

Homelessness Quarterly Progress Report (April to June 2019)

Background

The annually agreed protocols between the Department and the nine regional lead authorities provide for submission of performance reports on a quarterly basis. These reports provide data in relation to exits to tenancies. In addition, the Department collates data on a monthly basis regarding the number of homeless persons accommodated in all forms of emergency accommodation funded and overseen by housing authorities. These reports are based on data provided by housing authorities and are produced through the Pathway Accommodation & Support System (PASS). The monthly reports outline the number of individuals accommodated in emergency accommodation over a designated survey week, including a breakdown by local authority.

The report below summarises the position at the end of Quarter 2 and takes account of both monthly statistics and quarterly performance reports submitted to the Department by local authorities.

Exits from Homelessness

The quarterly performance reports include details on the numbers of individuals exiting homelessness to independent tenancies. Note that exits include both exits from emergency accommodation and persons who have been assessed as homeless but have not entered emergency accommodation e.g. HAP preventions through homeless HAP.

In summary:

- 1,424 adults and their associated dependents exited homelessness into independent tenancies in the 2nd Quarter of 2019. This is up 21% on the comparable period last year when 1,179 exits were achieved.
- In the first six months of 2019, 2,825 adults and their associated dependents exited homelessness into homes. This is a 21% increase on the numbers recorded at the same point in 2018.
- Of the total number of exits from homelessness in the first six month of 2019, 532 were to local authority lettings, or 19% of total exits over the period - up 52% on the total exits to local authority lettings (351) over corresponding period in 2018.

- The total number of exits to private rental tenancies was 1,883 or 67% in the first six months of 2019 compared to 1,691 in 2018 (73%).

Exits from Homelessness - Quarterly Comparison 2018-2019						
	Q1 2018	Q2 2018	Total Q1 & Q2 2018	Q1 2019	Q2 2019	Total Q1 & Q2 2019
Local Authority Lettings	190 (16%)	161 (14%)	351 (15%)	258 (18%)	274 (19%)	532 (19%)
AHB Lettings/Long Term Supported Accommodation	159 (14%)	131 (11%)	290 (12%)	208 (15%)	202 (14%)	410 (14%)
Private Rental Market	804 (70%)	887 (75%)	1,691 (73%)	935 (67%)	948 (67%)	1,883 (67%)
Totals	1,153	1,179	2,332	1,401	1,424	2,825

Exits from Homelessness - Quarterly Comparison 2018-2019			
	Total Q1 & Q2 2018	Total Q1 & Q2 2019	Difference (Percentage Increase)
Local Authority Lettings	351 (15%)	532 (19%)	181 (52%)
AHB Lettings/Long Term Supported Accommodation	290 (12%)	410 (14%)	120 (41%)
Private Rental Market	1,691 (73%)	1,883 (67%)	192 (11%)
Totals	2,332	2,825	493 (21%)

The total exits achieved by each region are set out in the table

Region	Exits
Dublin	1,940
Mid-East	66
Midland	73

Mid-West	136
North-East	49
North-West	64
South-East	105
South-West	241
West	151
Total	2,825

For comparative purposes, the table below shows the number of persons accessing emergency accommodation nationally over the first six months of 2019.

	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	June-19
Adults	6,363	6,480	6,484	6,584	6,504	6,497
Dependents	3,624	3,784	3,821	3,794	3,749	3,675
Total	9,987	10,264	10,305	10,378	10,253	10,172
Families	1,614	1,707	1,733	1,729	1,700	1,686

Family Homelessness in Dublin Region

Family Presentations, Preventions and Exits (Dublin only)

The table below shows information on family presentations to homeless services in the Dublin region, the number of preventions achieved, the number of new families entering emergency accommodation and the number of families exiting emergency accommodation.

Analysis of data at end Q2 shows that:

- Family presentations have fallen by 5% compared to the same period in 2018. The number of families entering emergency accommodation has also fallen over the same period, by 8.3%.
- To date in 2019, 51% of families presenting to homeless services in the Dublin region were prevented from having to enter emergency accommodation.
- At the mid-point of 2019, 467 families have exited emergency accommodation in Dublin into a tenancy. This is a 45% increase on the 323 family exits achieved during the same period in 2018.

Duration of stay in Emergency Accommodation (Dublin)

Previously published durational data has been sourced from the quarterly performance reports and is presented solely on a less than or more than six months basis. As part of the Departments commitment to producing better data, DRHE has been assisting by providing an enhanced dataset in respect of the Dublin region which allows us to consider the number of total adults, single adults, families, and the adults and dependants in these families, broken down into six month durational bands. When combined, the following picture emerges:

Duration of stay in EA on 30 June 2019 by 6 month band

	Single adults	Families	Adults in families	Dependants	Total
24 months +	620 (26%)	181 (15%)	244	378	1,242 (18%)
18-24 months	175 (7%)	156 (13%)	232	341	748 (11%)
12-18 months	267 (11%)	204 (17%)	297	479	1,043 (15%)
6-12 months	437 (18%)	245 (20%)	360	564	1,361 (20%)
0-6 months	889 (37%)	449 (36%)	643	875	2,407 (35%)
	2388	1235	1776	2637	6,801

Housing First

In line with the Housing First National Implementation Plan 2018 – 2021, the eight homeless regions outside Dublin are being supported by the Department, the HSE and the National Director of Housing First to roll out the programme nationwide. The Dublin Region Housing First Service has housed 317 homeless individuals to end Quarter 2 2019, of which 88% have successfully retained housing. Housing First services have commenced in Cork, