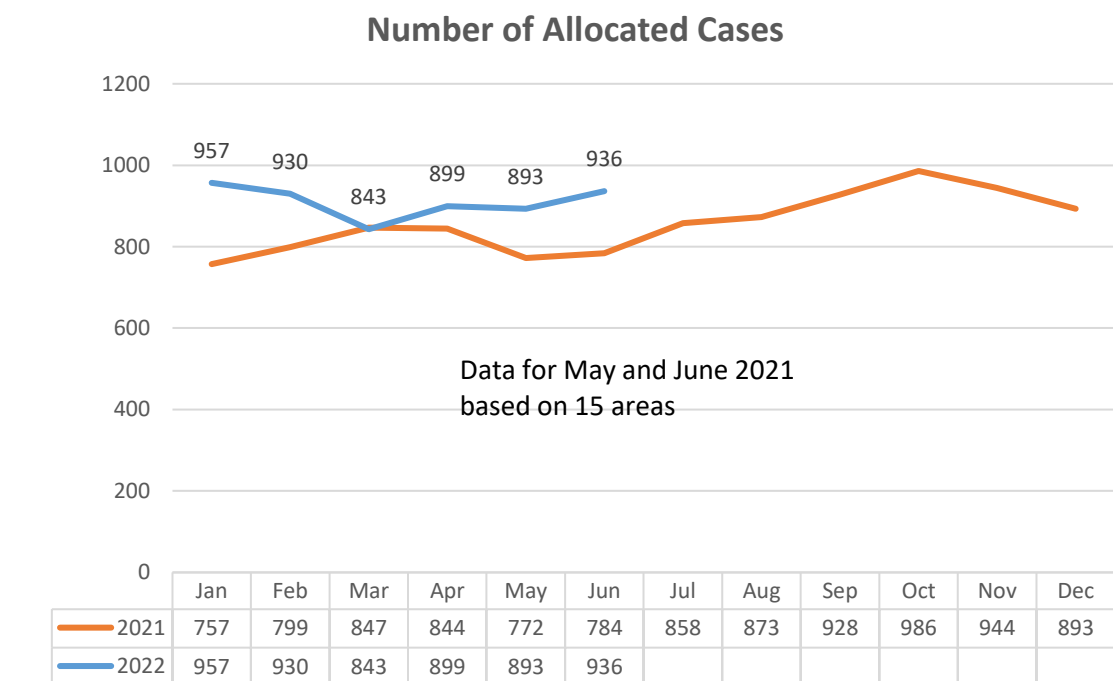


Note: all data on cases of retrospective abuse needs to be interpreted with caution due to concerns about the consistent interpretation of definitions.



Allocated Cases

- 936 cases allocated to a social worker at the end of June 2022, 43 more than at the end of May 2022 (893).
- Allocated cases account for 62% of open cases, up from 59% at the end of May 2022.

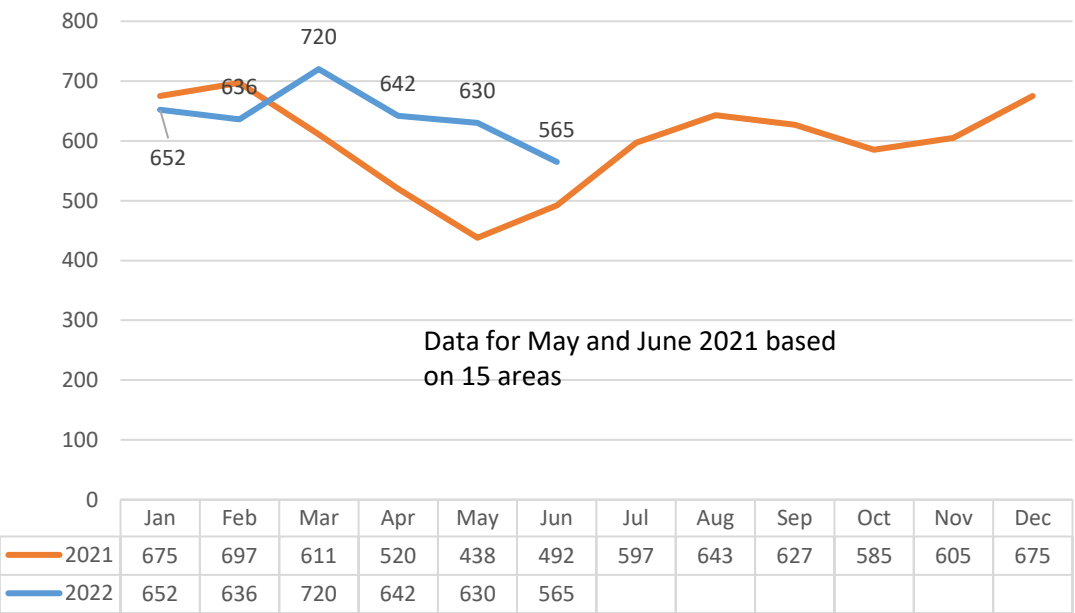


Retrospective Cases of Abuse

Cases Awaiting Allocation of a Social Worker

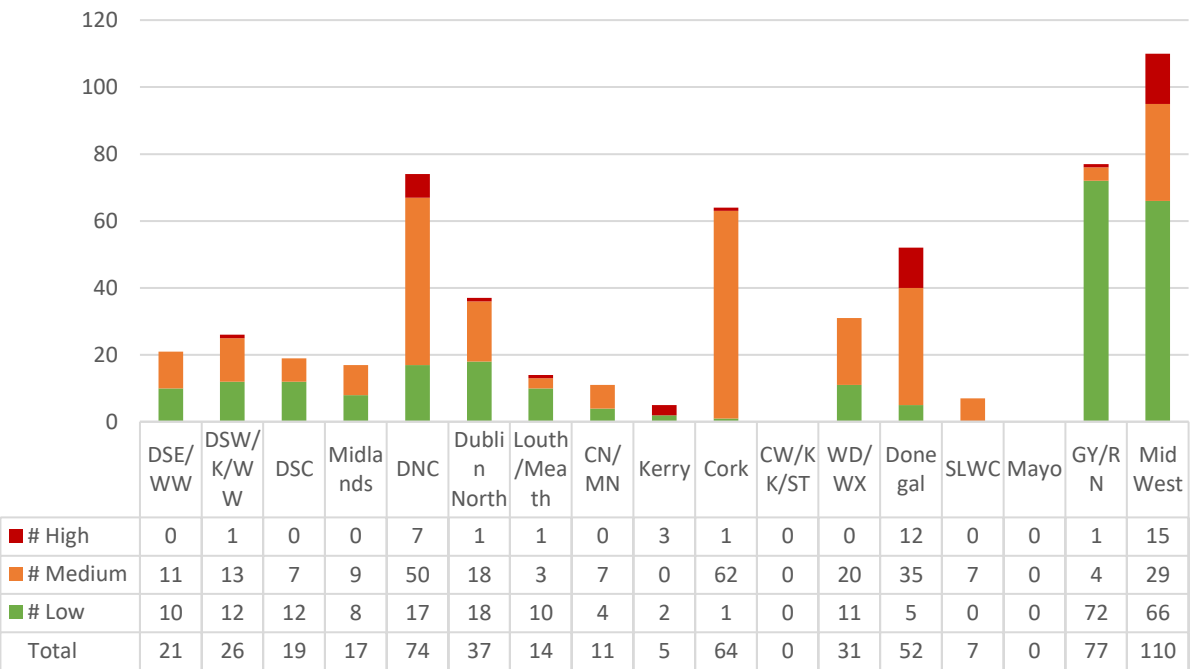
- **565 cases awaiting allocation** at the end of June 2022, 65 (10%) fewer than May 2022 (630) and the third consecutive decrease.
- Cases awaiting allocation account for 38% of open cases, down from 41% at the end of May 2022.
- Highest number of cases awaiting in Midwest (110) followed by Galway/Roscommon (77), Dublin North City (74), Cork (64) and Donegal (52). These five areas account for 67% (377) of cases awaiting allocation. Two areas (Carlow/Kilkenny/South Tipperary and Mayo) have no cases awaiting allocation.

