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Homeless Quarterly Progress Report

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Background

Under arrangements in place between the Department and the housing authorities, performance reports are submitted on a quarterly basis through the regional lead authorities¹. The quarterly performance reports include details of the numbers of individuals exiting homelessness into tenancies and the duration of stay in emergency accommodation.

The Homeless Quarterly Progress Report summarises the data submitted to the Department in respect of Quarter 2 2021. The report also includes details on the number of Housing First tenancies created during the Quarter and the total number of such tenancies in place at the end of Quarter 2 2021.

Scale of Homelessness

There were 8,014² individuals accessing emergency accommodation at the end of Q2 2021, a reduction of 46 individuals on the position at the end of Q1 2021 and a decrease of 685 individuals (8%) on the 8,699 total recorded at end Q2 2020.

There were 932 families accessing emergency accommodation at the end of Q2 2021, an increase of 19 on the position at the end of Q1 2021 and a decrease of 227 families (19.6%) on the 1,159 total recorded at end Q2 2020. The largest number of families recorded to date was 1,778 in July 2018.

Exits from Homelessness

The quarterly performance reports include details of the numbers of adult individuals exiting homelessness. The figures for exits include both exits from emergency accommodation and

¹ The administration of homeless services is organised across nine administrative regions, with one local authority in each of the regions, “the lead authority”, having overall responsibility for the disbursement of Exchequer funds.

² In order to facilitate the upgrade of the Pathway Accommodation & Support System (PASS) over the weekend of 25-27 June, the count week for the June monthly reports was brought forward by one week to 14-20 June.

persons who were assessed as homeless but were prevented from having to enter emergency accommodation through the creation of a tenancy.

During Quarter 2, a total of 1,371 adults and their dependants exited homelessness into tenancies, a slight increase (0.5%) on the 1,364 exits achieved in Quarter 1. A total of 2,735 exits from homelessness have been achieved in the year to date. This represents a 10% decrease on the 3,051 exits achieved over the corresponding period in 2020.

The decrease in exits comes in the context of fewer households presenting as homeless as was the case in early 2020, and a corresponding fall in the number of households entering emergency accommodation. The table below sets out the number of exits by tenancy type for Quarters 1 and 2 2021:

Exits from Homelessness by Tenancy Type		
	Q1 2021	Q2 2021
Local authority lettings	136 (10%)	76 (6%)
AHB lettings/Long Term Supported Accommodation	224 (16%)	299 (22%)
Private rental market/HAP	1,004 (74%)	996 (73%)
	1,364	1,371

The following table sets out exits from homelessness for each region in Quarter 2 and the cumulative total exits to date in 2021.

Exits from Homelessness by Region in 2021		
Region	Exits achieved in Q2 2021	Exits to date 2021
Dublin	1,040	2,096
Mid-East	64	106
Midlands	21	46
Mid-West	49	89
North-East	70	120
North-West	4	14
South-East	31	50

Exits from Homelessness by Region in 2021		
Region	Exits achieved in Q2 2021	Exits to date 2021
South-West	60	145
West	32	69
Totals	1,371	2,735

Family Presentations, Preventions and Exits (Dublin only)

In addition to the performance reports, the Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE) has been providing the Department with enhanced data on family homelessness in the Dublin Region. This includes information on family presentations to homeless services, preventions achieved, new families entering emergency accommodation and families exiting emergency accommodation in the Dublin Region.

The data provided shows that in Quarter 2 2021:

- There were 702 families accessing emergency accommodation in Dublin at the end of Q2 2021, a reduction of 169 (19%) on the 871 families recorded one year previously.
- Family presentations in the Dublin region in Quarter 2 were up 52% on the corresponding period in 2020 (from 292 to 443), when Covid-19 restrictions were first introduced. In the year to date, family presentations are up 9% on the corresponding period in 2020 (from 757 to 824);
- The number of families entering emergency accommodation in the Dublin region in Quarter 2 was up 123% on the corresponding period in 2020 (from 98 to 219). In the year to date, the number of families entering emergency accommodation was up 19% compared to the same period in 2020 (314 to 373);
- Of the families presenting to homeless services in the Dublin Region in Quarter 2, 51% were prevented from having to enter emergency accommodation by way of a tenancy having been created. In the year to date, 55% of families presenting to homeless services were prevented from having to enter emergency accommodation by way of a tenancy having been created;
- A total of 220 families exited emergency accommodation into a tenancy in Quarter 2, a 34% decrease on the 334 family exits achieved in the Dublin region in the

corresponding period in 2020. In the year to date, 456 families exited emergency accommodation into a tenancy, a 33% decrease on the corresponding period in 2020.

