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Headline Data – September 2022

Child Protection & Welfare

- 21,527 cases open to social work at the end of September 2022, 330 (<2%%) more than August 2022 (21,197) and 371 (<2%) more than September 2021 (21,156).
- 75% (16,129) of cases open to social work had an allocated social worker.
- 5,398 (25%) cases awaiting allocation of a social worker at the end of September 2022, 168 (3%) more than August 2022 (5,230) and 803 (17%) more than September 2021 (4,595).
- Five areas account for 56% (3,014) of cases awaiting allocation: Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (755), followed by Waterford/Wexford (632), Dublin South Central (568), Cork (548) and Dublin North City (511).
- 7% (398) of cases awaiting allocation at the end of September 2022 were categorised as high priority, four more than August 2022 (394).

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 September 2022; 20 fewer than August 2022 (5,830 revised figure) and 31 fewer children in care than the same time last year (5,841).
- 858 (14.8%) children in care at the end of September 2022 were in placements with private providers, one more than August 2022 (857 revised figure) and 76 (10%) more than at the end of September 2021 (782).

- 87% (5,079) of children in care at the end of September 2022 had an allocated social worker; up one percentage point from August 2022.
- A total of 731 children were awaiting an allocated social worker, 75 (9%) fewer than August 2022 (806).

Child Protection Notification System (CPNS)

- 891 children listed as “active” at the end of September 2022; 39 (4%) fewer than August 2022 (930).
- There were 34 (4%) more children “active” at the end of September 2022 than September 2021 (857).
- All children listed as “active” at the end of September 2022 had an allocated social worker.

Children’s Services Regulation

- 4,065 early years services on the register at the end of September 2022, 13 more than August 2022 (4,052) and the first increase after eight consecutive monthly decreases. There were 75 (2%) fewer services on the register at the end of September 2022 than September 2021 (4,140).
- 246 inspections of early years services done in September 2022, 68 (38%) more than August 2022 (178). This brings to 1,911 the number of inspections for the first nine months of 2022, 89 (5%) more than the same period in 2021 (1,822). *Number of inspections for early 2021 impacted due to the closure of services under the Covid-19 restrictions.*
- 1,920 children on the register for home education at the end of September 2022, nine more than August 2022 (1,911) and 127 (7%) more than September 2021 (1,793).
- 1,547 children on a waiting list for assessment at the end of September 2022, 74 (5%) fewer than August 2022 (1,621) and 289 (16%) fewer than September 2021 (1,836).

Tusla Education Support Services

- 346 referrals screened by senior educational welfare services in September 2022, 37 (12%) more than September 2021 (309).
- 3,227 referrals on a waiting list for educational welfare services at the end of September 2022, 324 (9%) fewer than August 2022 (3,551) and 1,313 (69%) more than September 2021 (1,914).
- 355 new individual children worked with in September 2022, 26 (8%) more than September 2021 (329).

Child Protection and Welfare

Referrals¹

- **7,500 referrals** in September 2022, 1,179 (19%) more than August 2022 (6,321) and 1,009 (16%) more than September 2021 (6,491). This brings to at least 60,768 the number of referrals for the first nine months of 2022, 7,279 (14%) more than the same period in 2021 (53,489).

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

- **21,527 cases open to social work** at the end of September 2022, 330 (<2%) more than August 2022 (21,197) and 371 (<2%) more than September 2021 (21,156).

Note: open cases include, all cases held on duty, allocated and unallocated child protection and welfare cases including children in care.

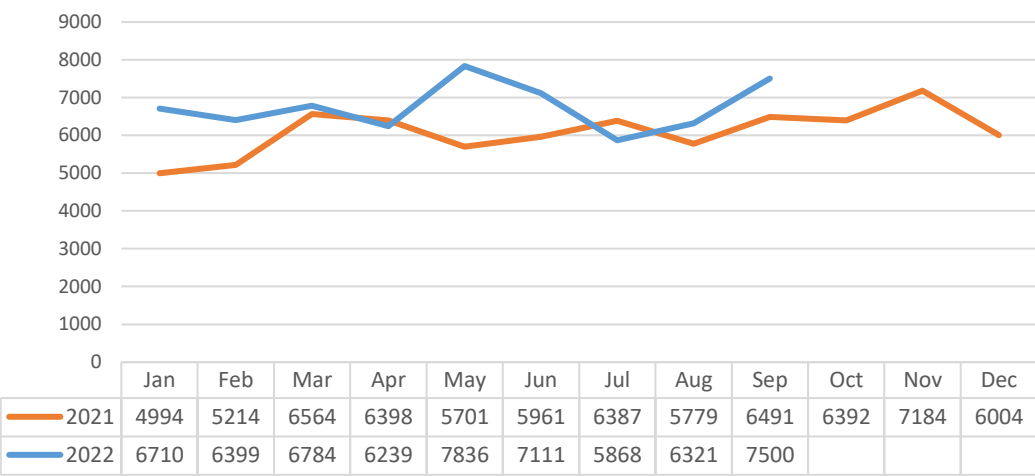
The data presented on cases is based on the status of cases on the National Child Care Information System (NCCIS) at month end.

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).

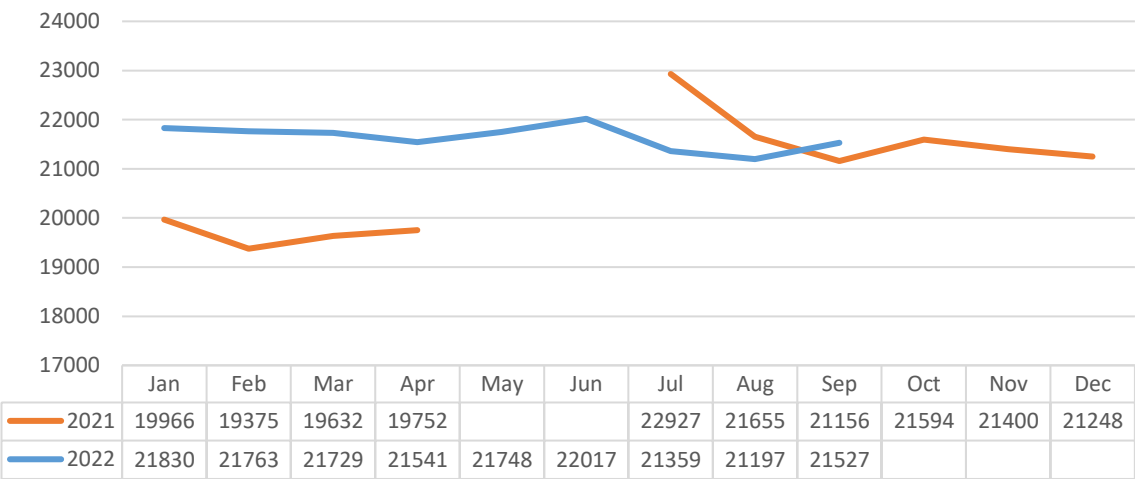
Allocated Cases

- **16,129 open cases allocated** to a social worker at the end of September 2022, 162 (1%) more than August 2022 (15,967) and 432 (3%) fewer than September 2021 (16,561), first increase after six consecutive monthly decreases.
- Allocated cases account for 75% of open cases, no change from August 2022.

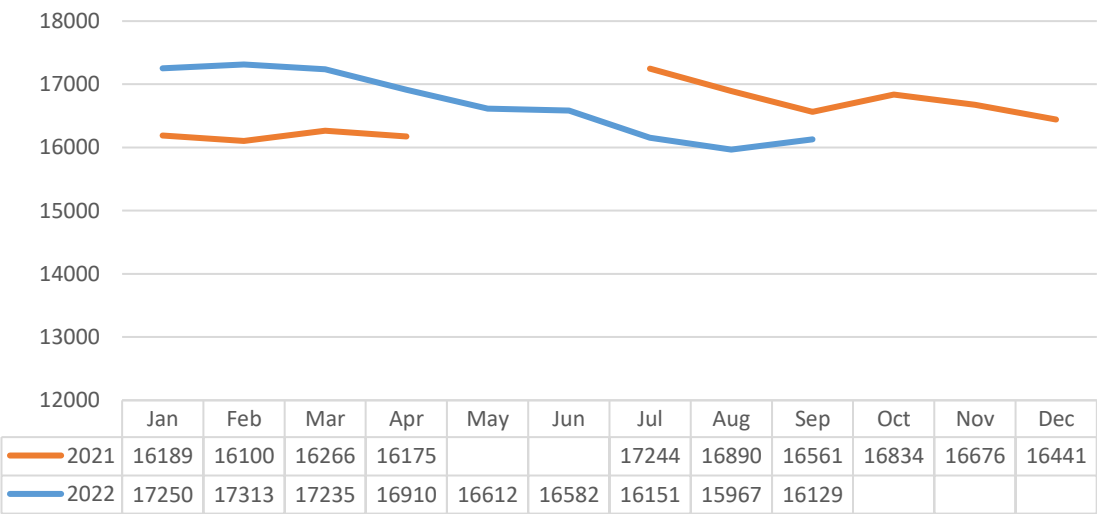
Referrals



Number of Open Cases



Number of Allocated Cases



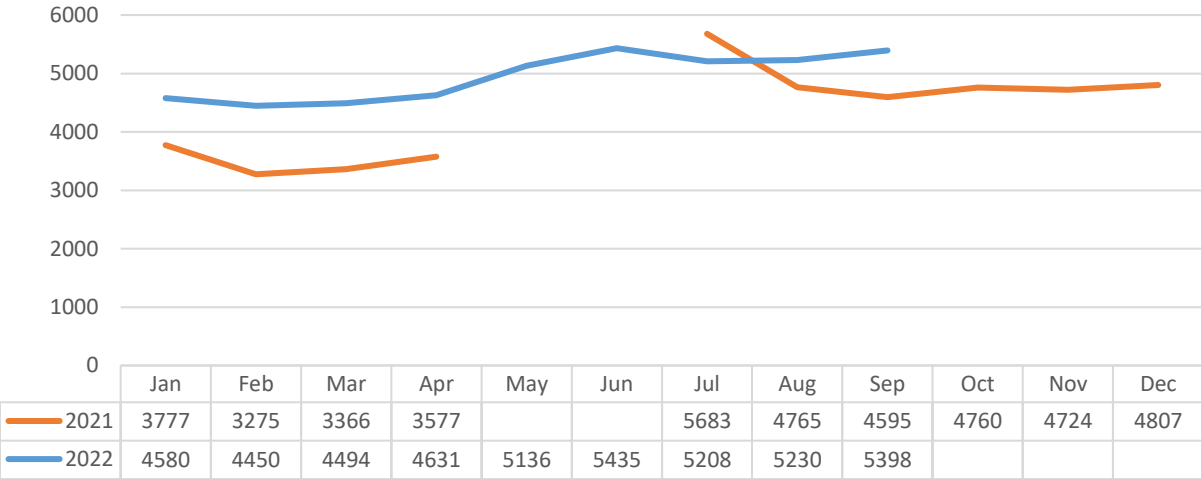
¹ Referrals include referrals meeting the eligibility criteria for child protection and welfare services, multiple reports of the same concern and referrals not meeting the eligibility criteria for child protection and welfare services. Referrals not meeting the eligibility criteria for child protection 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.

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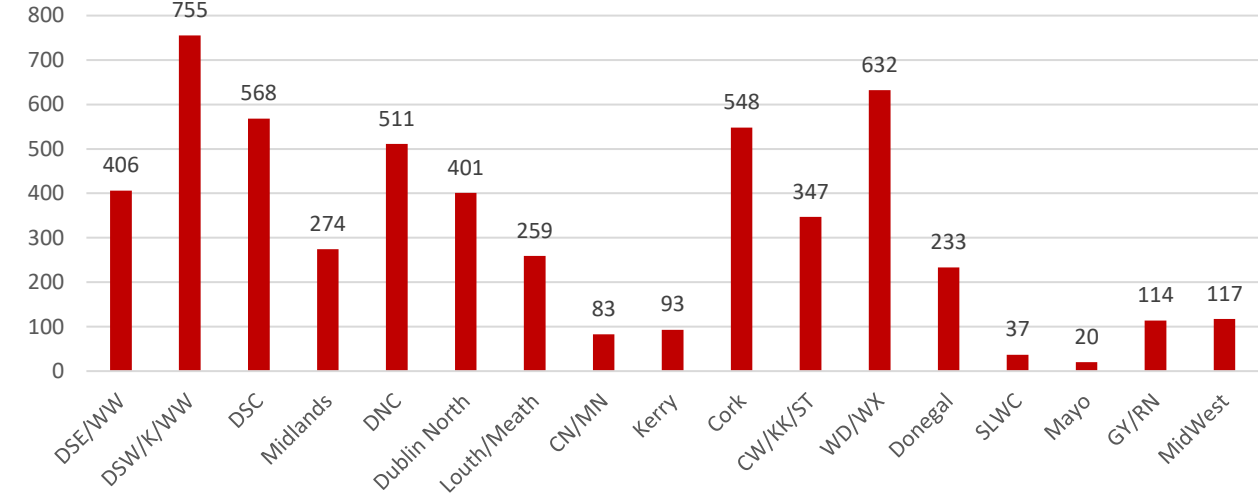
Cases Awaiting Allocation of a Social Worker

- Cases awaiting allocation include cases held on duty, unallocated child protection and welfare cases including children in care
- **5,398 cases awaiting allocation of a social worker** at the end of September 2022, 168 (3%) more than August 2022 (5,230) and 803 (17%) more than September 2021 (4,595). Cases awaiting allocation account for 25% of open cases (21,527), no change from August 2022.
 - 66% (3,543) of cases awaiting allocation at the end of September 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 (755), followed by Waterford/Wexford (632), Dublin South Central (568), Cork (548) and Dublin North City (511). These five areas account for 56% (3,014) of all cases awaiting allocation.
 - 398 cases awaiting allocation at the end of September 2022 were categorised as high priority, four more than August (394).
 - High priority cases account for 7% of cases awaiting allocation, down from 8% in August 2022.
 - 55% (2,993) of cases awaiting allocation were categorised at medium priority while the remaining 37% (2,007) were low priority.
 - Highest number of high priority cases reported by Waterford/Wexford (51) followed by Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (50), Louth/Meath (46), Midlands (39) and Dublin South East/Wicklow (35). These five areas account for 56% (221) of all high priority cases awaiting.

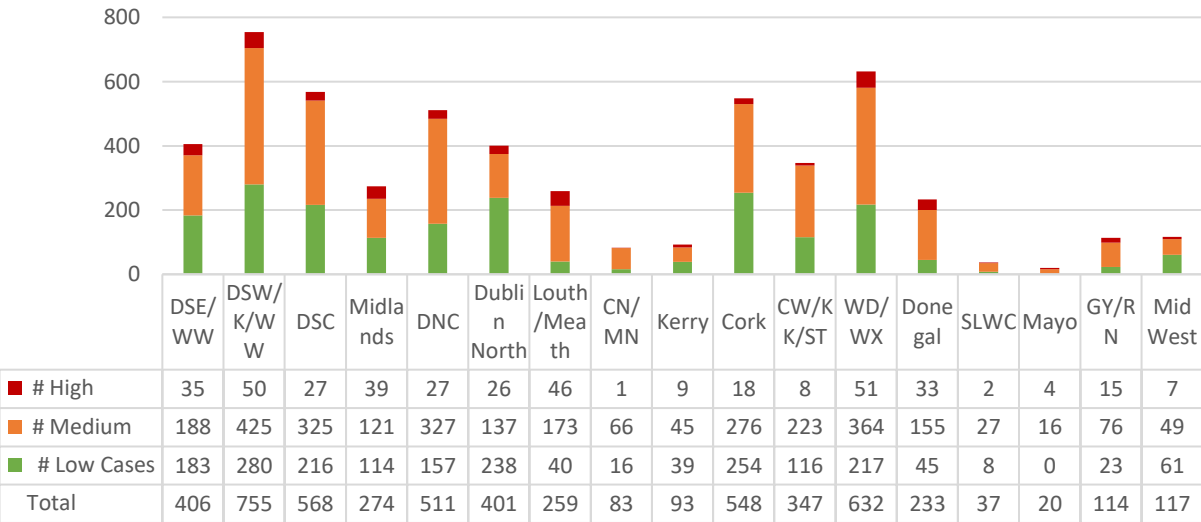
Number of Unallocated Cases



Number of Unallocated Cases



Number Unallocated Cases by Priority Level



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Cases Awaiting Allocation

- 9/17 areas reported an increase in unallocated cases from August 2022.
- Largest increases reported by Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (up 137), Waterford/Wexford (110), Midlands (58) and Donegal (35).
- Of the eight areas that reported a decrease, the largest decreases were reported by Dublin North (down 59), Galway/Roscommon (49), Dublin South East/Wicklow (down 26) and Dublin North City (down 23).
- Nationally 25% of open cases were unallocated at the end of September 2022. Seven areas reported a percentage equal to or higher than the national average of 25%. Highest percentages reported by Dublin South Central (44%), Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (42%), Carlow/Kilkenny/South Tipperary (38%) and Dublin South East/Wicklow (37%). Lowest percentages reported by Mayo (5%), Midwest (9%), Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan (11%) and Galway/Roscommon (12%).
- 13 areas had more cases awaiting allocation at the end of September 2022 than at the end of September 2021. Largest increases reported by Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (up 363; 93%), Dublin North City (up 325; 175%), Cork (up 162; 42%), Waterford/Wexford (up 145; 30%) and Carlow/Kilkenny/South Tipperary (100; 40%).
- Of the four areas that reported a decrease, the largest decrease was reported by Louth/Meath (down 220; 46%) followed by Midwest (down 185; 61%), Dublin South Central (down 147; 21%) and Midlands (down 12; 4%).

Area	Sep-21 # Unallocated	Sep-21 % Unallocated	Jul-22 # Unallocated	Aug-22 # Unallocated	Sep-22 # Unallocated	Sep-22 % Unallocated	Jun-Aug	Sep 22 v Sep-21	% Δ	Sep 22 v Aug- 22	% Δ2
DSE/WW	369	33%	381	432	406	37%		37	10%	-26	-6%
DSW/K/WW	392	25%	724	618	755	42%		363	93%	137	22%
DSC	715	45%	503	589	568	44%		-147	-21%	-21	-4%
Midlands	286	18%	197	216	274	15%		-12	-4%	58	27%
DNC	186	10%	497	534	511	25%		325	175%	-23	-4%
Dublin North	351	15%	498	460	401	18%		50	14%	-59	-13%
Louth/Meath	479	30%	239	258	259	21%		-220	-46%	1	0%
CN/MN	42	7%	110	80	83	14%		41	98%	3	4%
Kerry	60	11%	82	89	93	17%		33	55%	4	4%
Cork	386	18%	518	547	548	23%		162	42%	1	0%
CW/KK/ST	247	30%	323	332	347	38%		100	40%	15	5%
WD/WX	487	29%	615	522	632	33%		145	30%	110	21%
Donegal	163	24%	202	198	233	30%		70	43%	35	18%
SLWC	34	11%	27	41	37	11%		3	9%	-4	-10%
Mayo	16	4%	7	24	20	5%		4	25%	-4	-17%
GY/RN	80	8%	155	163	114	12%		34	43%	-49	-30%
MidWest	302	23%	130	127	117	9%		-185	-61%	-10	-8%
TOTAL	4,595	22%	5208	5230	5398	25%		803	17%	168	3%

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Summary Tables

Referrals				Open Cases			Allocated Cases			Unallocated Cases		
Area	Aug-22	Sep-22	Δ	Aug-22	Sep-22	Δ2	Aug-22	Sep-22	Δ3	Aug-22	Sep-22	Δ4
DSE/WW	229	297	68	1,116	1,094	-22	684	688	4	432	406	-26
DSW/K/WW	581	719	138	1,671	1,777	106	1,053	1,022	-31	618	755	137
DSC	543	468	-75	1,354	1,287	-67	765	719	-46	589	568	-21
Midlands	634	912	278	1,753	1,795	42	1,537	1,521	-16	216	274	58
DNC	328	349	21	2,055	2,032	-23	1,521	1,521	0	534	511	-23
Dublin North	545	597	52	2,225	2,243	18	1,765	1,842	77	460	401	-59
Louth/Meath	462	624	162	1,151	1,223	72	893	964	71	258	259	1
CN/MN	144	184	40	573	591	18	493	508	15	80	83	3
Kerry	156	266	110	497	536	39	408	443	35	89	93	4
Cork	518	708	190	2,247	2,366	119	1,700	1,818	118	547	548	1
CW/KK/ST	329	381	52	887	925	38	555	578	23	332	347	15
WD/WX	529	554	25	1,859	1,937	78	1,337	1,305	-32	522	632	110
Donegal	194	242	48	745	779	34	547	546	-1	198	233	35
SLWC	129	131	2	338	332	-6	297	295	-2	41	37	-4
Mayo	153	117	-36	466	424	-42	442	404	-38	24	20	-4
GY/RN	347	345	-2	1,006	928	-78	843	814	-29	163	114	-49
MidWest	500	606	106	1,254	1,258	4	1,127	1,141	14	127	117	-10
Total	6321	7500	1179	21,197	21,527	330	15,967	16,129	162	5230	5398	168

High Priority				Medium Priority			Low Priority			Priority Not Set		
Area	Aug-22	Sep-22	Δ	Aug-22	Sep-22	Δ 2	Aug-22	Sep-22	Δ 3	Aug-22	Sep-22	Δ 4
DSE/WW	44	35	-9	163	188	25	225	183	-42	8	2	-6
DSW/K/WW	44	50	6	335	425	90	239	280	41	5	3	-2
DSC	42	27	-15	311	325	14	236	216	-20	3	6	3
Midlands	27	39	12	125	121	-4	64	114	50	1	0	-1
DNC	19	27	8	337	327	-10	178	157	-21	1	2	1
Dublin North	33	26	-7	173	137	-36	254	238	-16	5	6	1
Louth/Meath	36	46	10	182	173	-9	40	40	0	0	4	4
CN/MN	2	1	-1	57	66	9	21	16	-5	3	7	4
Kerry	17	9	-8	43	45	2	29	39	10	0	0	0
Cork	15	18	3	274	276	2	258	254	-4	0	0	0
CW/KK/ST	4	8	4	234	223	-11	94	116	22	4	3	-1
WD/WX	47	51	4	280	364	84	195	217	22	21	85	64
Donegal	21	33	12	129	155	26	48	45	-3	0	0	0
SLWC	1	2	1	30	27	-3	10	8	-2	0	0	0
Mayo	9	4	-5	14	16	2	1	0	-1	0	0	0
GY/RN	22	15	-7	99	76	-23	42	23	-19	3	2	-1
MidWest	11	7	-4	43	49	6	73	61	-12	7	0	-7
TOTAL	394	398	4	2829	2993	164	2007	2007	0	61	120	59