Number of Unallocated Cases

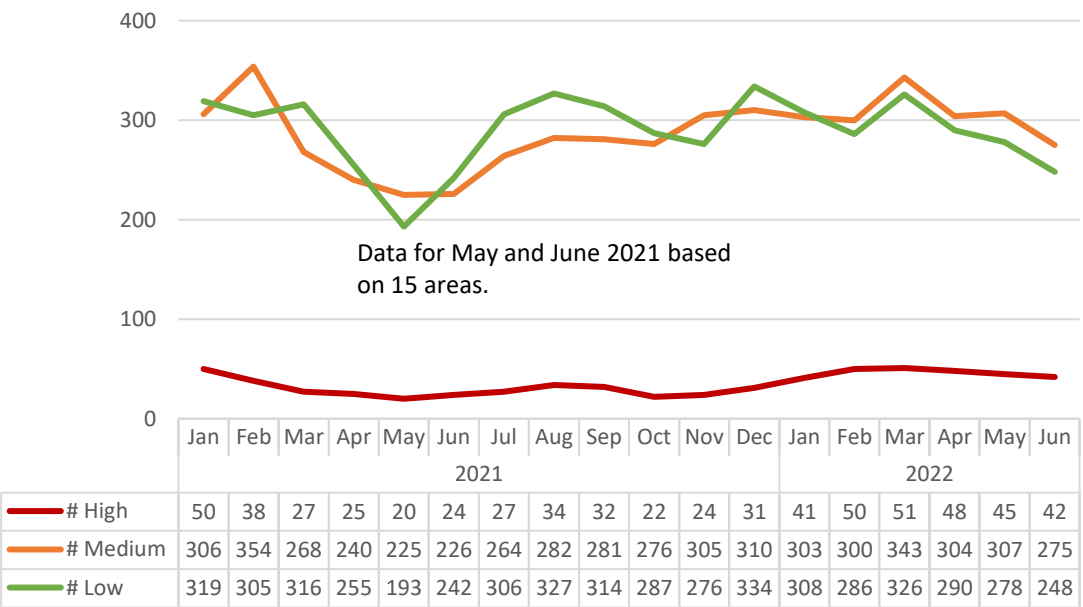


- **42 high priority cases awaiting allocation** at the end of June 2022, three fewer than May 2022 (45) and the third consecutive decrease after five consecutive monthly increases.
- High priority cases accounted for 7% of cases awaiting allocation at the end of June 2022 (565), no change from May 2022.
- High priority cases are reported by nine areas with the highest numbers reported by Midwest (15), Donegal (12) and Dublin North City (7).

Unallocated Cases by Priority Level and Area





















Unallocated Cases by Priority Level



Retrospective Cases of Abuse

- **6 areas reported an increase** in cases awaiting allocation from May 2022, Waterford/Wexford (up 6), Galway/Roscommon (up 6), Midwest (up 6), Louth/Meath (up 5), Kerry (up 5) and Cavan/Monaghan (up 1).
- **8 areas reported an decrease** with the largest decrease reported by Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (down 21) followed by Dublin South Central (down 18), Carlow/Kilkenny/South Tipperary (down 16), Midlands (down 15) and Dublin South East/Wicklow (down 12).
- The remaining three areas (Donegal, Mayo and Sligo/Leitrim/ West Cavan) reported no change.
- 38% (565) of open cases are awaiting allocation nationally, with seven areas reporting a percentage equal to or higher than the national average. Highest percentages reported by Dublin South Central (73%), Donegal (70%), Galway/Roscommon (70%), Midwest (62%) and Louth/Meath (61%).

- **7/15 areas** had more cases awaiting allocation at the end of June 2022 than June 2021, while seven 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 June 2021 due to the HSE cyber-attack. .
- Largest increases reported by Midwest (up 103), Dublin North City (up 40) and Galway/Roscommon (up 21). Largest decrease reported by Waterford/Wexford (down 43) followed by Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (down 42) and Kerry (down 37).

Area	Jun-21 # Unallocated	Jun-21 % Unallocated	Apr-22 # Unallocated	May-22 # Unallocated	Jun-22 # Unallocated	Jun-22 % Unallocated	Apr-Jun	Jun-22 v Jun- 21	% Δ	Jun 22 v May- 22	% Δ2
DSE/WW	9	90%	28	33	21	38%		12	133%	-12	-36%
DSW/K/WW	68	60%	61	47	26	33%		-42	-62%	-21	-45%
DSC	31	53%	33	37	19	73%		-12	-39%	-18	-49%
Midlands	26	72%	32	32	17	33%		-9	-35%	-15	-47%
DNC	34	25%	76	75	74	54%		40	118%	-1	-1%
Dublin North	34	21%	39	40	37	25%		3	9%	-3	-8%
LH/MH	2	6%	11	9	14	61%		12	600%	5	56%
CN/MN	0	0%	10	10	11	22%		11		1	10%
Kerry	42	49%	0	0	5	11%		-37	-88%	5	
Cork	90	60%	69	72	64	32%		-26	-29%	-8	-11%
CW/KK/ST	19	45%	22	16	0	0%		-19	-100%	-16	-100%
WD/WX	74	51%	30	25	31	16%		-43	-58%	6	24%
Donegal			53	52	52	70%				0	0%
SLWC			8	7	7	30%				0	0%
Mayo	0	0%	0	0	0	0%		0		0	
GY/RN	56	67%	63	71	77	70%		21	38%	6	8%
Midwest	7	6%	107	104	110	62%		103	1471%	6	6%
TOTAL	492	39%	642	630	565	38%				-65	-10%

Retrospective Cases of Abuse

Summary Tables

Area	Referrals May-22	Referrals Jun-22	Δ	Open Cases May-22	Open Cases Jun-22	Δ2	Allocated Cases May-22	Allocated Cases Jun-22	Δ3	Unallocated Cases May-22	Unallocated Cases Jun-22	Δ4
DSE/WW	21	20	-1	69	55	-14	36	34	-2	33	21	-12
DSW/K/WW	13	17	4	95	80	-15	48	54	6	47	26	-21
DSC	22	21	-1	48	26	-22	11	7	-4	37	19	-18
Midlands	30	16	-14	61	51	-10	29	34	5	32	17	-15
DNC	9	19	10	140	136	-4	65	62	-3	75	74	-1
Dublin North	47	28	-19	152	148	-4	112	111	-1	40	37	-3
LH/MH	65	44	-21	22	23	1	13	9	-4	9	14	5
CN/MN	17	14	-3	41	49	8	31	38	7	10	11	1
Kerry	25	11	-14	27	44	17	27	39	12	0	5	5
Cork	63	51	-12	190	198	8	118	134	16	72	64	-8
CW/KK/ST	31	36	5	41	29	-12	25	29	4	16	0	-16
WD/WX	50	77	27	189	194	5	164	163	-1	25	31	6
Donegal	4	4	0	75	74	-1	23	22	-1	52	52	0
SLWC	1	2	1	25	23	-2	18	16	-2	7	7	0
Mayo	4	27	23	63	83	20	63	83	20	0	0	0
GY/RN	35	27	-8	109	110	1	38	33	-5	71	77	6
Midwest	33	14	-19	176	178	2	72	68	-4	104	110	6
TOTAL	470	428	-42	1523	1501	-22	893	936	43	630	565	-65

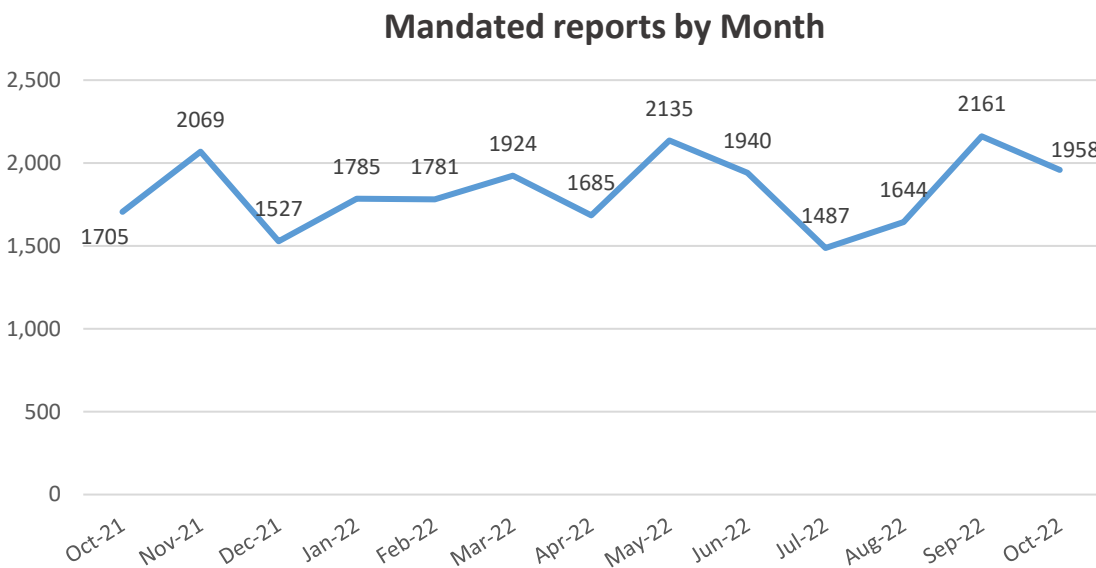
Area	High Priority Awaiting May-22	High Priority Awaiting Jun-22	Δ	Medium Priority Awaiting May-22	Medium Priority Awaiting Jun-22	Δ 2	Low Priority Awaiting May-22	Low Priority Awaiting Jun-22	Δ 3
DSE/WW	0	0	0	15	11	-4	18	10	-8
DSW/K/WW	6	1	-5	19	13	-6	22	12	-10
DSC	1	0	-1	15	7	-8	21	12	-9
Midlands	0	0	0	17	9	-8	15	8	-7
DNC	6	7	1	51	50	-1	18	17	-1
Dublin North	1	1	0	20	18	-2	19	18	-1
LH/MH	1	1	0	3	3	0	5	10	5
CN/MN	0	0	0	7	7	0	3	4	1
Kerry	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	2	2
Cork	1	1	0	70	62	-8	1	1	0
CW/KK/ST	0	0	0	8	0	-8	8	0	-8
WD/WX	0	0	0	9	20	11	16	11	-5
Donegal	12	12	0	35	35	0	5	5	0
SLWC	0	0	0	7	7	0	0	0	0
Mayo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GY/RN	1	1	0	3	4	1	67	72	5
Midwest	16	15	-1	28	29	1	60	66	6
TOTAL	45	42	-3	307	275	-32	278	248	-30

