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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 prevented from entering emergency accommodation and exiting emergency accommodation 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 1 2023.

#### **Scale of Homelessness**

There were 11,988 individuals accessing emergency accommodation at the end of Quarter 1 2023, an increase of 356 individuals (3%) on the position at the end of Quarter 4 2022 and an increase of 2,163 individuals (22%) on the total recorded at end Quarter 1 2022.

There were 1,639 families accessing emergency accommodation at the end of Quarter 1 2022, an increase of 45 families (3%) on the position at the end of Quarter 4 2022 and an increase of 401 families (32%) on the total recorded at end Quarter 1 2022. The largest number of families recorded to date was 1,778 in July 2018.

#### **Preventions and Exits from Homelessness**

During Quarter 1, a combined total of 1,454 adults, as well as their dependants, exited or were prevented from entering emergency accommodation by way of a tenancy being created, a decrease of 3% on Quarter 4 2022, and a year-on-year increase of 15%.

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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.

### Adults Exiting Emergency Accommodation

676 adults exited emergency accommodation across Quarter 1, an increase of 74 (13%) on the same period last year.

Adults exiting emergency accommodation		
	Q1 2022	Q1 2023
Local authority lettings	176 (29%)	207 (31%)
AHB lettings/LTSA	184 (31%)	238 (35%)
Private rented HAP	242 (40%)	231 (35%)
	602	676

The table below sets out the number of exits emergency accommodation by region in Quarter 1 2023.

Adults exiting emergency accommodation by region		
Region	Q1 2022	Q1 2023
Dublin	317	285
Mid-East	47	71
Midlands	26	25
Mid-West	45	81
North-East	16	20
North-West	8	6
South-East	31	30
South-West	75	81
West	37	77
<b>Totals</b>	<b>602</b>	<b>676</b>

The table below sets out exits by household type in Quarter 1 2023<sup>2</sup>.

<b>Households exiting emergency accommodation by household and tenancy type</b>		
	<b>Single Households</b>	<b>Family Households</b>
Local authority lettings	81	77
AHB lettings/LTSA	137	64
Private rented including HAP	116	74
<b>Total</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>215</b>

### **Adults Prevented From Entering Emergency Accommodation**

778 adults were prevented from entering emergency accommodation across Quarter 1, an increase of 118 (18%) on the same period last year.

<b>Adults prevented from entering emergency accommodation</b>		
	<b>Q1 2022</b>	<b>Q1 2023</b>
Local authority lettings	54 (8%)	155 (20%)
AHB lettings/LTSA	70 (11%)	115 (15%)
Private rented HAP	536 (81%)	508 (65%)
	<b>660</b>	<b>778</b>

The table below sets out the number of preventions from entering emergency accommodation by region in Quarter 1 2023.

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<sup>2</sup> A small minority of the individuals listed as 'single' households in this context are actually couples without children so the number of 'single' households may be slightly overstated.

<b>Adults prevented from entering emergency accommodation by region</b>		
<b>Region</b>	<b>Q1 2022</b>	<b>Q1 2023</b>
Dublin	383	370
Mid-East	19	45
Midlands	42	59
Mid-West	24	29
North-East	11	52
North-West	12	12
South-East	94	96
South-West	53	65
West	22	50
<b>Totals</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>778</b>

The table below sets out preventions from entering emergency accommodation by household type in Quarter 1 2023.

<b>Households prevented from entering emergency accommodation by household and tenancy type</b>		
	<b>Single Households</b>	<b>Family Households</b>
Local authority lettings	52	64
AHB lettings/LTSA	76	21
Private rented including HAP	207	221
	335	306

### **National Family Presentations, Preventions and Exits**

As a result of an enhanced level of data now being reported in regional performance reports, the Department can now provide data on family presentations, preventions and exits. The data provided show that:

- The total number of families presenting has fallen by 8% when compared to the same period last year (from 729 to 669);
- The net number of new families entering emergency accommodation has decreased by 22% when compared to the same period last year (from 466 to 363);
- The number of families prevented from entering emergency accommodation by means of a social housing support has increased by 16% when compared to the same period last year (from 263 to 306).

The table below outlines the homeless presentations, preventions and exits at a national level.

<b>Month</b>	<b>Total families Presenting</b>	<b>Less families prevented from entering emergency accommodation</b>	<b><u>Net</u> new families entering emergency accommodation</b>	<b>Families leaving emergency accommodation</b>
Q1 2022	729	263	466	205
Q1 2023	669	306	363	215

### **Length of Stay in Emergency Accommodation**

The performance reports provide data on the length of time spent in emergency accommodation. Reporting on length of stay has been revised as of this quarter: data is now reported as six-monthly bands ranging from less than six months to more than two years and is also disaggregated by household type. These bands refer to consecutive stays in emergency accommodation and are based on a point-in-time count, informed by emergency accommodation usage on the last night in the quarter.

**Duration of stays by Single Households in Emergency Accommodation as of the last night in the Quarter (31/03/2023)**

Monthly bands	Dublin	Mid East	Mid West	Midland	North East	North West	South East	South West	West	Total
0-6	1,829	87	175	47	49	41	104	229	124	<b>2,685</b>
6-12	771	100	46	33	34	23	29	74	14	<b>1,124</b>
12-18	478	44	30	16	10	15	20	51	14	<b>678</b>
18-24	274	27	9	1	3	2	14	33	7	<b>370</b>
24+	609	36	33	5	13	8	18	46	38	<b>806</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>3,961</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>433</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>5,663</b>

**Duration of stays by Family Households in Emergency Accommodation as of the last night in the Quarter (31/03/2023)**

Monthly bands	Dublin	Mid East	Mid West	Midland	North East	North West	South East	South West	West	Total
0-6	387	39	47	17	18	7	15	51	15	<b>596</b>
6-12	300	30	25	17	11	3	2	23	26	<b>437</b>
12-18	205	11	11	3	0	4	1	4	15	<b>254</b>
18-24	118	2	4	0	0	0	1	2	12	<b>139</b>
24+	206	2	1	0	1	0	0	2	25	<b>237</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,216</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>1,663</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. A new National Implementation Plan, which provides for a further 1,319 tenancies covering the period 2022-2026, was published in December 2021. In Quarter 1, 60 new Housing First tenancies commenced. 309 tenancies have been established under the current National

Implementation Plan. 871 individuals are currently in a Housing First tenancy. The table below sets out:

- The total number of Housing First tenancies created in each region in Q1 2023;
- The total number of individuals in a Housing First tenancy at the end of Quarter 1 (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 (2022-2026).

<b>Region</b>	<b>Total tenancies created in Q1 2023</b>	<b>Total number of individuals currently in a tenancy</b>	<b>Total number of tenancies created under current Plan 2022-2026</b>
Dublin	26	472	129
Mid-East	4	65	34
Midlands	3	39	18
Mid-West	2	32	15
North-East	3	38	13
North-West	1	26	7
South-East	6	83	28
South-West	8	68	46
West	7	48	19
<b>Total</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>871</b>	<b>309</b>



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