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

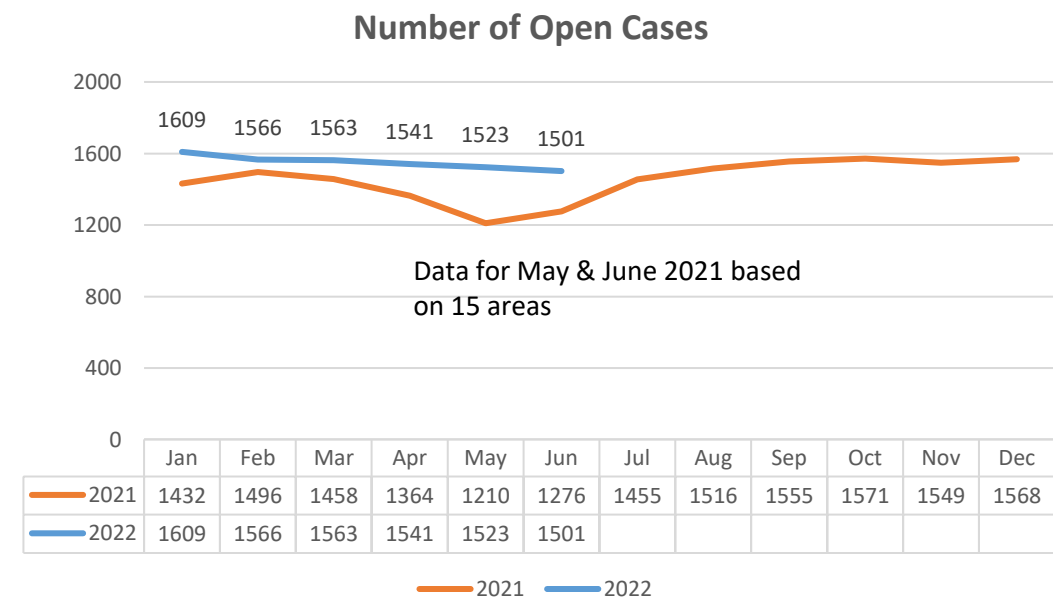
- **428 referrals of retrospective abuse** in June 2022, 42 (9%) fewer than May 2022 (470) and 194 (83%) more than June 2021 (234). Brings to 2,539 the number of referrals for the first six months of 2022, 1,014 (66%) more than the same period in 2021 (1,525).

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

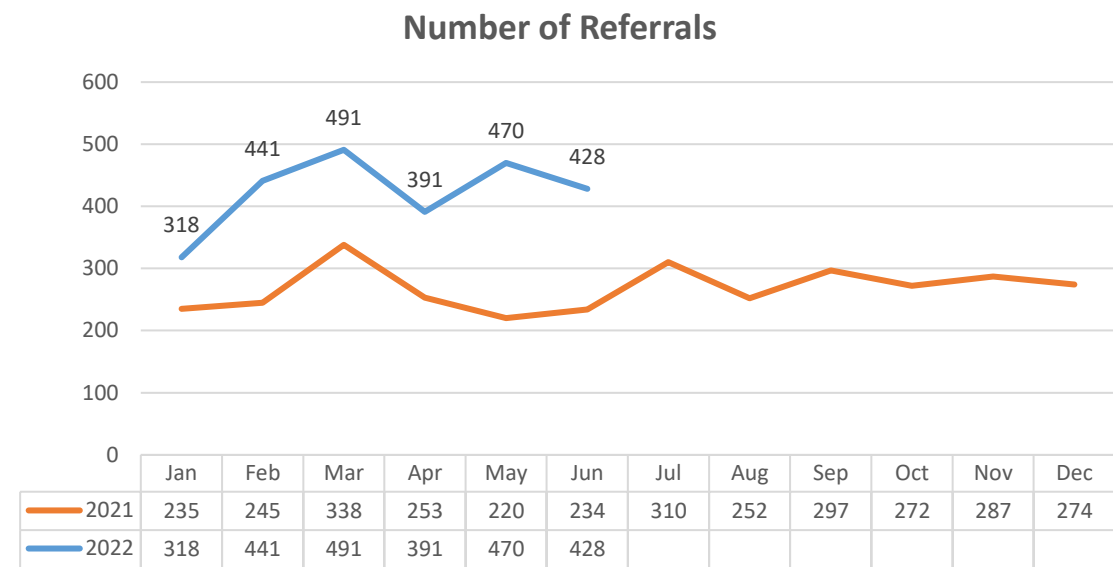
Data presented on retrospective cases of abuse (pages 8-11) for May and June 2021 is based on 15 areas. Data for Donegal and Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan not available due to the impact of the cyber-attack.

Open Cases

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

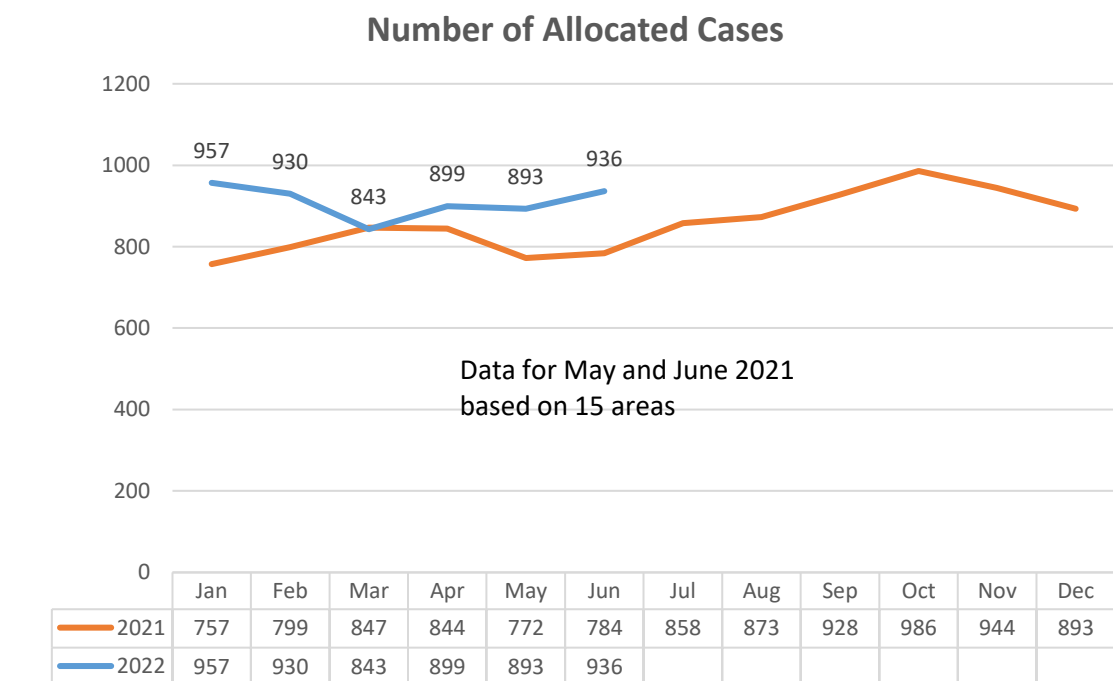


Note: all data on cases of retrospective abuse needs to be interpreted with caution due to concerns about the consistent interpretation of definitions.



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.

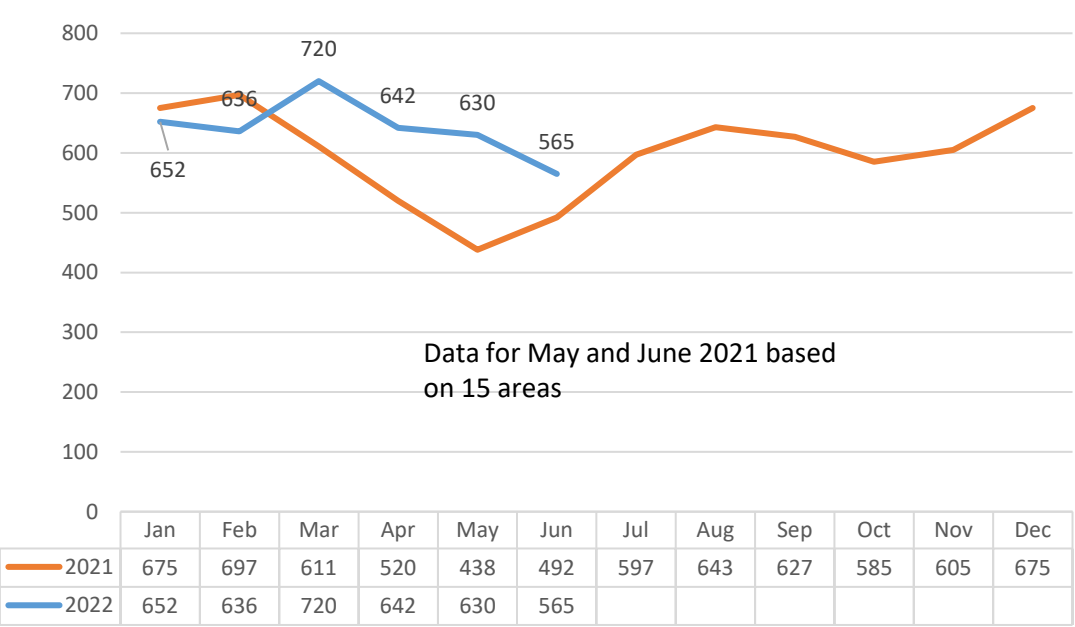


Retrospective Cases of Abuse

Cases Awaiting Allocation of a Social Worker

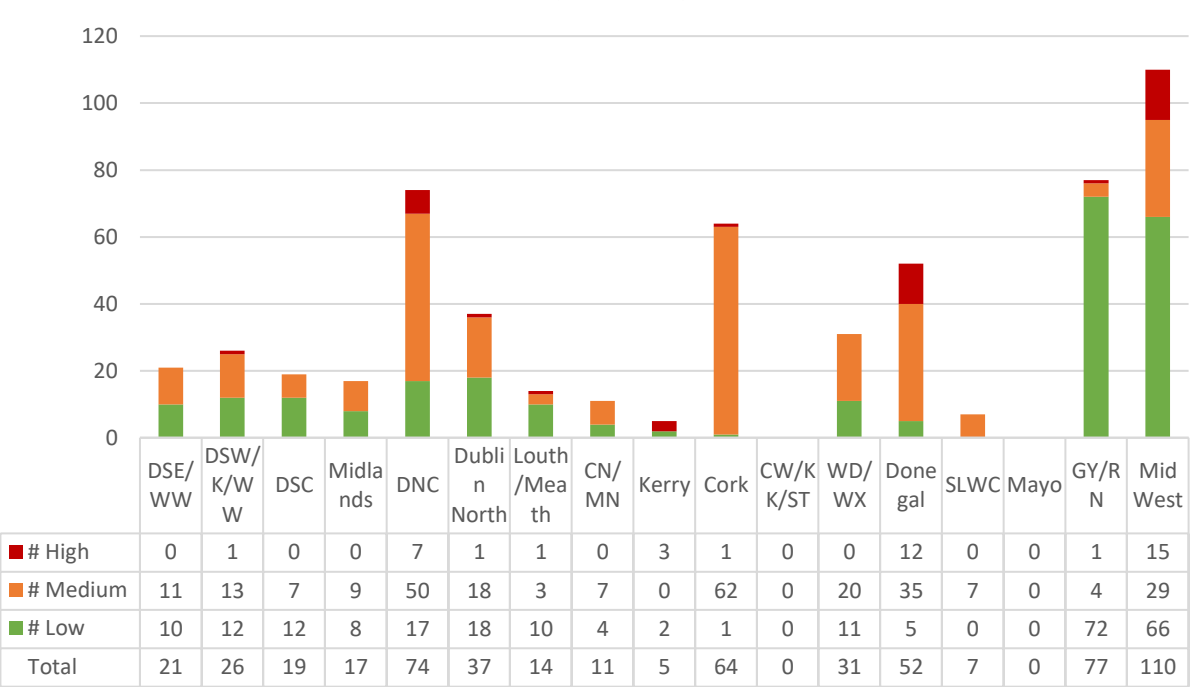
- **565 cases awaiting allocation** at the end of June 2022, 65 (10%) fewer than May 2022 (630) and the third consecutive decrease.
- Cases awaiting allocation account for 38% of open cases, down from 41% at the end of May 2022.
- Highest number of cases awaiting in Midwest (110) followed by Galway/Roscommon (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