Mandated Reports¹ – Child Protection & Welfare

- **1,958 mandated reports of abuse** received in October 2022, 203 (9%) fewer than September 2022 (2,161). This brings to at least 18,500 mandated reports for the first 10 months of 2022, 3,723 (25%) more than the same period in 2021 (14,777).

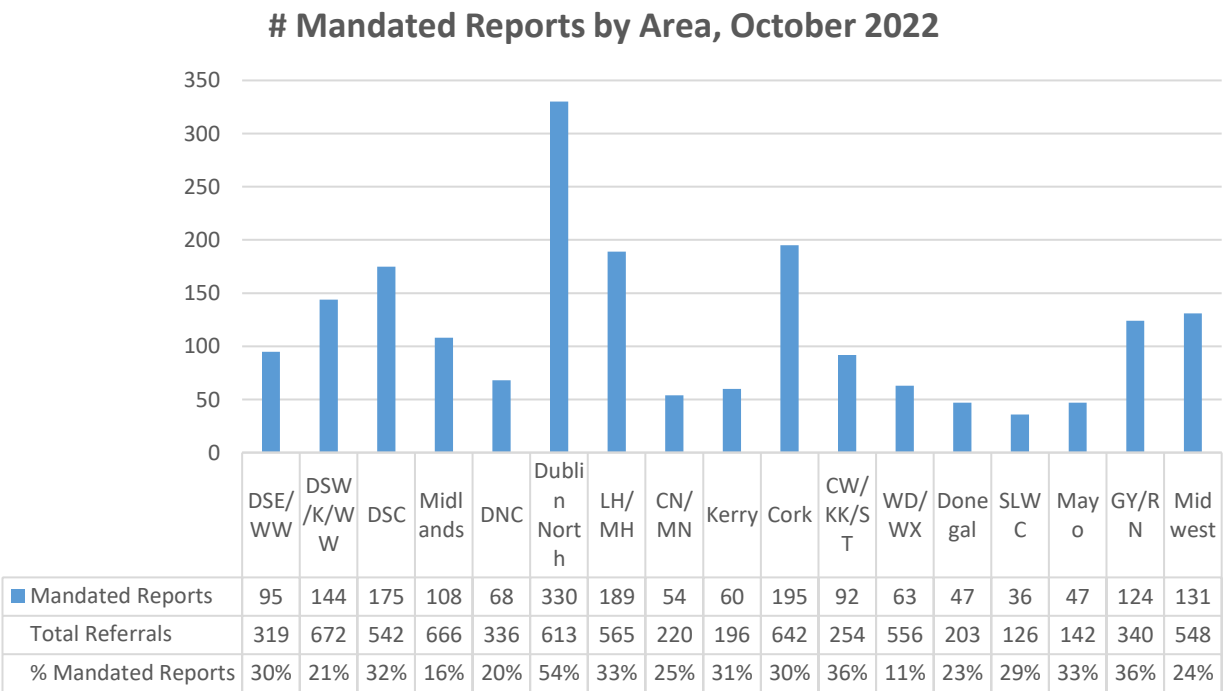
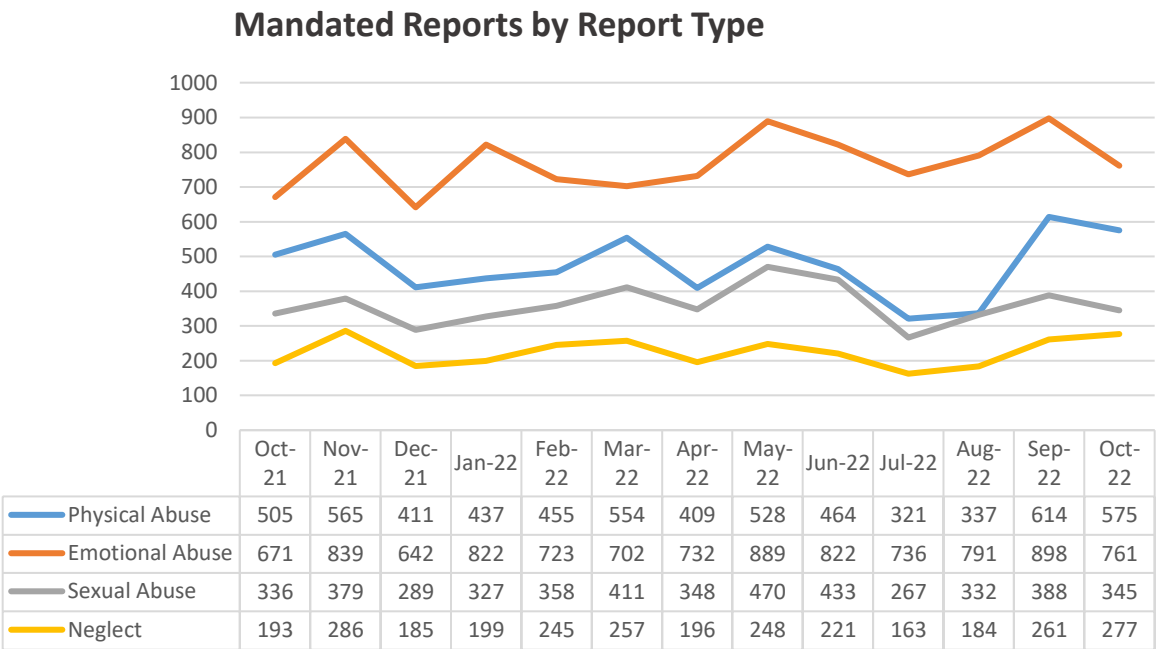
It should be noted that the data presented for January – June 2022 has been updated to reflect final validated figures for this period. Data for the remaining months of 2022 is based on referrals logged on NCCIS at the time the data was extracted for reporting. Referrals logged after the date the data was extracted are not included, nor are figures updated until quarterly validation is complete.

- Mandated reports accounted for 28% (1,958) of all referrals received (6,940) in October 2022.



- The number of mandated reports for October 2022, by area ranged from 36 (Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan) to 330 (Dublin North).
- As a percentage of referrals, the highest percentage (54%) was reported by Dublin North followed by Carlow/Kilkenny/South Tipperary (36%) and Galway/Roscommon (36%).
- The lowest percentages were reported by Waterford/Wexford (11%), Midlands (16%) and Dublin North City (20%).

- Highest number of reports for October 2022 were for emotional abuse (761; 39%) followed by physical abuse (575; 29%), sexual abuse (345; 18%) and neglect (277; 14%).



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

Mandated Reports – Child Protection & Welfare

Source of Reports

- Highest number of reports for October 2022 from An Garda Síochána (733; 37%) followed by teachers (463; 24%), social workers (204; 10%), safeguarding officers (124; 6%), social care workers (75; 4%), medical practitioners (68; 4%), psychotherapists (54; 3%) and managers of domestic violence shelters (52; 3%). These eight sources account for 91% (1,773) of reports for October 2022.
- Highest number of reports year to date from An Garda Síochána (7,804; 42%) followed by teachers (2,818; 15%), social workers (2,289; 12%), safeguarding officers (1,028; 6%), social care workers (949; 5%), medical practitioners (696; 4%) and managers of domestic violence shelters (605; 3%). These seven sources account for 88% (16,189) of reports year to date.