The table below sets out the number of family presentations, preventions and exits in the Dublin Region in Quarter 2 2020.

Month	Total families Presenting	Less families prevented from entering emergency accommodation	<u>Net</u> new families entering emergency accommodation	Families leaving emergency accommodation
Jan-21	119	65	54	81
Feb-21	124	77	47	86
Mar-21	138	85	53	69
Apr-21	149	70	79	88
May-21	146	84	62	78
Jun-21	148	70	78	54
2021 YTD	824	451	373	456

Length of Stay in Emergency Accommodation³

The performance reports provide data on the length of time spent in emergency accommodation. This is based on the duration spent in emergency accommodation by adult individuals and is separated into adults who have been accessing emergency accommodation for less than/more than six months on the last day of the Quarter.

At the end of Quarter 2, 43% of individuals had been accessing emergency accommodation for less than six months, while 57% had been accessing emergency accommodation for more than six months. The performance report shows that the Mid-East and West regions have the highest largest proportion of adults in emergency accommodation for longer than 6 months (60%). The Midlands Region has the lowest percentage of adults in emergency accommodation for over 6 months (39%). The table below includes a breakdown for each region.

³ Reports on length of stay in emergency accommodation for Q2 2021 were run centrally by the National PASS Office (DRHE) for all administrative regions. The data for this report was also brought forward to 20 June to facilitate the upgrade of the PASS system.

	< 6 months		> 6 Months	
	No. of Individual Adults	%	Amount	%
Dublin	1,593	41%	2,277	59%
Mid-East	133	40%	198	60%
Midland	44	61%	28	39%
Mid West	134	49%	138	51%
North East	47	52%	44	48%
North West	35	49%	37	51%
South East	91	54%	77	46%
South West	218	46%	254	54%
West	94	40%	139	60%
Totals	2,389	43%	3,192	57%

Length of Stay in Emergency Accommodation – Dublin Region⁴

The Dublin Region Homeless Executive has been providing the Department with enhanced information on the duration spent in emergency accommodation by families in the Dublin Region.

The data includes six monthly bands ranging from less than six months to more than two years and relates to all families in emergency accommodation in the Dublin region at the end of Quarter 2 2021.

	Families	Adults in Families	Dependants
24+ months	147 (22%)	219 (22%)	425 (26%)
18-24 months	58 (9%)	89 (9%)	174 (11%)
12-18 months	75 (11%)	110 (11%)	198 (12%)
6-12 months	128 (19%)	212 (21%)	301 (19%)
Under 6 months	267 (40%)	380 (38%)	528 (32%)
	675	1,010	1,626

⁴ In order to facilitate the upgrade of the PASS system, which took place on the weekend of 25-27 June, the date used for this report was moved forward from 30th to 20th June.

Housing First

Housing First provides housing and wrap-around supports to rough sleepers and long-term users of emergency accommodation with complex health needs. The National Implementation Plan for Housing First was published in 2018 and includes targets for each local authority. The Plan has an overall national target of 663 new tenancies, to be delivered by the end of 2021.

The table below sets out the numbers of tenancies created in each region and local authority in Quarter 2 and the total number of tenancies in place at the end of the Quarter 2 2021.

Homeless Region & Local Authority	Number of Housing First tenancies created in Q2 2021	Numbers of individuals in Housing First tenancies at end of Q2 2021
Dublin Region	30	379
Mid-East Region		
Kildare	5	10
Meath	2	11
Wicklow	1	6
SUB-TOTAL:	8	27
Midlands Region		
Laois	1	5
Longford	1	3
Offaly	2	5
Westmeath	2	5
SUB-TOTAL:	6	18
Mid-West Region		
Clare	0	0
Limerick City & County	2	19
SUB-TOTAL:	2	19
North East		
Cavan	0	4
Louth	2	18
Monaghan	2	2
SUB-TOTAL:	4	24
North West		
Donegal	0	8
Leitrim	0	3
Sligo	2	7
SUB-TOTAL:	2	18

South East Region		
Carlow	2	11
Kilkenny	0	6
Tipperary	1	12
Waterford	1	25
Wexford	2	9
SUB-TOTAL:	6	63
South West Region		
Cork City	1	19
Cork County	0	0
Kerry	0	0
SUB-TOTAL:	1	19
West Region		
Galway City	0	19
Galway County	0	0
Mayo	1	1
Roscommon	0	0
SUB-TOTAL:	1	20
Overall TOTAL	60	587

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