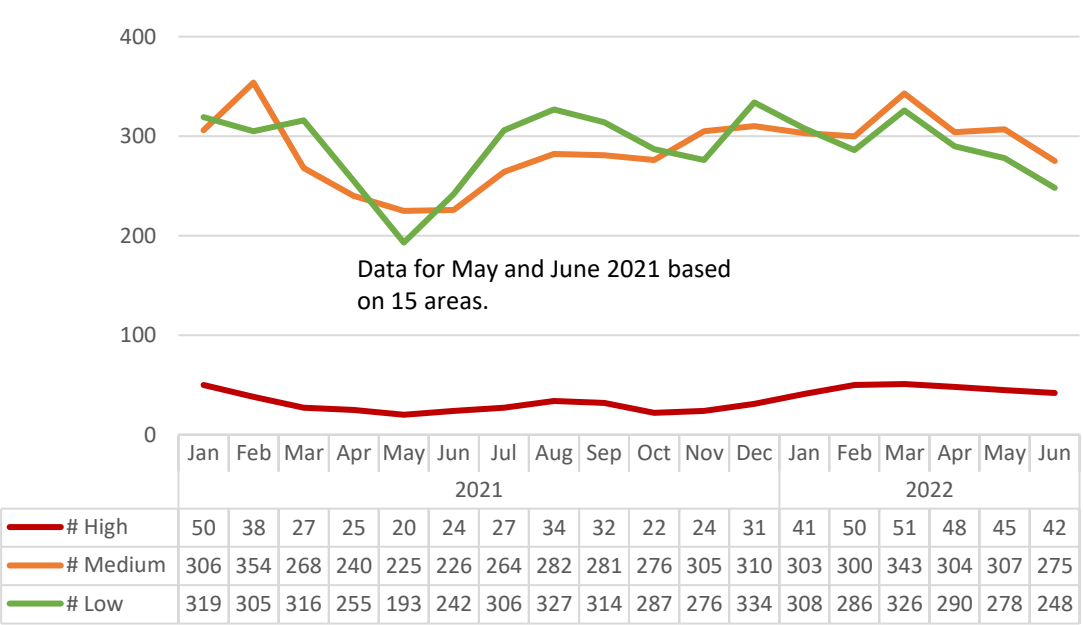


- **42 high priority cases awaiting allocation** at the end of June 2022, three fewer than May 2022 (45) and the third consecutive decrease after five consecutive monthly increases.
- High priority cases accounted for 7% of cases awaiting allocation at the end of June 2022 (565), no change from May 2022.
- 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

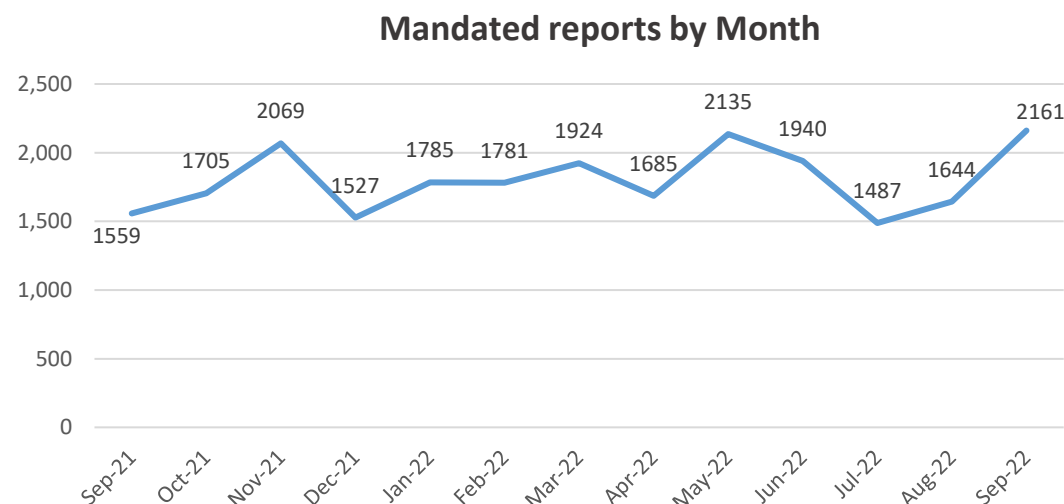
Area	High Priority Awaiting May-22	High Priority Awaiting Jun-22	Δ	Medium Priority Awaiting May-22	Medium Priority Awaiting Jun-22	Δ 2	Low Priority Awaiting May-22	Low Priority Awaiting Jun-22	Δ 3
DSE/WW	0	0	0	15	11	-4	18	10	-8
DSW/K/WW	6	1	-5	19	13	-6	22	12	-10
DSC	1	0	-1	15	7	-8	21	12	-9
Midlands	0	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

- **2,161 mandated reports of abuse** received in September 2022, 517 (31%) more than August 2022 (1,644). This brings to at least 16,542 mandated reports for the first nine months of 2022, 3,470 (27%) more than the same period in 2021 (13,072).

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.

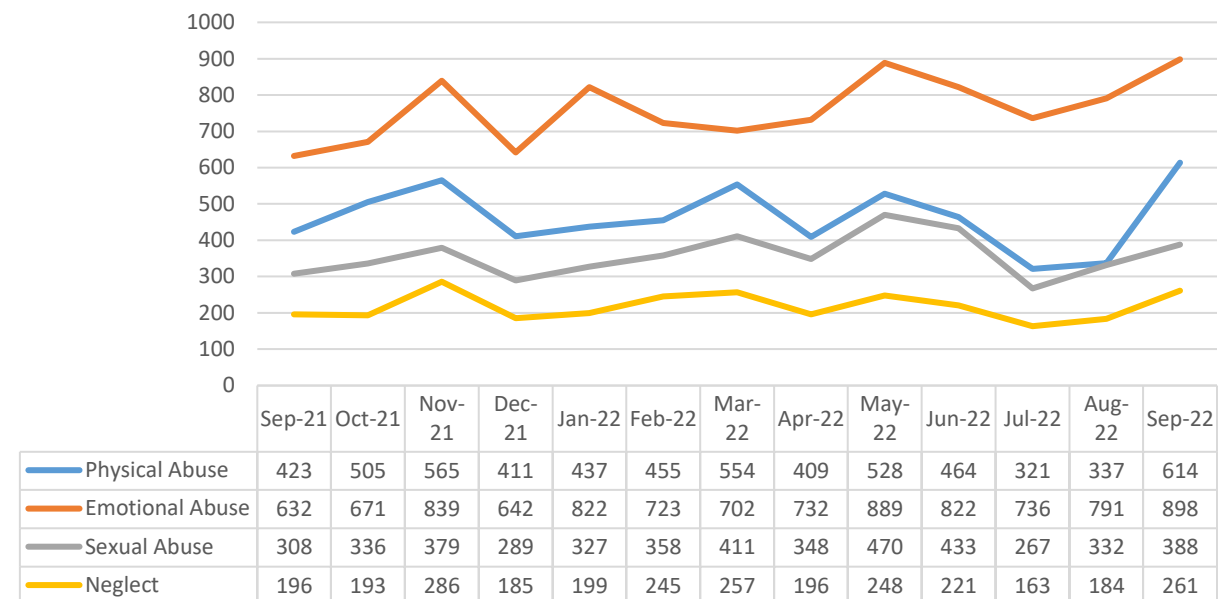
- Mandated reports accounted for 29% (2,161) of all referrals received (7,500) in September 2022.



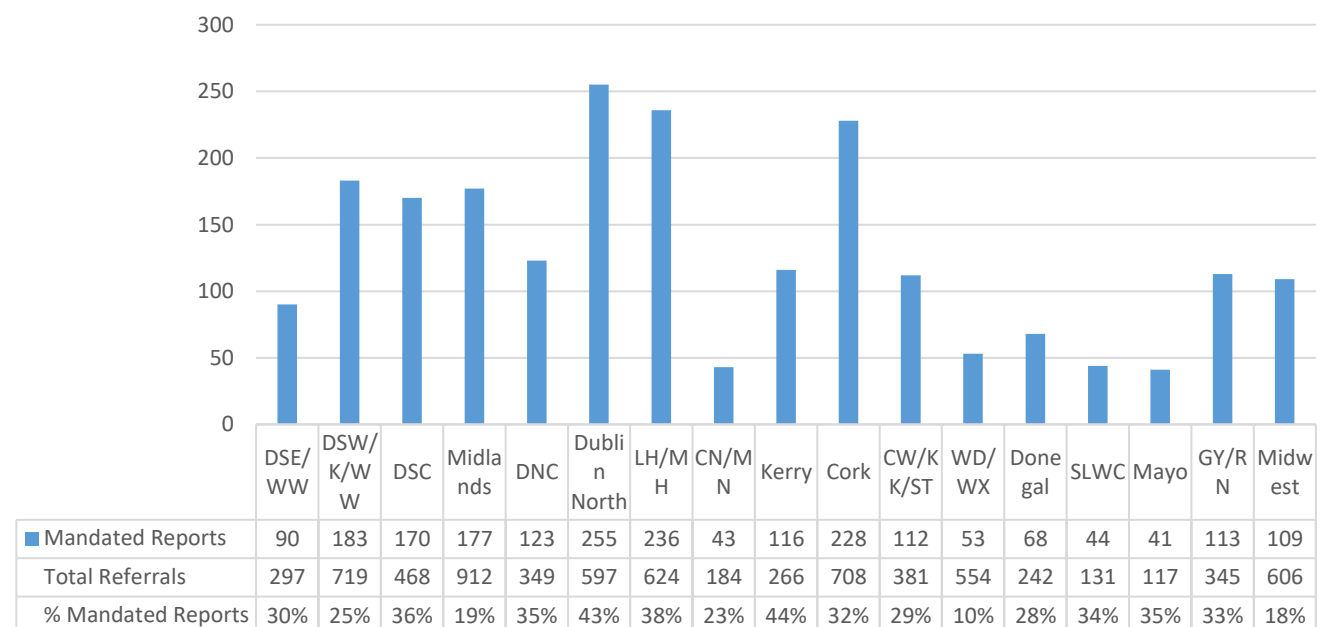
- The number of mandated reports for September 2022, by area ranged from 43 (Cavan/Monaghan) to 255 (Dublin North).
- As a percentage of referrals, the highest percentage (44%) was reported by Kerry followed by Dublin North (43%), Louth/Meath (38%) and Dublin South Central (36%).
- The lowest percentages were reported by Waterford/Wexford (10%), Midwest (18%) and Midlands (19%).

- Highest number of reports for September 2022 were for emotional abuse (898; 42%) followed by physical abuse (614; 28%), sexual abuse (388; 18%) and neglect (261; 12%).