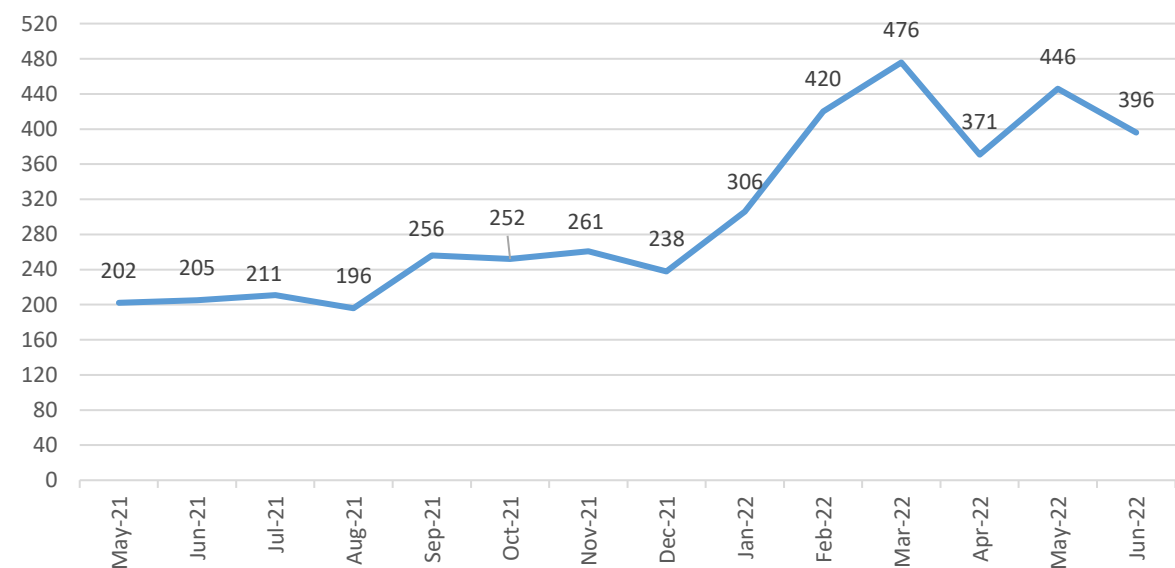
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Source	# Oct 2022	% Oct 2022	# YTD 2022	% YTD 2022
Medical practitioner (Registered)	68	3.5%	696	3.8%
Nurse or registered midwife (Registered)	47	2.4%	383	2.1%
Physiotherapist (Registered)	*	*	31	0.2%
Speech & language therapist (Registered)	*	*	36	0.2%
Occupational therapist (Registered)	*	*	57	0.3%
Registered dentist	0	0.0%	*	*
Psychologist who practises as such and who is eligible for registration	46	2.3%	390	2.1%
Social care worker who practises as such and who is eligible for registration	75	3.8%	949	5.1%
Social worker who practises as such and who is eligible for registration	204	10.4%	2289	12.4%
EMT, paramedic and advanced paramedic registered with the Pre-Hospital Emergency Care Council	*	*	21	0.1%
Probation officer within the meaning of section 1 of the Criminal Justice (Community Service) Act 1983.	6	0.3%	59	0.3%
Teacher registered with the Teaching Council.	463	23.6%	2818	15.2%
An Garda Síochána Member	733	37.4%	7804	42.2%
Guardian ad litem appointed in accordance with section 26 of the Child Care Act 1991	*	*	31	0.2%
Domestic violence shelter manager	52	2.7%	605	3.3%
Homeless provision or emergency accommodation facility manager	*	*	108	0.6%
Asylum seeker accommodation (direct provision) centre manager	6	0.3%	37	0.2%
Addiction counsellor employed by a body funded, wholly or partly, out of moneys provided by the Oireachtas	*	*	19	0.1%
Psychotherapist or a person providing counselling who is registered with one of the voluntary professional bodies	54	2.8%	586	3.2%
Language school or other recreational school where children reside away from home manager	0	0.0%	9	0.0%
Clergy member (howsoever described) or pastoral care worker (howsoever described) of a church or other religious community;	0	0.0%	5	0.0%
Institution where a child is detained by an order of a court (Director)	*	*	8	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;	124	6.3%	1028	5.6%
Child care staff member employed in a pre-school service within the meaning of Part VIIA of the Child Care Act 1991;	14	0.7%	95	0.5%
Youth work service - person responsible for the care or management within the meaning of section 2 of the Youth Work Act 2001	*	*	99	0.5%
Youth worker holds a professional qualification and who is employed in a youth work service	30	1.5%	244	1.3%
Foster carer registered with the Agency.	*	*	50	0.3%
Pre-school service within the meaning of Part VIIA of the Child Care Act 1991.	8	0.4%	39	0.2%
Total (includes suppressed values)	1958	100.0%	18500	100.0%

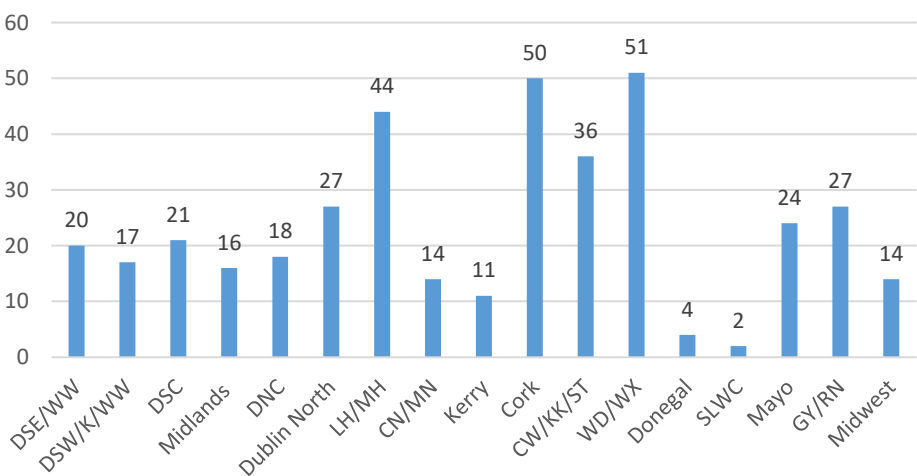
Mandated Reports¹ – Retrospective Abuse

- **396 mandated reports of retrospective abuse** in June 2022, brings to 2,415 the number of reports for the first six months of 2022.
- Mandated reports accounted for 93% of all reports of retrospective abuse received in June 2022 (428).
- The majority (87%; 345) of mandated reports for June 2022 were for sexual abuse.
- Highest number of mandated reports reported by Waterford/Wexford (51) followed by Cork (50) and Louth/Meath (44).

