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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 authorities<sup>1</sup>. The quarterly performance reports include details of the numbers of individuals exiting homelessness into tenancies and the duration of stay in emergency accommodation<sup>2</sup>.

The Homeless Quarterly Progress Report summarises the data submitted to the Department in respect of Quarter 3 2021. The report also includes details on the number of Housing First tenancies created during the Quarter and the number of tenancies in place at the end of the Quarter 3 2021.

#### **Scale of Homelessness**

There were 8,475 individuals accessing emergency accommodation at the end of Quarter 3 2021, an increase of 461 individuals on the position at the end of Quarter 2 and a decrease of 181 individuals (2%) on the 8,656 total recorded at end Quarter 3 2020.

There were 1,005 families accessing emergency accommodation at the end of Quarter 3 2021, an increase of 73 on the position at the end of Quarter 2 2021 and a decrease of 123 families (11%) on the 1,128 total recorded at end Quarter 3 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

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> A full set of data relating to the duration of stay emergency accommodation was not available in time to be summarised in this Progress Report. The data that were available will be published in the individual local authority performance reports which are due to be published on the Departments website shortly.

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

During Quarter 3, a total of 1,308 adults and their dependants exited homelessness into tenancies, a decrease of 4.6% on the 1,371 exits achieved in Quarter 2. A total of 4,043 exits from homelessness have been achieved in the year to date. This represents an 8% decrease on the 4,401 exits achieved over the corresponding period in 2020.

The table below sets out the number of exits by tenancy type to end Quarter 3 2021:

<b>Exits from Homelessness by Tenancy Type</b>			
	<b>Q1 2021</b>	<b>Q2 2021</b>	<b>Q3 2021</b>
Local authority lettings	136 (10%)	76 (6%)	182 (14%)
AHB lettings/LSTA	224 (16%)	299 (22%)	221 (17%)
Private rental market/HAP	1,004 (74%)	996 (73%)	905 (69%)
	1,364	1,371	1,308

The following table sets out exits from homelessness for each region in Quarter 3 and the cumulative total exits to date in 2021.

<b>Exits from Homelessness by Region in 2021</b>		
<b>Region</b>	<b>Exits achieved in Q3 2021</b>	<b>Exits to Date 2021</b>
Dublin	886	2,982
Mid-East	65	171
Midlands	60	106
Mid-West	48	137
North-East	33	153
North-West	28	42
South-East	72	122
South-West	73	218
West	43	112
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,308</b>	<b>4,043</b>

### **Family Presentations, Preventions and Exits (Dublin only)**

In addition to the performance reports, the Dublin Region Homeless Executive 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 3 2021:

- Family presentations in the Dublin region are down 3% on the corresponding period in 2020 (from 407 to 395). In the year to date, family presentations are up 55 (5%) on the corresponding period in 2020 (from 1,164 to 1,219);
- The number of families entering emergency accommodation in the Dublin region in Quarter 3 was up slightly on the corresponding period in 2020 (from 205 to 206). To the end of Quarter 3, the number of families entering emergency accommodation was up by 60 (12%) compared to the same period in 2020 (519 to 579);
- Of the families presenting to homeless services in the Dublin Region in Quarter 3, 47% were prevented from entering emergency accommodation by way of a tenancy having been created. In the year to date, 53% of families presenting to homeless services were prevented from entering emergency accommodation by way of a tenancy having been created;
- A total of 111 families exited emergency accommodation into a tenancy in Quarter 3, a 54% decrease on the 242 family exits achieved in the Dublin region in the corresponding period in 2020. In the year to date, 567 families had exited emergency accommodation into a tenancy, a 39% 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 2021 to date:

Month	Total families Presenting	Less families prevented from entering emergency accommodation	Net 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
Jul-21	119	55	64	37
Aug-21	130	52	78	34
Sep-21	146	82	64	40
2021 YTD	<b>1,219</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>579</b>	<b>567</b>

### Length of Stay in Emergency Accommodation – Dublin Region

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 3 2021.

	Families	Adults in Families	Dependants
24+ months	164(22%)	299 (23%)	353 (19%)
18-24 months	60(8%)	95 (7%)	156 (9%)
12-18 months	66 (9%)	115 (9%)	159 (9%)
6-12 months	121 (16%)	214 (17%)	308 (17%)
Under 6 months	343 (45%)	556 (43%)	838 (46%)
	<b>754</b>	<b>1,279</b>	<b>1,814</b>

### 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.

A total of 56 Housing First tenancies commenced in Quarter 3 2021. Full national rollout has been achieved, with Housing First now operational in every local authority area in the country. The table below sets out the numbers of Housing First tenancies created in each local authority in Quarter 3 2021.

<b>Homeless Region &amp; Local Authority</b>	<b>Number of Housing First tenancies created in Q3 2021</b>
<b>Dublin Region</b>	
Dublin City	5
Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown	4
Fingal	1
South Dublin	2
<b>SUB-TOTAL:</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Mid-East Region</b>	
Kildare	0
Meath	3
Wicklow	3
<b>SUB-TOTAL:</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Midlands Region</b>	
Laois	1
Longford	0
Offaly	1
Westmeath	0
<b>SUB-TOTAL:</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Mid-West Region</b>	
Clare	1
Limerick City & County	1
<b>SUB-TOTAL:</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>North East</b>	
Cavan	2
Louth	7
Monaghan	0
<b>SUB-TOTAL:</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>North West</b>	
Donegal	1
Leitrim	0
Sligo	4
<b>SUB-TOTAL:</b>	<b>5</b>

<b>South East Region</b>	
Carlow	0
Kilkenny	2
Tipperary	0
Waterford	4
Wexford	0
<b>SUB-TOTAL:</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>South West Region</b>	
Cork City	4
Cork County	3
Kerry	2
<b>SUB-TOTAL:</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>West Region</b>	
Galway City	1
Galway County	2
Mayo	0
Roscommon	2
<b>SUB-TOTAL:</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Overall TOTAL</b>	<b>56</b>

At the end of Quarter 3, the number of tenancies created under the current National Housing First Implementation Plan was 695. This exceeds the 663 tenancies target set out in the Plan. The successor to the current Plan is due for publication in Quarter 4 2021.

The table below sets out:

- the total number of Housing First tenancies created in each region since the publication of the current plan in 2018;
- the total number of individuals in a Housing First tenancy at the end of Quarter 3 (including those housed prior to the current plan); and
- the total number of individuals currently in a Housing First tenancy who entered into their tenancy under the current Housing First Implementation Plan (2018-2021).

Region	Total Housing First tenancies created under current Plan (2018-2021)	Total number of individuals currently in Housing First tenancies (including those housed prior to the current Plan)	Of which, were housed under the current Plan (2018-2021)
Dublin	408	385	297
Mid-East	42	32	32
Midlands	25	20	20
Mid-West	23	21	21
North East	36	30	30
North West	23	21	21
South East	74	65	56
South West	39	24	24
West	25	25	25
<b>Total</b>	<b>695</b>	<b>623</b>	<b>526</b>