Mandated Reports by Report Type



Mandated Reports by Area, September 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 September 2022 from An Garda Síochána (857; 40%) followed by teachers (365; 17%), social workers (264; 12%), safeguarding officers (146; 7%), social care workers (97; 5%), medical practitioners (75; 4%), psychotherapists (69; 3%) and managers of domestic violence shelters (58; 3%). These eight sources account for 89% (1,931) of reports for September 2022.
- Highest number of reports year to date from An Garda Síochána (7,071; 43%) followed by teachers (2,355; 14%), social workers (2,085; 13%), safeguarding officers (904; 6%), social care workers (874; 5%), medical practitioners (628; 4%) and managers of domestic violence shelters (553; 3%). These seven sources account for 87% (14,470) of reports year to date.

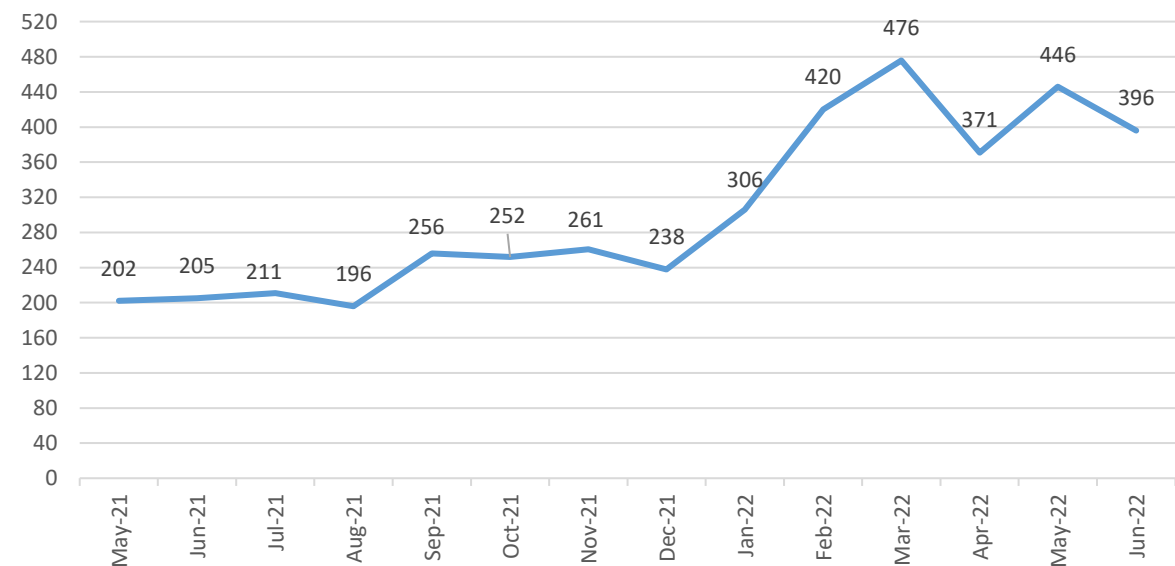
Source	# Sep 2022	% Sep 2022	# YTD 2022	% YTD 2022
Medical practitioner (Registered)	75	3.5%	628	3.8%
Nurse or registered midwife (Registered)	35	1.6%	336	2.0%
Physiotherapist (Registered)	6	0.3%	29	0.2%
Speech & language therapist (Registered)	3	0.1%	33	0.2%
Occupational therapist (Registered)	7	0.3%	53	0.3%
Registered dentist	1	0.0%	4	0.0%
Psychologist who practises as such and who is eligible for registration	39	1.8%	344	2.1%
Social care worker who practises as such and who is eligible for registration	97	4.5%	874	5.3%
Social worker who practises as such and who is eligible for registration	264	12.2%	2085	12.6%
EMT, paramedic and advanced paramedic registered with the Pre-Hospital Emergency Care Council	0	0.0%	19	0.1%
Probation officer within the meaning of section 1 of the Criminal Justice (Community Service) Act 1983.	12	0.6%	53	0.3%
Teacher registered with the Teaching Council.	365	16.9%	2355	14.2%
An Garda Síochána Member	857	39.7%	7071	42.7%
Guardian ad litem appointed in accordance with section 26 of the Child Care Act 1991	3	0.1%	29	0.2%
Domestic violence shelter manager	58	2.7%	553	3.3%
Homeless provision or emergency accommodation facility manager	17	0.8%	104	0.6%
Asylum seeker accommodation (direct provision) centre manager	6	0.3%	31	0.2%
Addiction counsellor employed by a body funded, wholly or partly, out of moneys provided by the Oireachtas	10	0.5%	16	0.1%
Psychotherapist or a person providing counselling who is registered with one of the voluntary professional bodies	69	3.2%	532	3.2%
Language school or other recreational school where children reside away from home manager	1	0.0%	9	0.1%
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)	0	0.0%	6	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;	146	6.8%	904	5.5%
Child care staff member employed in a pre-school service within the meaning of Part VIIA of the Child Care Act 1991;	8	0.4%	81	0.5%
Youth work service - person responsible for the care or management within the meaning of section 2 of the Youth Work Act 2001	21	1.0%	95	0.6%
Youth worker holds a professional qualification and who is employed in a youth work service	51	2.4%	214	1.3%
Foster carer registered with the Agency.	8	0.4%	48	0.3%
Pre-school service within the meaning of Part VIIA of the Child Care Act 1991.	2	0.1%	31	0.2%
Total (includes suppressed values)	2161	100.0%	16,542	100.0%

*Values <5 suppressed

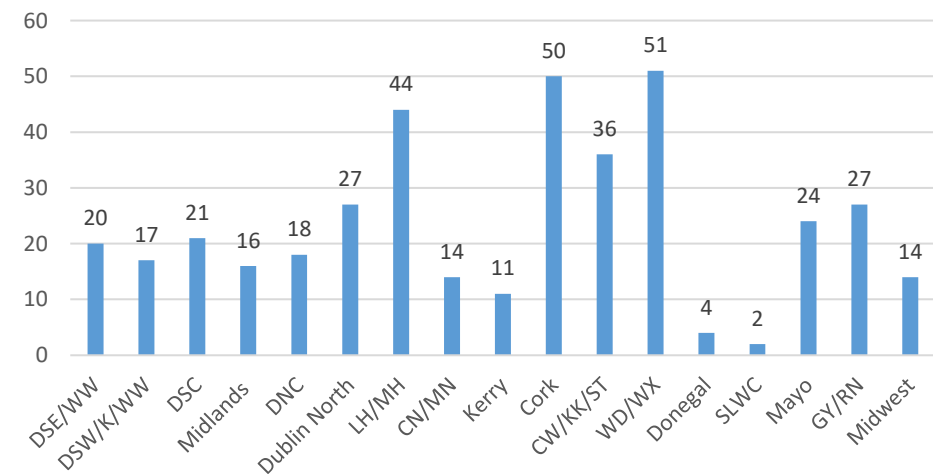
Mandated Reports¹ – Retrospective Abuse

- **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).

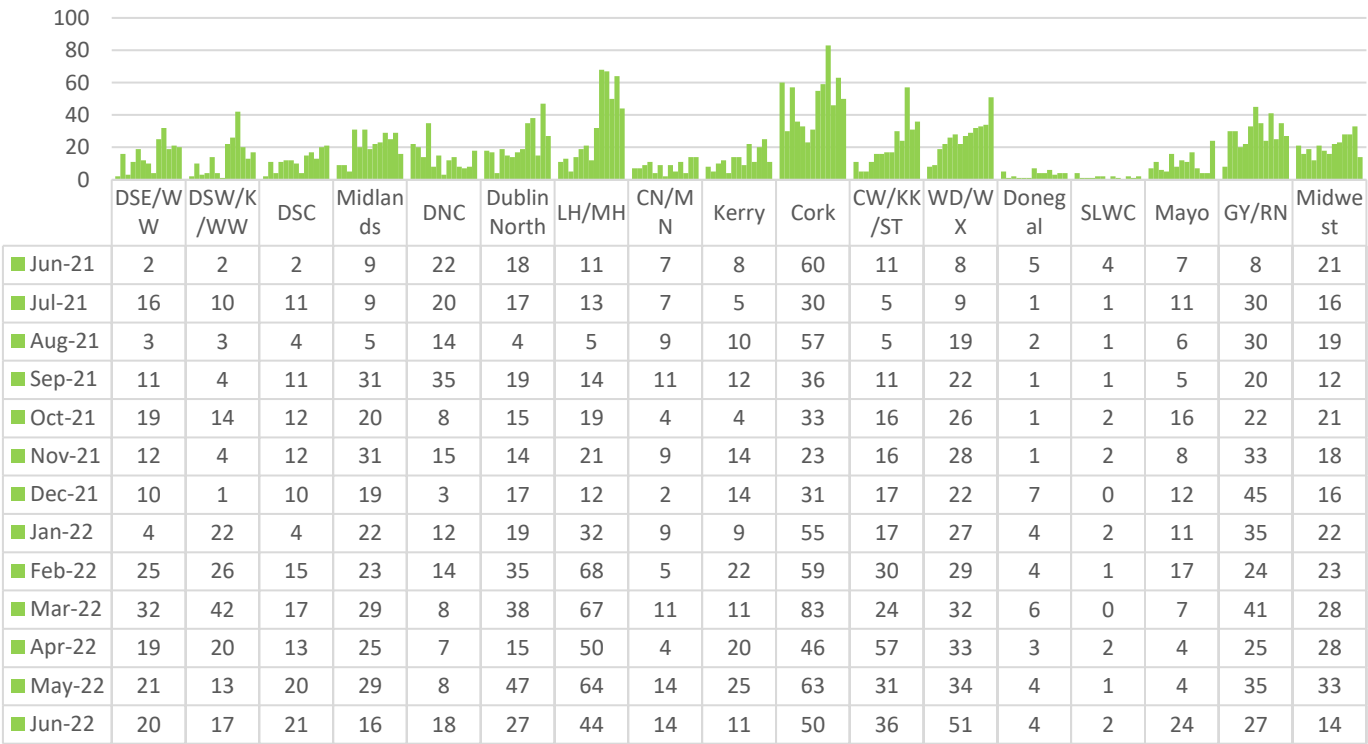
Mandated Reports by Month



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.