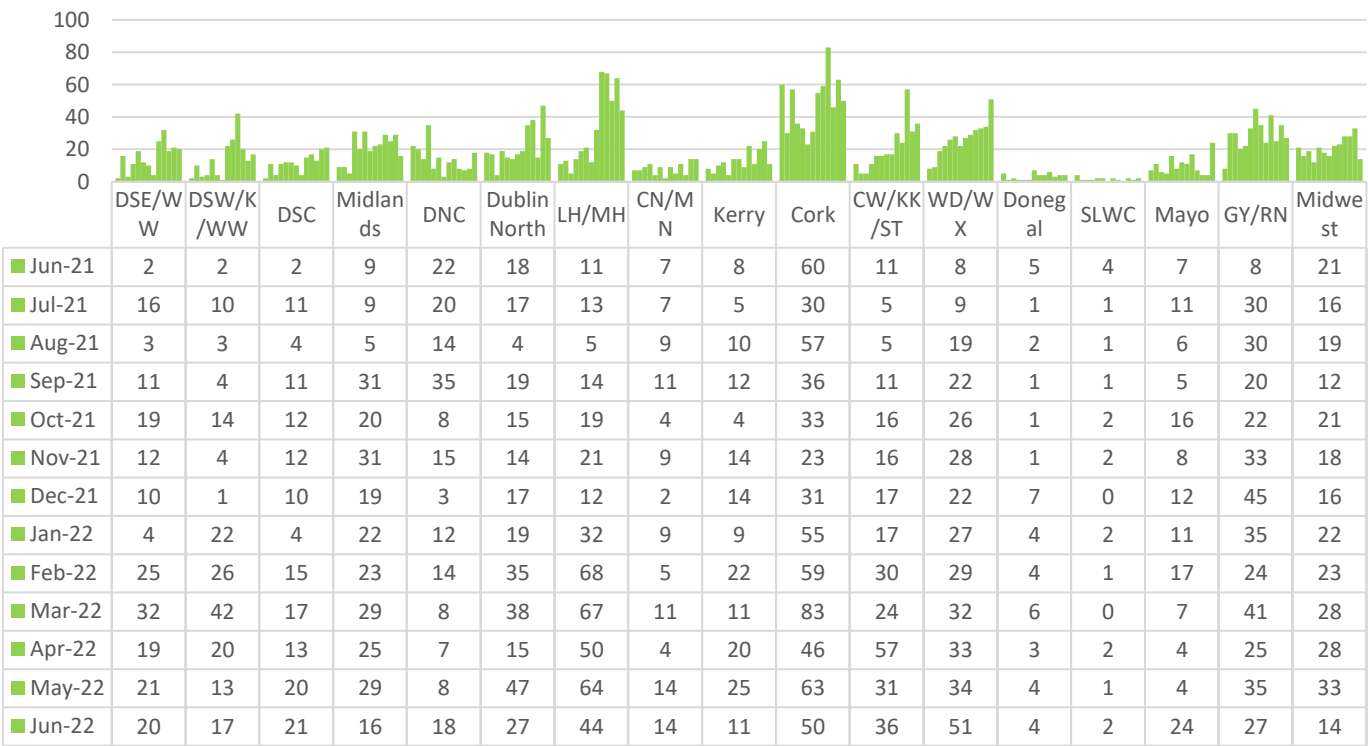
Mandated Reports by Month



Mandated Reports by Area - June 2022



Mandated Reports - Retrospective Cases of Abuse



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

Mandated Reports – Retrospective Abuse

Source of Reports

- Highest number of reports for June 2022 from psychotherapists (160; 40%) followed by An Garda Síochána (82; 21%), social workers (44; 11%), psychologists (32; 8%) and medical practitioners (25; 6%). These five sources account for 87% (343) of all reports received.
- Highest number of reports year to date from psychotherapists (1,060; 44%), An Garda Síochána (364; 15%), social workers (271; 11%), psychologists (252; 10%) and medical practitioners (143; 6%). These five sources account for 87% (2,090) of reports for June 2022.

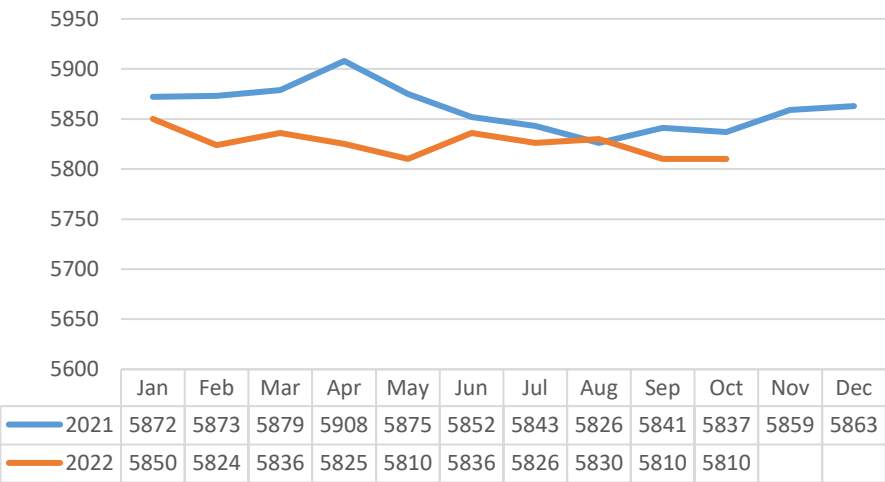
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Source	# Jun 2022	% Jun 2022	# YTD 2022	% YTD 2022
Medical practitioner (Registered)	25	6.3%	143	5.9%
Nurse or registered midwife (Registered)	9	2.3%	76	3.1%
Physiotherapist (Registered)	*	*	8	0.3%
Speech & language therapist (Registered)	0	0.0%	*	*
Occupational therapist (Registered)	*	*	5	0.2%
Registered dentist	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Psychologist who practises as such and who is eligible for registration	32	8.1%	252	10.4%
Social care worker who practises as such and who is eligible for registration	7	1.8%	28	1.2%
Social worker who practises as such and who is eligible for registration	44	11.1%	271	11.2%
EMT, paramedic and advanced paramedic registered with the Pre-Hospital Emergency Care Council	*	*	*	*
Probation officer within the meaning of section 1 of the Criminal Justice (Community Service) Act 1983.	*	*	22	0.9%
Teacher registered with the Teaching Council.	9	2.3%	33	1.4%
An Garda Síochána Member	82	20.7%	364	15.1%
Guardian ad litem appointed in accordance with section 26 of the Child Care Act 1991	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Domestic violence shelter manager	0	0.0%	*	*
Homeless provision or emergency accommodation facility manager	*	*	8	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	*	*	25	1.0%
Psychotherapist or a person providing counselling who is registered with one of the voluntary professional bodies	160	40.4%	1060	43.9%
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;	*	*	11	0.5%
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;	11	2.8%	83	3.4%
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	*	*	10	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)	396	100.0%	2415	100.0%

Children in Care

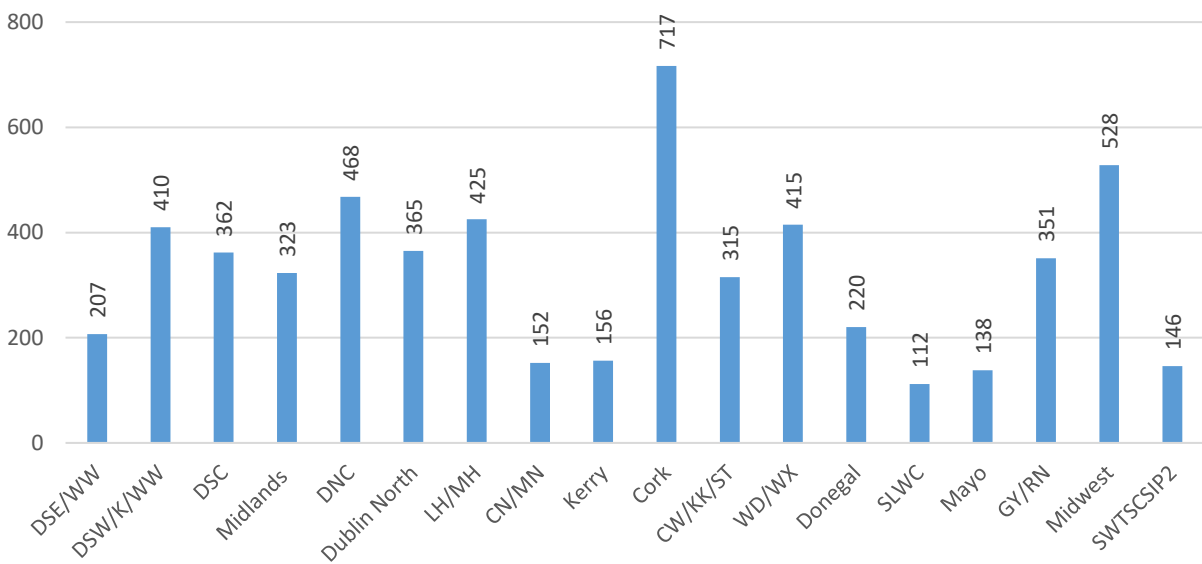
- **5,810 children in care at the end of October 2022**; no change from September
- 27 fewer children in care than the same time last year (5,837).
- 63.5% (3,691) of children in care are in general foster care, 25.4% (1,473) are in relative foster care, 7.7% (446) are in residential care and 3.4% (200) are in “other” care placements.
- 15 (3.4%) of the 446 children in residential placements are in special care

Children in Care by Month



- Highest number of children in care reported by Cork (717) followed by Midwest (528) and Dublin North City (468).
- Fewest number reported by Sligo/Leitrim West Cavan (112) followed by Mayo (138) and the Social Work Team for Separated Children Seeking International Protection (146).
- Highest rate of children in care per 1,000 children was reported by Dublin North City (10.4/1,000) followed by Waterford/Wexford (6.1/1,000), Dublin South Central (5.5/1,000) and Midwest (5.5/1,000). Lowest rate reported by Dublin South East/Wicklow (2.4/1,000) followed by Dublin North (3.6/1,000) and Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (3.8/1,000).
- Eight areas reported a percentage equal to or higher than the national average of 4.8/1,000 children.

Number of Children in Care by Area



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

Area	Oct-21	Sep-22	Oct-22	Oct-22 v Oct-21	Oct-22 v Sep-22	Population	Rate/1,000
Dublin North City	477	468	468	-9	0	44,927	10.4
Waterford/Wexford	406	412	415	9	3	68,513	6.1
Dublin South Central	362	361	362	0	1	65,564	5.5
Midwest	558	528	528	-30	0	96,266	5.5
Cork	738	727	717	-21	-10	134,015	5.4
Donegal	230	218	220	-10	2	42,865	5.1
CW/KK/ST	317	317	315	-2	-2	63,009	5.0
Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan	111	109	112	1	3	23,554	4.8
Louth/Meath	420	426	425	5	-1	93,093	4.6
Kerry	155	157	156	1	-1	34,527	4.5
Galway/Roscommon	372	352	351	-21	-1	79,912	4.4
Mayo	143	140	138	-5	-2	31,968	4.3
Cavan/Monaghan	151	154	152	1	-2	36,446	4.2
Midlands	333	320	323	-10	3	80,193	4.0
DSW/K/WW	422	409	410	-12	1	108,186	3.8
Dublin North	345	362	365	20	3	100,654	3.6
Dublin South East/Wicklow	218	210	207	-11	-3	86,810	2.4
Total Areas	5758	5,670	5,664	-94	-6	1,190,502	4.8
SWTSCSIP	79	140	146	67	6		
National	5,837	5,810	5,810	-27	0		

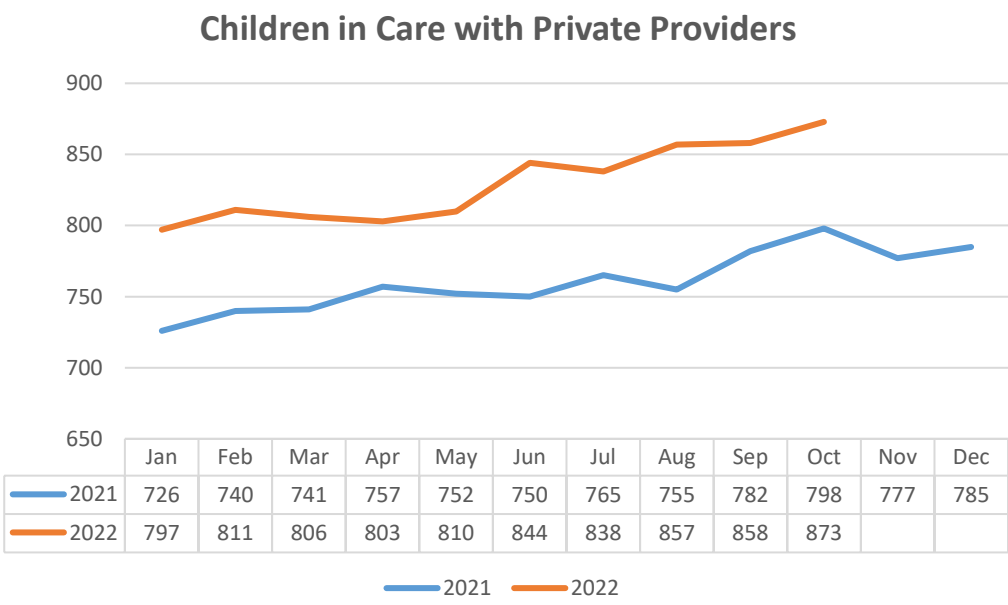
Social Work Team for Separated Children Seeking International Protection (SWTSCSIP): in addition to 146 children in care at the end of October 2022, this service also had a further 61 children accommodated under Section 5 Child Care Act 1991 (accommodation for homeless children).

Children in Care

- 873 (15%) children in care at the end of October 2022 were in placements with private providers, 15 more than September 2022 (858).

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 75 (9%) more children in care in placements with private providers at the end of October 2022 than at the end of October 2021 (798).



- 59% (514) of children in placements with private providers were in **foster care**, eight more than September 2022 (506) and 75 (17%) more than October 2021 (439).
- 28% (244) of children in placements with private providers were in **residential care**, down two on September 2022 (246) and 51 (17%) on October 2021 (295). [Ref note above re: voluntary organisations]
- The remaining 13% (115) of children were in “Other” care placements with private providers, nine more than September 2022 (106) and 51 (80%) more than October 2021 (64). “Other” care placements include supported lodgings, other residential centres e.g., disability unit / drug and alcohol rehabilitation centres etc.).

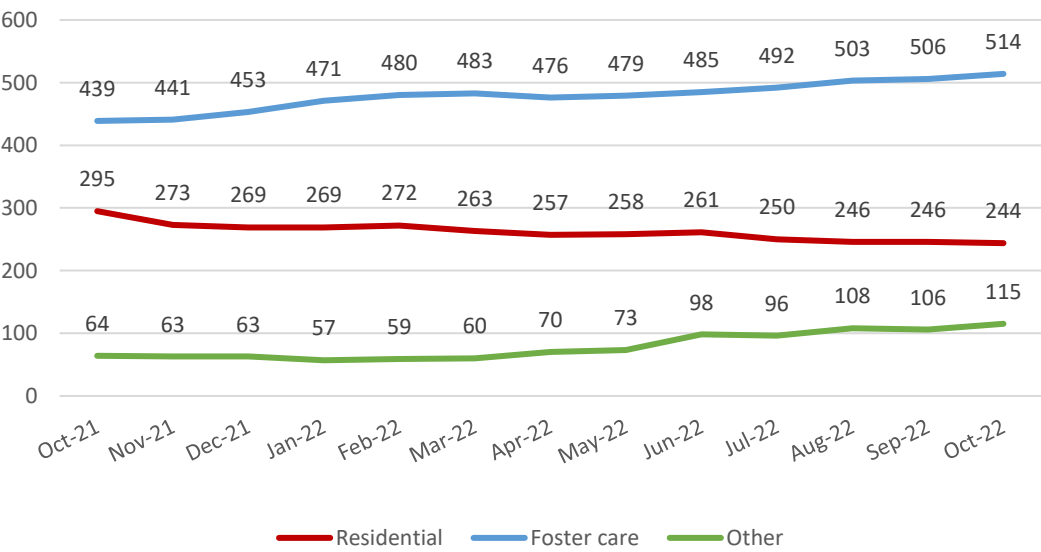
- Highest number of children in placements with private providers reported by Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (111) followed by Dublin North City (108), Dublin South Central (102), Dublin North (90) and the Social Work Team for Separated Children Seeking International Protection (82).

Children in care with private providers

Children with Private Providers	Oct-21	Sep-22	Oct-22	Oct-22 v Oct-21	Oct-22 v Sep-22
DSW/K/WW	105	109	111	6	2
DNC	86	106	108	22	2
DSC	110	105	102	-8	-3
Dublin North	86	86	90	4	4
SWTSCSIP	48	69	82	34	13
Midlands	66	64	66	0	2
Cork	74	63	64	-10	1
DSE/WW	45	49	46	1	-3
LH/MH	33	41	40	7	-1
Midwest	37	39	40	3	1
Kerry	15	25	24	9	-1
WD/WX	35	24	24	-11	0
Donegal	20	22	23	3	1
GY/RN	7	22	18	11	-4
CW/KK/ST	12	13	13	1	0
SLWC	7	12	12	5	0
CN/MN	*	*	*	-4	0
Mayo	*	*	*	2	1
Total	798	858	873	75	15

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

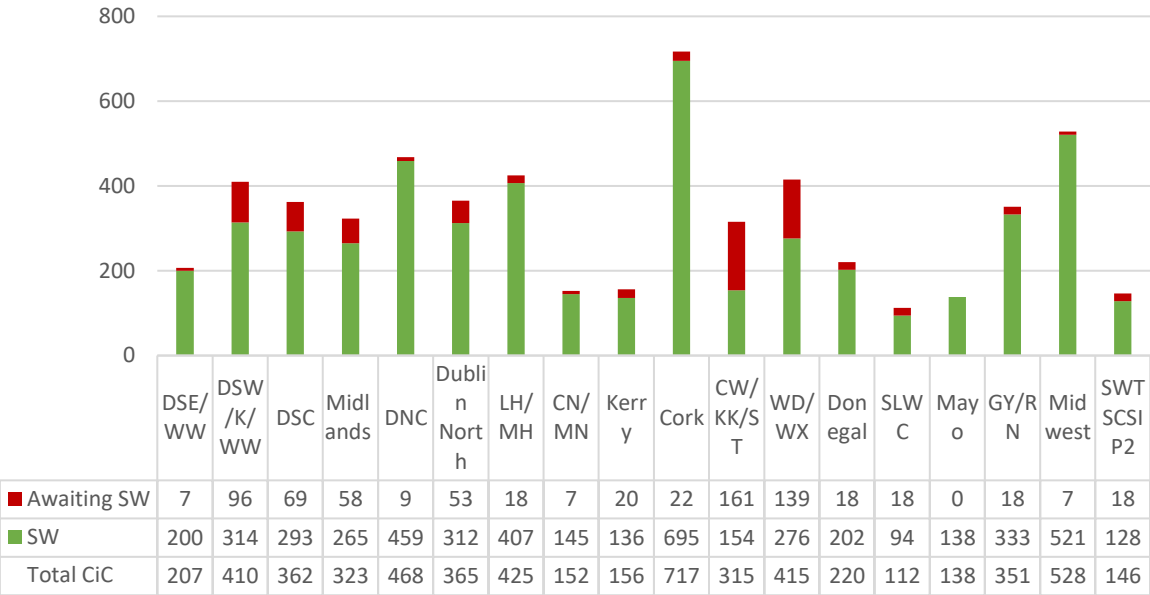
Children in Private Placements, by Placement Type