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%

*Values <5 suppressed

Children in Care

- **5,810 children in care at the end of September 2022**; 20 fewer than August 2022 (5,830 revised figure).
- 31 fewer children in care than the same time last year (5,841).
- 63.5% (3,690) of children in care are in general foster care, 25.5% (1,481) are in relative foster care, 7.7% (446) are in residential care and 3.3% (193) are in “other” care placements.
- 14 (3.1%) of the 446 children in residential placements are in special care

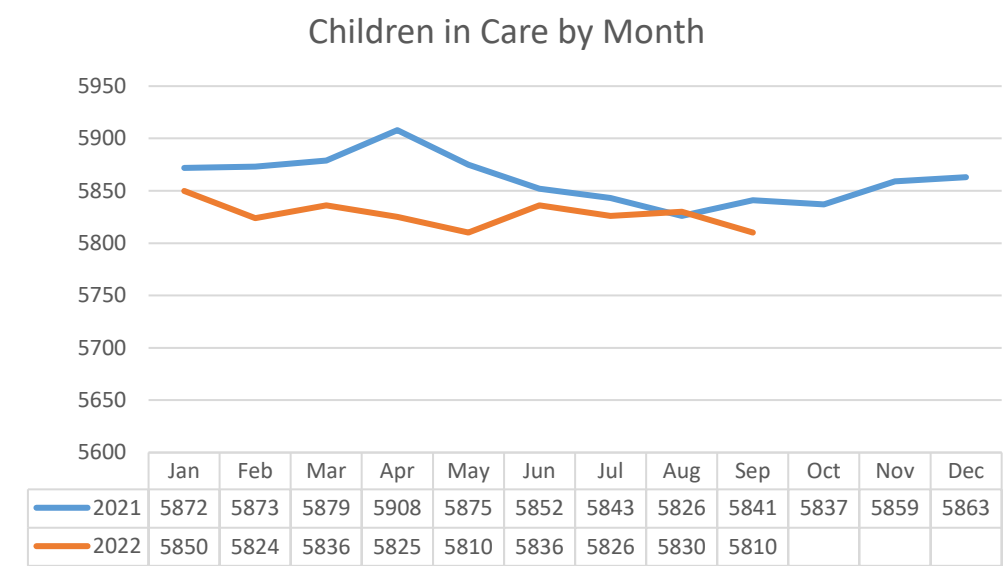
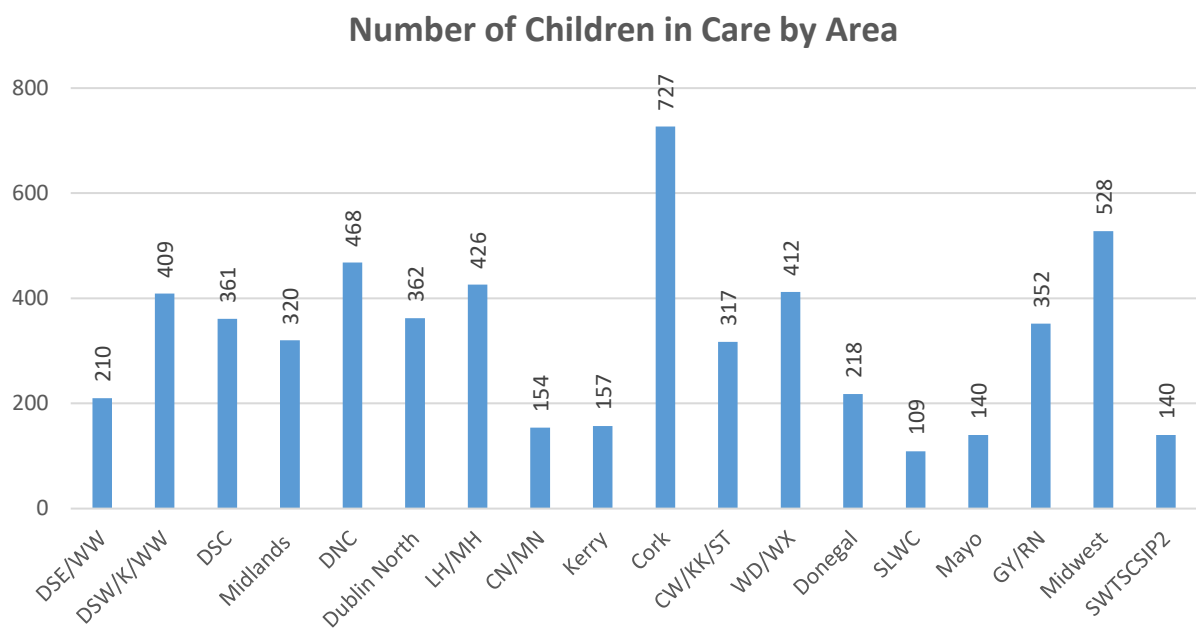


Figure for August 2022 revised from previously published

- Highest number of children in care reported by Cork (727) followed by Midwest (528) and Dublin North City (468).
- Fewest number reported by Sligo/Leitrim West Cavan (109) followed by Mayo (140) and the Social Work Team for Separated Children Seeking International Protection (140).
- Highest rate of children in care per 1,000 children was reported by Dublin North City (10.4/1,000) followed by Waterford/Wexford (6.0/1,000) and Dublin South Central (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).
- 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	Sep-21	Aug-22	Sep-22	Sep-22 v Sep-21	Sep-22 v Aug-22	Population	Rate/1,000
Dublin North City	472	468	468	-4	0	44,927	10.4
Waterford/Wexford	409	407	412	3	5	68,513	6.0
Dublin South Central	357	364	361	4	-3	65,564	5.5
Midwest	558	531	528	-30	-3	96,266	5.5
Cork	742	733	727	-15	-6	134,015	5.4
Donegal	228	216	218	-10	2	42,865	5.1
CW/KK/ST	319	314	317	-2	3	63,009	5.0
Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan	109	110	109	0	-1	23,554	4.6
Louth/Meath	418	424	426	8	2	93,093	4.6
Kerry	153	158	157	4	-1	34,527	4.5
Galway/Roscommon	378	353	352	-26	-1	79,912	4.4
Mayo	135	141	140	5	-1	31,968	4.4
Cavan/Monaghan	159	153	154	-5	1	36,446	4.2
Midlands	338	325	320	-18	-5	80,193	4.0
DSW/K/WW	425	419	409	-16	-10	108,186	3.8
Dublin North	347	361	362	15	1	100,654	3.6
Dublin South East/Wicklow	217	208	210	-7	2	86,810	2.4
Total Areas	5,764	5,685	5,670	-94	-15	1,190,502	4.8
SWTSCSIP	77	145	140	63	-5		
National	5,841	5,830	5,810	-31	-20		

Dublin South Central: figure for August revised from previously published.

Social Work Team for Separated Children Seeking International Protection (SWTSCSIP): in addition to 140 children in care at the end of September 2022, this service also had a further 67 children accommodated under Section 5 Child Care Act 1991 (accommodation for homeless children).

Children in Care

- 858 (14.8%) children in care at the end of September 2022 were in placements with private providers, one more than August 2022 (857 revised figure).

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 76 (10%) more children in care in placements with private providers at the end of September 2022 than at the end of September 2021 (782).

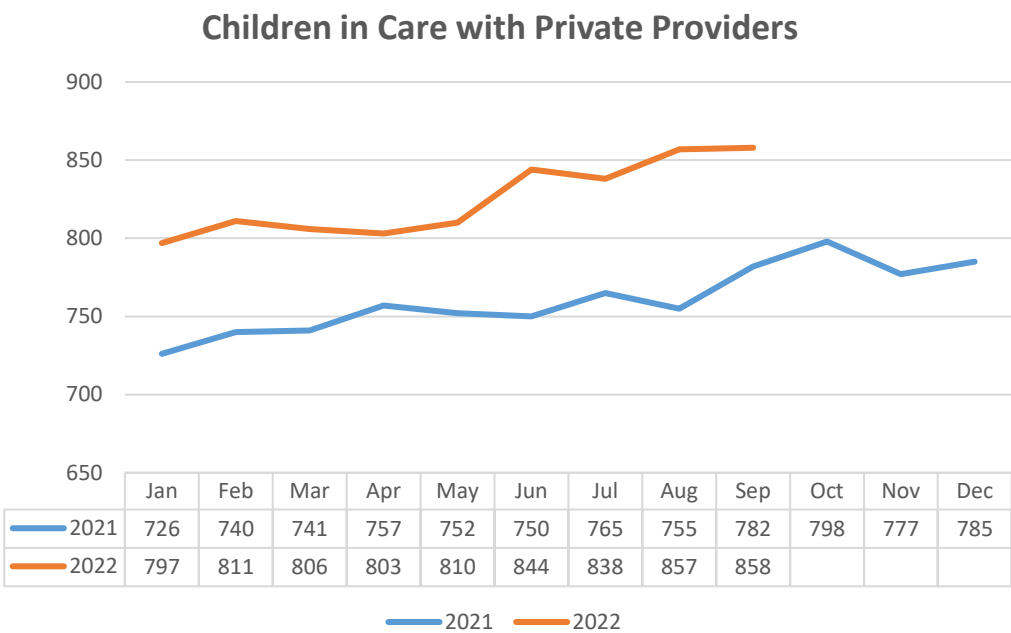


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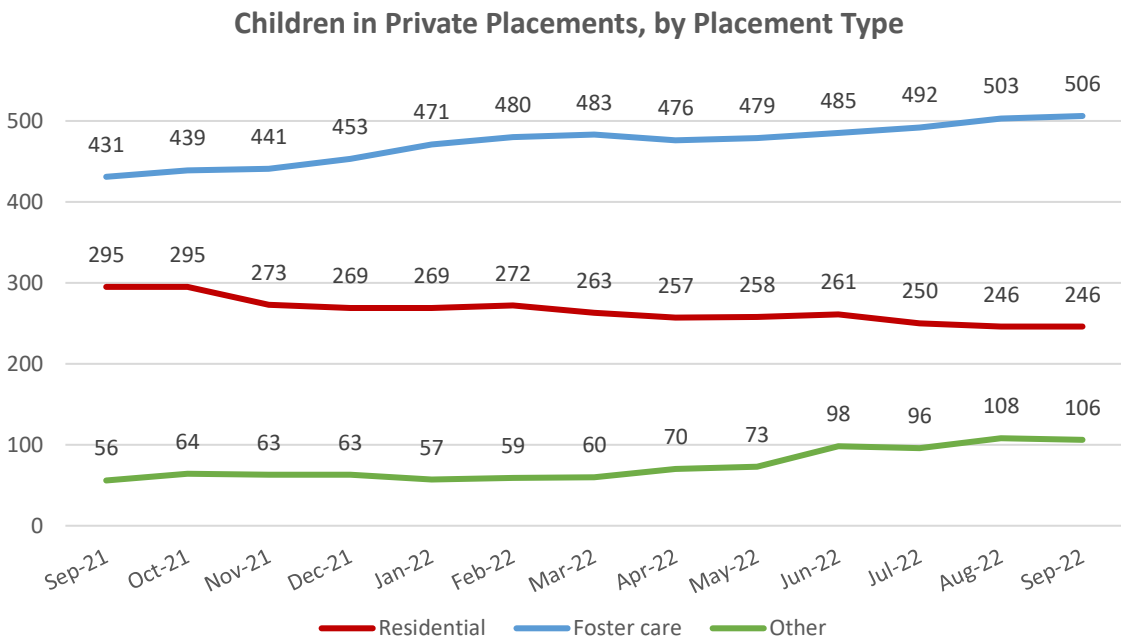
- 59% (506) of children in placements with private providers were in **foster care**, three more than August 2022 (503) and 75 (17%) more than September 2021 (431).
- 29% (246) of children in placements with private providers were in **residential care**, no change from August 2022 and 49 (17%) fewer than September 2021 (295). [Ref note above re: voluntary organisations]
- The remaining 12% (106) of children were in “Other” care placements with private providers, two fewer than August 2022 (108) and 50 (89%) more than September 2021 (56). “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 (109) followed by Dublin North City (106), Dublin South Central (105), Dublin North (86) and the Social Work Team for Separated Children Seeking International Protection (69).

Children in care with private providers

Children with Private Providers	Sep-21	Aug-22	Sep-22	Sep-22 v Sep-21	Sep-22 v A
DSW/K/WW	108	115	109	1	-6
DNC	86	105	106	20	1
DSC	108	104	105	-3	1
Dublin North	82	87	86	4	-1
SWTSCSIP	46	69	69	23	0
Midlands	67	64	64	-3	0
Cork	67	64	63	-4	-1
DSE/WW	44	44	49	5	5
LH/MH	35	39	41	6	2
Midwest	38	42	39	1	-3
Kerry	13	22	25	12	3
WD/WX	35	25	24	-11	-1
Donegal	20	21	22	2	1
GY/RN	6	20	22	16	2
CW/KK/ST	12	13	13	1	0
SLWC	7	14	12	5	-2
CN/MN	*	*	*	-1	0
Mayo	*	*	*	2	0
Total	782	857	858	76	1

*Number suppressed for confidentiality reasons. Suppressed numbers included in totals
Louth/Meath: figure for August 2022 revised from previously published.

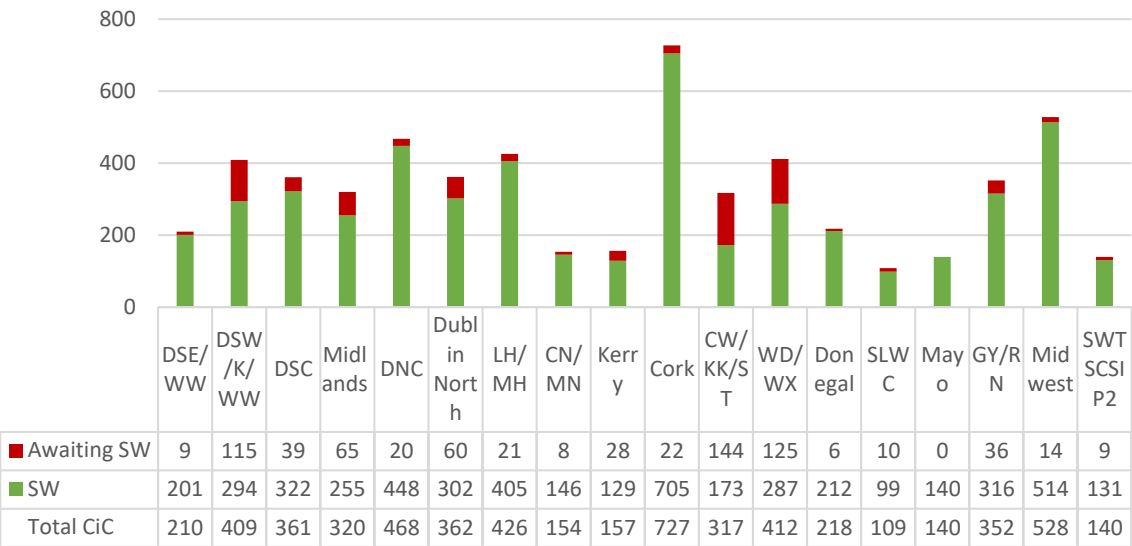


Residential: figure for August 2022 revised from previously published

Children in Care

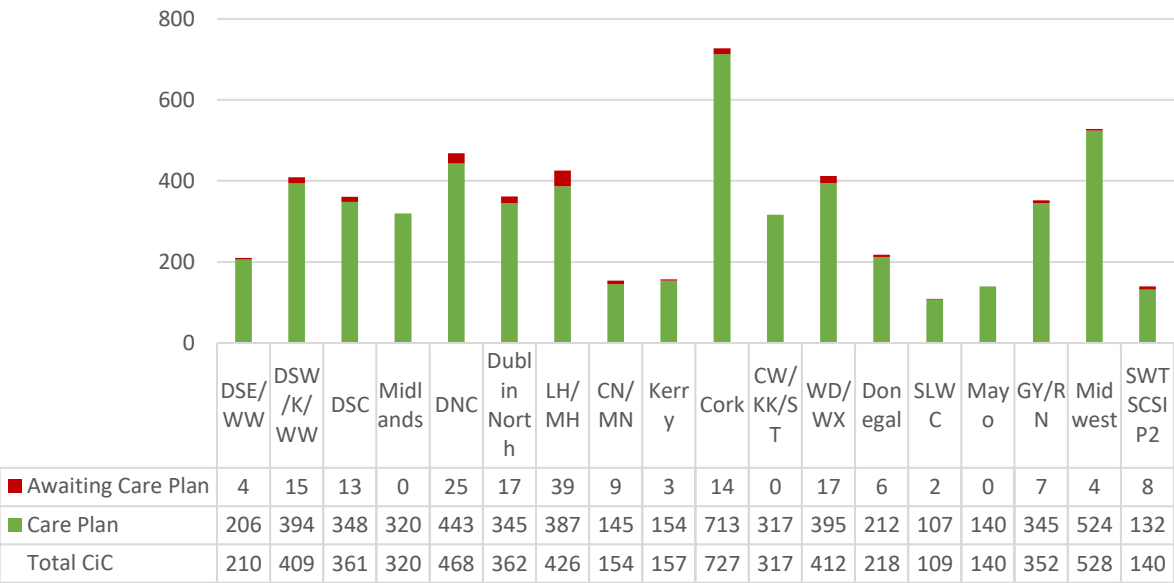
- **87% (5,079) of children in care at the end of September 2022 had an allocated social worker;** up one percentage point from August 2022.
- A total of 731 children were awaiting an allocated social worker, 75 (9%) fewer than August 2022 (806).
- Highest number awaiting reported by Carlow/Kilkenny/South Tipperary (144) followed by Waterford/Wexford (125), Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (115), Midlands (65) and Dublin North (60). These five areas account for 69% (509) of all cases awaiting allocation.

Children in Care with a Social Worker



- **97% (5,627) of children in care at the end of September 2022 had a care plan;** no change from August 2022.
- A total of 183 children did not have a care plan, five fewer than August 2022 (188).
- Highest numbers with no care plan reported by Louth/Meath (39), Dublin North City (25), Dublin North (17) and Waterford/Wexford (17).

Children in Care with a Care Plan



Child Protection Notification System

- **891 children listed as “active” at the end of September 2022;** 39 (4%) fewer than August 2022 (930).
- There were 34 (4%) more children “active” at the end of September 2022 than September 2021 (857).
- All children listed as “active” at the end of September 2022 had an **allocated social worker**.

- Highest number of children listed as “active” at the end of September 2022 reported by Cork (92) followed by Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow (86), Dublin North City (83) and Midwest (83).
- Fewest number listed as “active” reported by Kerry (17) followed by Galway/Roscommon (19) and Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan (25).

- Highest rates per 10,000 population under 18 years reported by Dublin North City (18.5/10,000), Cavan/Monaghan (12.1/10,000) and Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan (10.6/10,000).
- Lowest rates reported by Galway/Roscommon (2.4/10,000), Louth/Meath (3.1/10,000) and Dublin South East/Wicklow (3.3/10,000).

- Eleven areas reported a rate equal to or higher than the national rate of 7.5/10,000

- 5/17 areas had more children listed as “active” at the end of September 2022 than August 2022. Largest increases reported by Midwest (up 12), Dublin North City (up 8) and Dublin North (up 4).

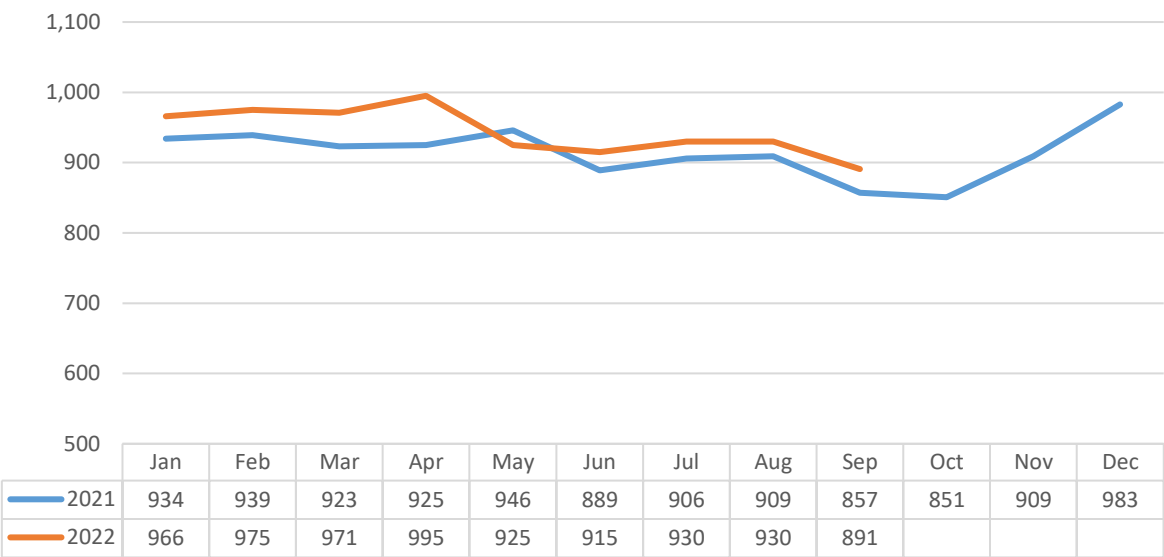
- 12/17 areas reported a decrease. Largest decreases reported by Galway/Roscommon (down 19), Donegal (down 8) and Midlands (down 8).

- 12/17 areas had more children active at the end of September 2022 than at the same period last year. Largest increases reported by Cavan/Monaghan (up 22), Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan (up 17) and Dublin South Central (up 17).

- 4/17 areas reported a decrease. Largest decrease reported by Donegal (down 31) followed by Dublin South East/Wicklow (down 26) and Kerry (down 14) and Carlow/Kilkenny/South Tipperary (down 13).

- The remaining area (Galway/Roscommon) reported no change.

Children "Active" on the CPNS



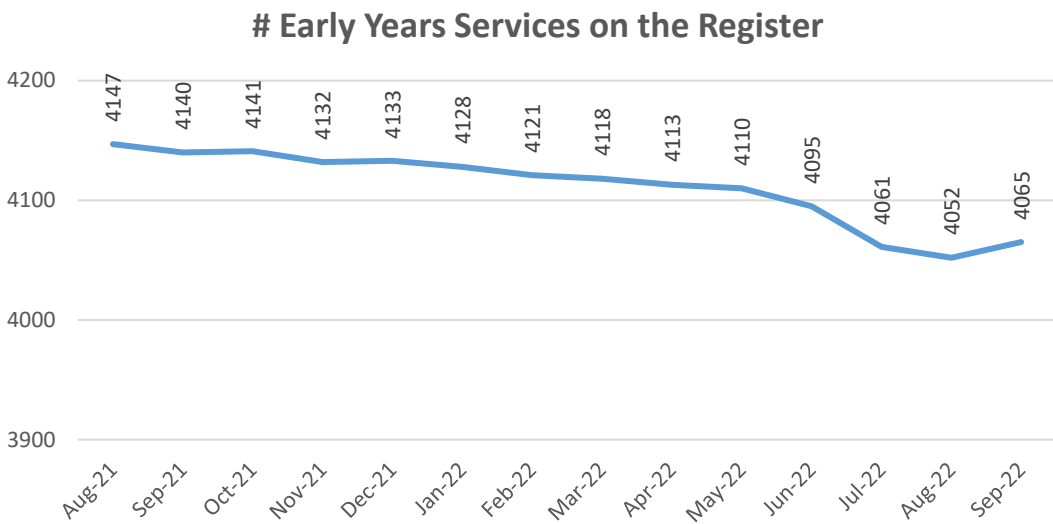
Number and rate of children “active” on the CPNS, by area (ranked by rate)

Area	Sep-21	Aug-22	Sep-22	Sep-22 v Sep-21	Sep-22 v Aug-22	Population	Rate/10,000
Dublin North City	74	75	83	9	8	44927	18.5
Cavan / Monaghan	22	47	44	22	-3	36446	12.1
Sligo / Leitrim / West Cavan	8	23	25	17	2	23554	10.6
Mayo	31	36	33	2	-3	31968	10.3
Dublin South Central	45	69	62	17	-7	65564	9.5
Carlow / Kilkenny / South Tipperary	72	60	59	-13	-1	63009	9.4
Waterford / Wexford	50	63	60	10	-3	68513	8.8
Mid West	82	71	83	1	12	96266	8.6
Dublin South West / Kildare / West Wicklow	79	88	86	7	-2	108186	7.9
Dublin North	63	75	79	16	4	100654	7.8
Midlands	52	70	62	10	-8	80193	7.7
Cork	90	98	92	2	-6	134015	6.9
Donegal	60	37	29	-31	-8	42865	6.8
Kerry	31	19	17	-14	-2	34527	4.9
Dublin South East / Wicklow	55	34	29	-26	-5	86810	3.3
Louth / Meath	24	27	29	5	2	93093	3.1
Galway / Roscommon	19	38	19	0	-19	79912	2.4
Total	857	930	891	34	-39	1190502	7.5