Children in Care

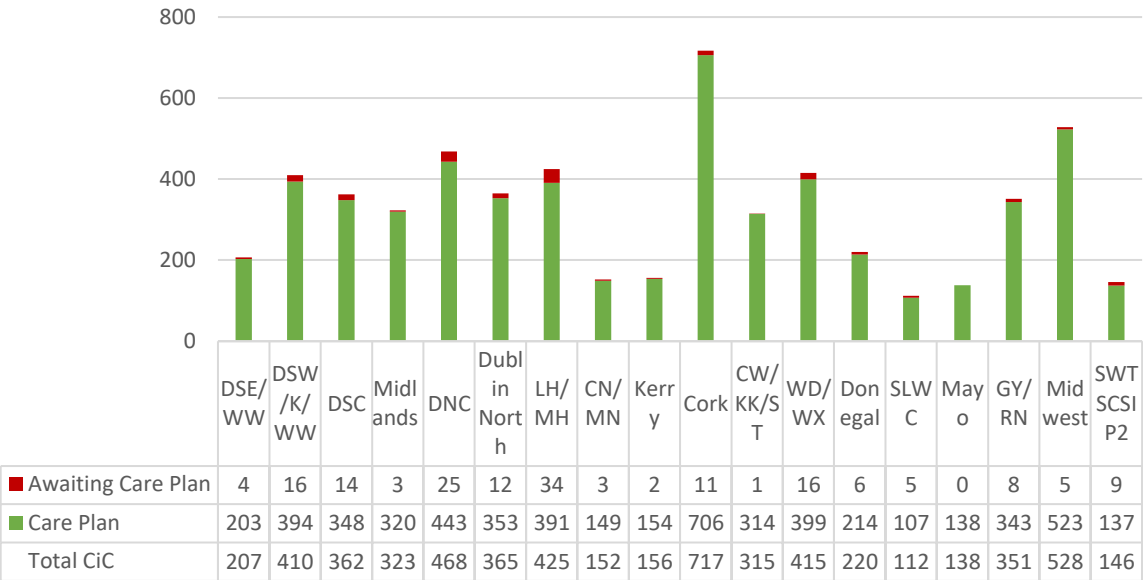
- **87% (5,072) of children in care at the end of October 2022 had an allocated social worker;** no change from September 2022.
- A total of 738 children were awaiting an allocated social worker, seven more than September 2022 (731).
- Highest number awaiting reported by Carlow/Kilkenny/South Tipperary (161) followed by Waterford/Wexford (139), Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (96), Dublin South Central (69) and Midlands (58). These five areas account for 71% (523) of all cases awaiting allocation.

Children in Care with a Social Worker



- **97% (5,636) of children in care at the end of October 2022 had a care plan;** no change from September 2022.
- A total of 174 children did not have a care plan, nine fewer than September 2022 (183).
- Highest numbers with no care plan reported by Louth/Meath (34), Dublin North City (25), Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (16) and Waterford/Wexford (16).

Children in Care with a Care Plan



Child Protection Notification System

- **864 children listed as “active” at the end of October 2022**; 27 (3%) fewer than September 2022 (891).
- There were 13 (2%) more children “active” at the end of October 2022 than at the end of October 2021 (851).
- All children listed as “active” at the end of October 2022 had an **allocated social worker**.

- Highest number of children listed as “active” at the end of October 2022 reported by Cork (95) followed by Dublin North City (87), Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (87), Midwest (84) and Dublin North (80).
- Fewest number listed as “active” reported by Galway/Roscommon (17) and Kerry (17) followed by Louth/Meath (24), Donegal (25) and Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan (25).

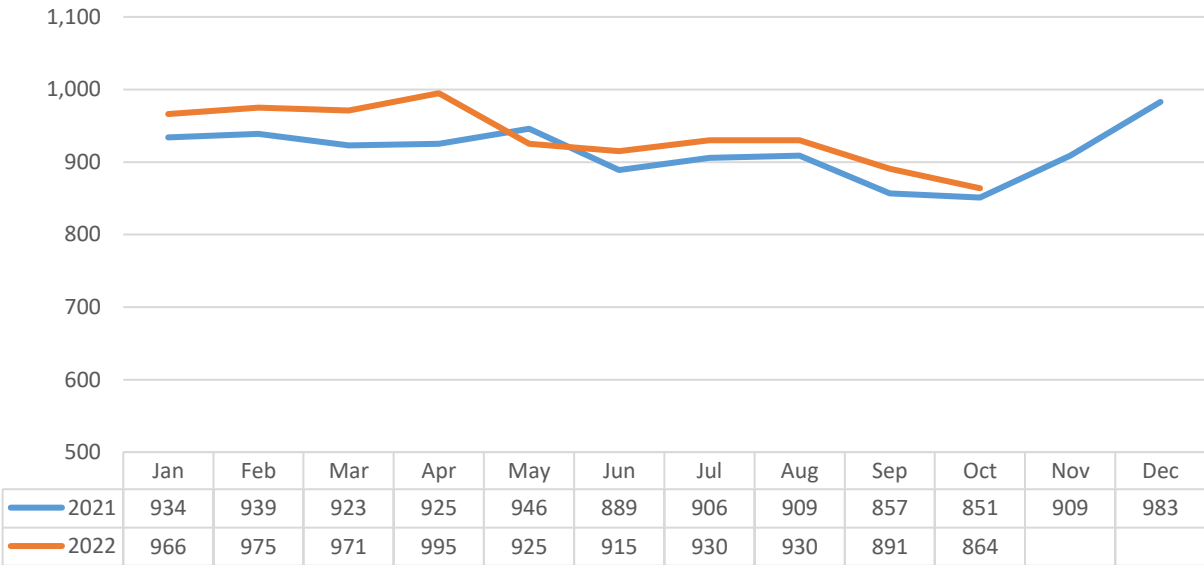
- Highest rates per 10,000 population under 18 years reported by Dublin North City (19.4/10,000), Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan (10.6/10,000) and Cavan/Monaghan (9.1/10,000).
- Lowest rates reported by Galway/Roscommon (2.1/10,000), Louth/Meath (2.6/10,000) and Dublin South East/Wicklow (3.6/10,000).

- Eleven areas reported a rate equal to or higher than the national rate of 7.3/10,000
- 6/17 areas had more children listed as “active” at the end of October 2022 than September 2022. Largest increases reported by Dublin North City (up 4), Cork (up 3) and Dublin South East/Wicklow (up 2).
- 8/17 areas reported a decrease. Largest decreases reported by Cavan/Monaghan (down 11), Dublin south Central (down 7) and Mayo (down 6).

- The remining three areas (Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan, Midlands and Kerry) reported no change.
- 9/17 areas had more children active at the end of October 2022 than at the end of the same period last year. Largest increases reported by Dublin North City (up 21), Dublin North (up 20) and Midwest (up 19).

- 8/17 areas reported a decrease. Largest decreases reported by Donegal (down 33), Dublin South East/Wicklow (down 20) and Kerry (down 18).

Children "Active" on the CPNS



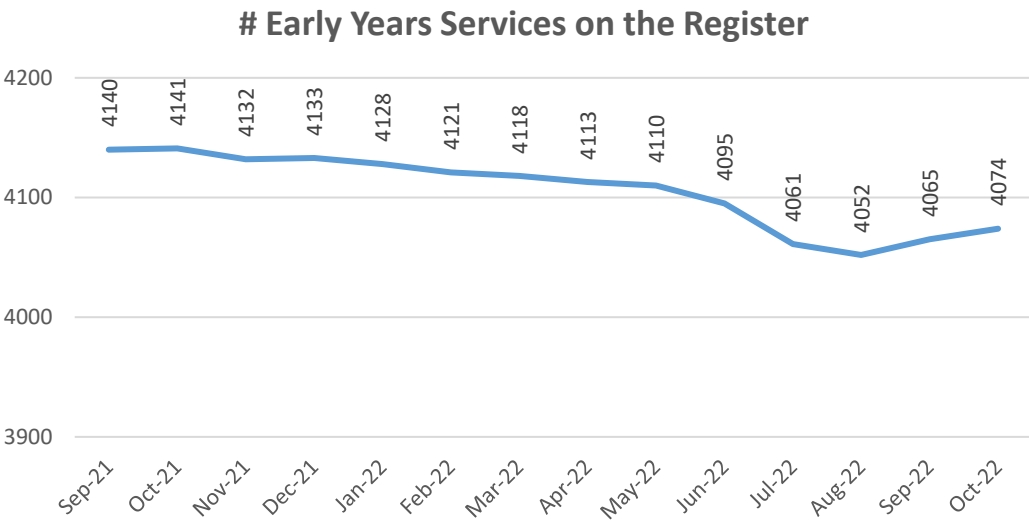
Number and rate of children “active” on the CPNS, by area (ranked by rate)