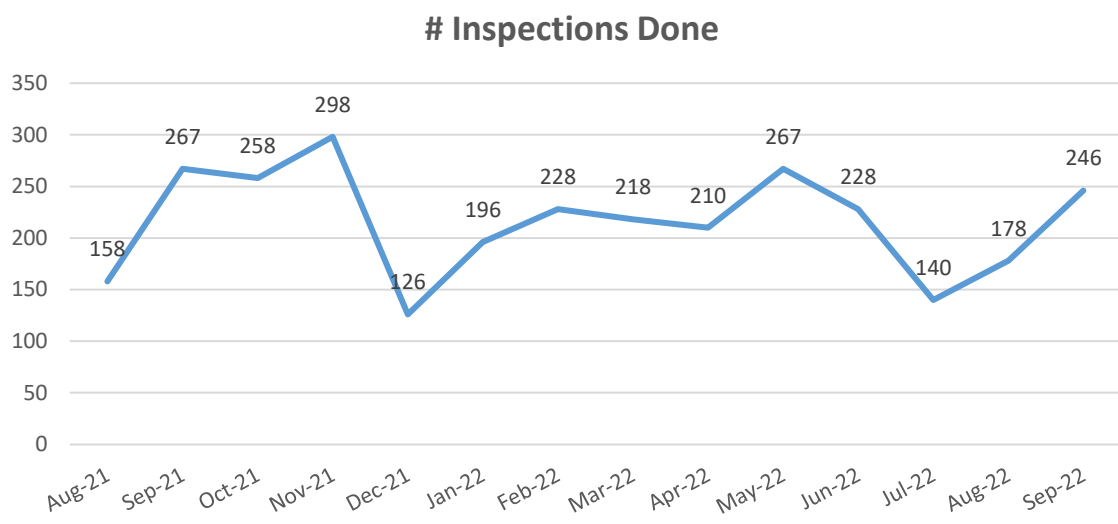
Children’s Services Regulation

EARLY YEARS INSPECTORATE

- **4,065 early years services on the register at the end of September 2022**, 13 more than August 2022 (4,052) and the first increase after eight consecutive monthly decreases. There were 75 (2%) fewer services on the register at the end of September 2022 than September 2021 (4,140).

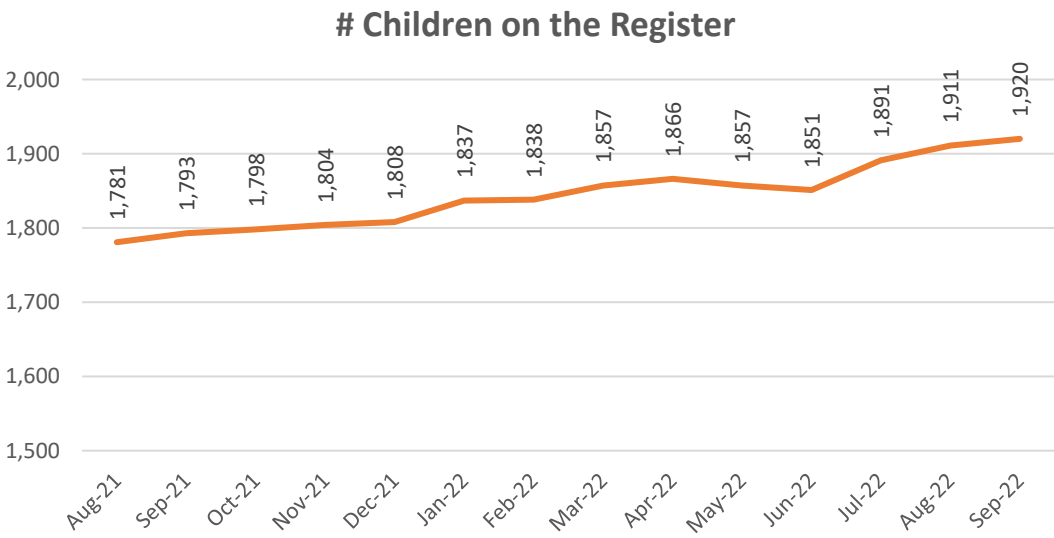


- **246 inspections of early years services done in September 2022**, 68 (38%) more than August 2022 (178). This brings to 1,911 the number of inspections for the first nine months of 2022, 89 (5%) more than the same period in 2021 (1,822). *Number of inspections for early 2021 impacted due to the closure of services under the Covid-19 restrictions.*

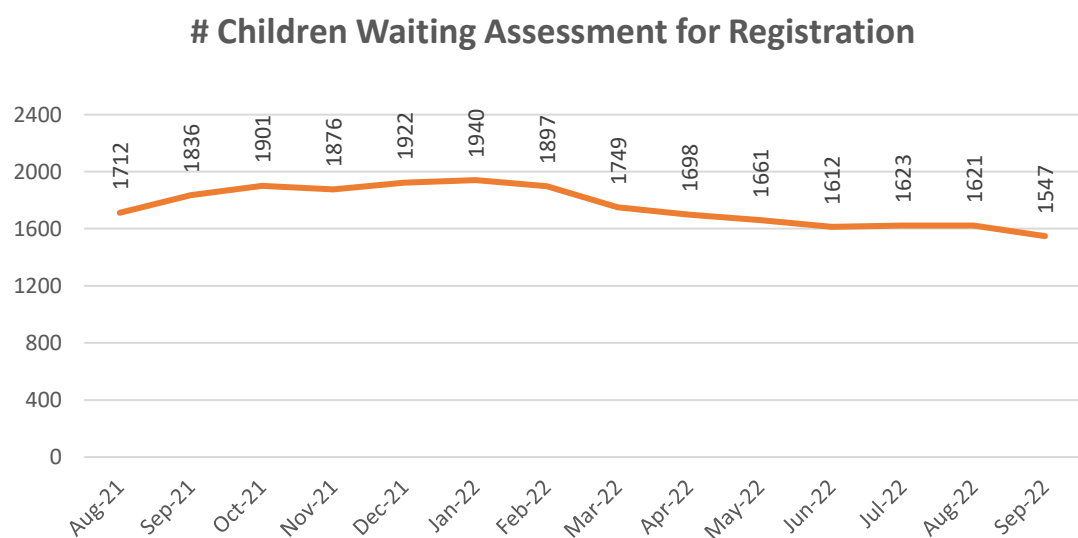


ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION ASSESSMENT AND REGISTRATION SERVICE

- **1,920 children on the register for home education at the end of September 2022**, nine more than August 2022 (1,911) and 127 (7%) more than September 2021 (1,793).



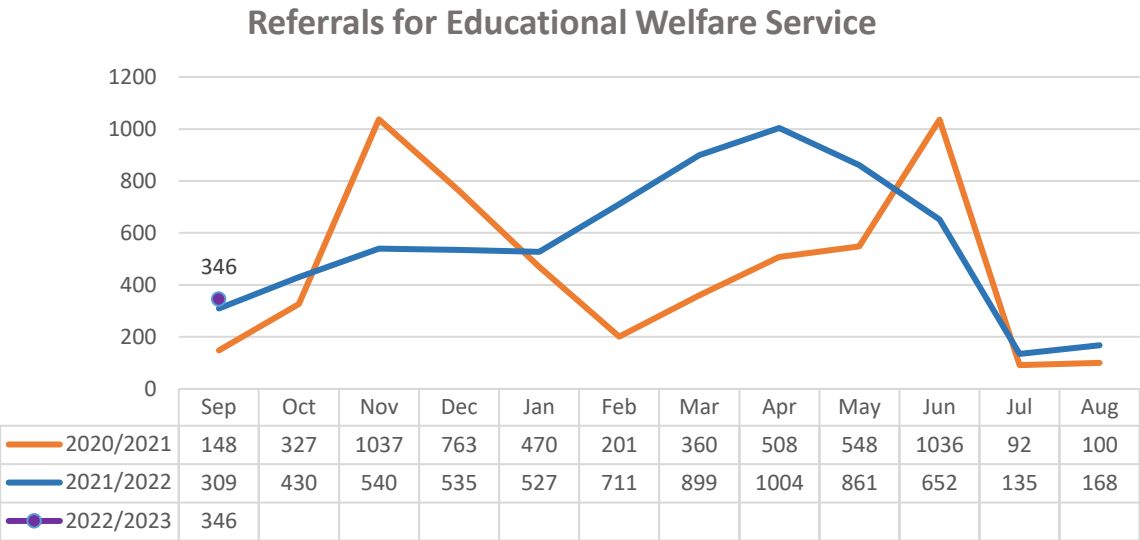
- **1,547 children on a waiting list for assessment at the end of September 2022**, 74 (5%) fewer than August 2022 (1,621) and 289 (16%) fewer than September 2021 (1,836).



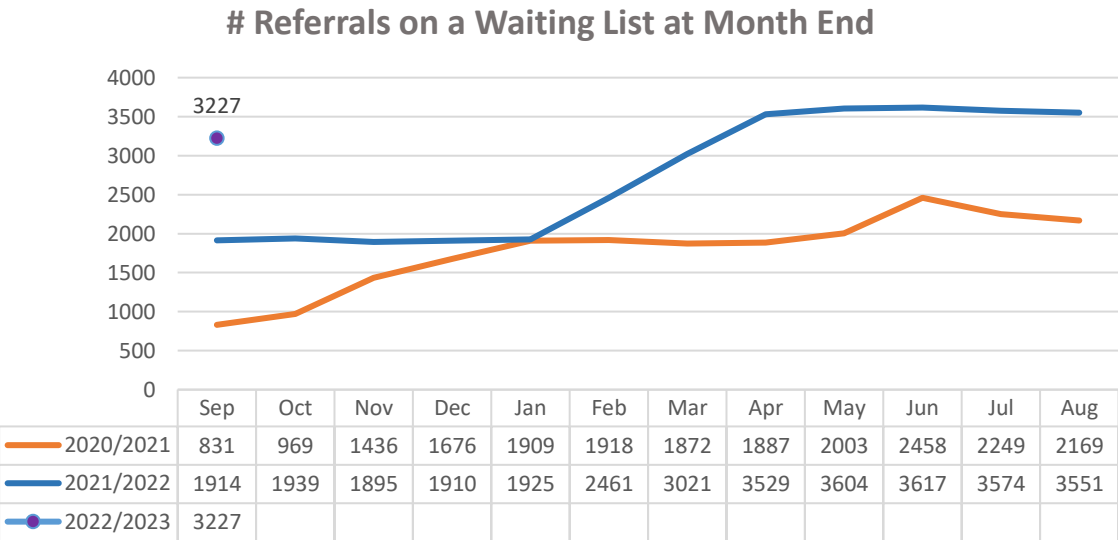
Tusla Education Support Services

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

- **346 referrals screened** by senior educational welfare services in September 2022, 37 (12%) more than September 2021 (309).



- **3,227 referrals on a waiting list** for educational welfare services at the end of September 2022, 324 (9%) fewer than August 2022 (3,551) and 1,313 (69%) more than September 2021 (1,914).



- **355 new individual children worked with** in September 2022, 26 (8%) more than September 2021 (329).