Area	Oct-21	Sep-22	Oct-22	Oct-22 v Oct-21	Oct-22 v Sep-22	Population	Rate/10,000
Dublin North City	66	83	87	21	4	44927	19.4
Sligo / Leitrim / West Cavan	16	25	25	9	0	23554	10.6
Cavan / Monaghan	32	44	33	1	-11	36446	9.1
Carlow / Kilkenny / South Tipperary	73	59	56	-17	-3	63009	8.9
Mid West	65	83	84	19	1	96266	8.7
Waterford / Wexford	52	60	59	7	-1	68513	8.6
Mayo	30	33	27	-3	-6	31968	8.4
Dublin South Central	47	62	55	8	-7	65564	8.4
Dublin South West / Kildare / West Wicklow	69	86	87	18	1	108186	8.0
Dublin North	60	79	80	20	1	100654	7.9
Midlands	65	62	62	-3	0	80193	7.7
Cork	84	92	95	11	3	134015	7.1
Donegal	58	29	25	-33	-4	42865	5.8
Kerry	35	17	17	-18	0	34527	4.9
Dublin South East / Wicklow	51	29	31	-20	2	86810	3.6
Louth / Meath	26	29	24	-2	-5	93093	2.6
Galway / Roscommon	22	19	17	-5	-2	79912	2.1
Total	851	891	864	13	-27	1190502	7.3

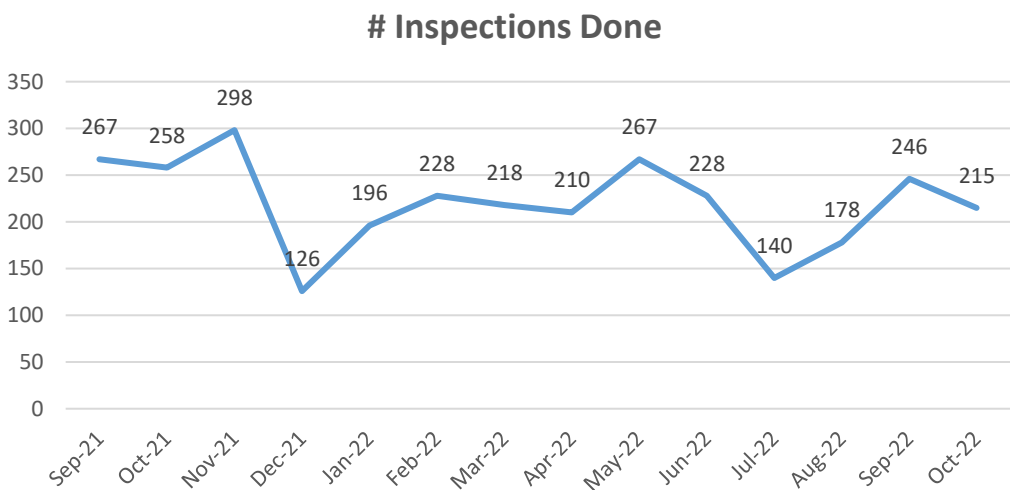
Children’s Services Regulation

EARLY YEARS INSPECTORATE

- **4,074 early years services on the register at the end of October 2022**, nine more than September 2022 (4,065) and the second consecutive increase after eight consecutive decreases. There were 67 (1.6%) fewer services on the register at the end of October 2022 than October 2021 (4,141).

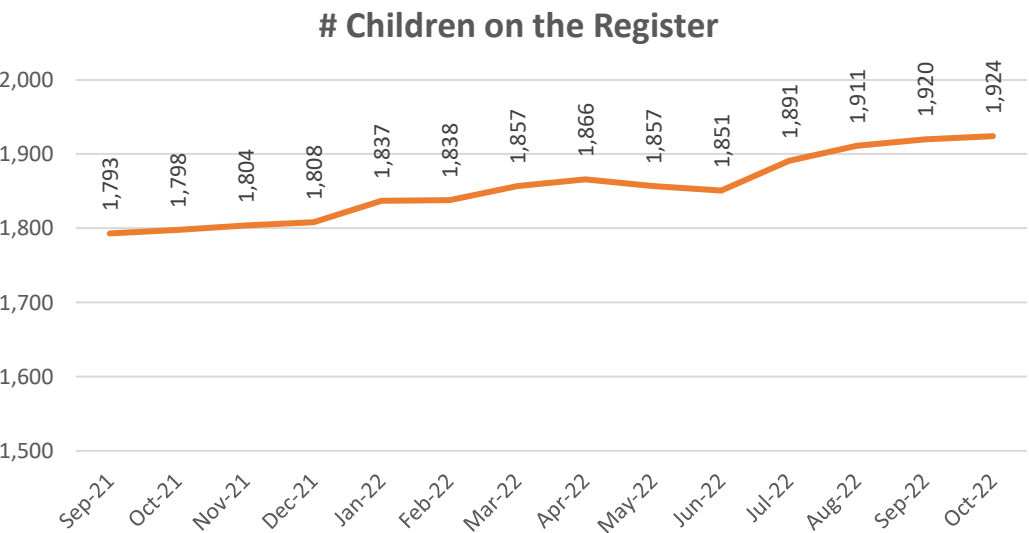


- **215 inspections of early years services done in October 2022**. This brings to 2,126 the number of inspections for the first 10 months of 2022, 46 (2%) more than the same period in 2021 (2,080). *Number of inspections for early 2021 impacted due to the closure of services under the Covid-19 restrictions.*

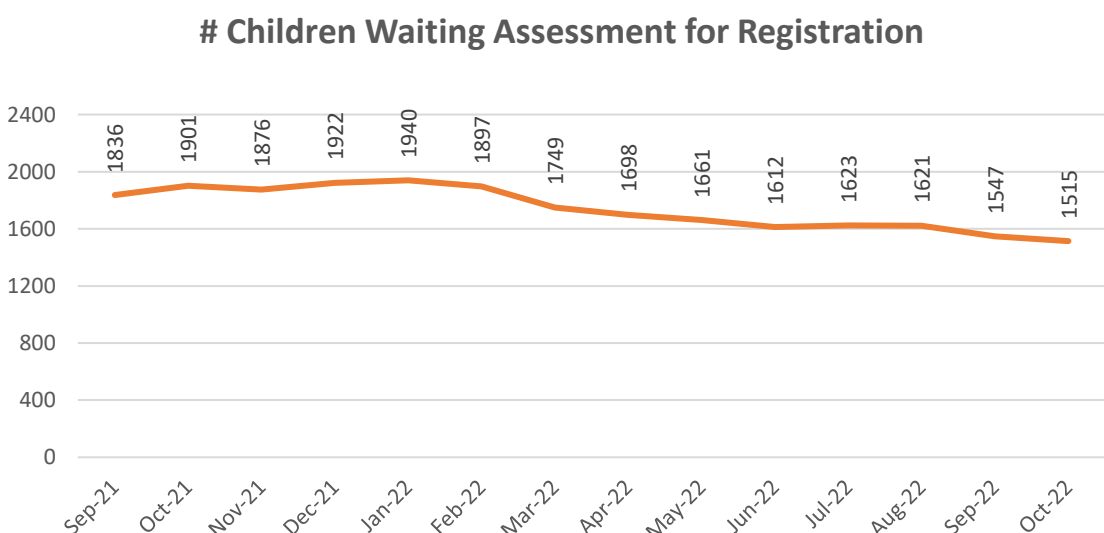


ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION ASSESSMENT AND REGISTRATION SERVICE

- **1,924 children on the register for home education at the end of October 2022**, four more than September 2022 (1,920) and 126 (7%) more than October 2021 (1,798).



- **1,515 children on a waiting list for assessment at the end of October 2022**, 32 (2%) fewer than September 2022 (1,547), the third consecutive decrease and 386 (20%) fewer than October 2021 (1,901).



Tusla Education Support Services

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

- **538 referrals screened** by senior educational welfare services in October 2022. This brings to 884 the number of referrals screened for the first two months of the 2022/2023 academic year, 145 (20%) more than the same period in 2021/2022 (739).

- **3,150 referrals on a waiting list** for educational welfare services at the end of October 2022, 77 (2%) fewer than September 2022 (3,227) and 1,211 (62%) more than October 2021 (1,939). Fourth consecutive monthly decrease.

- **297 new individual children worked with** in October 2022. This brings to 652 the number of new individual children worked with for the first two months of the 2022/2023 academic year, 69 (12%) more than the same period in 2021/2022 (583).

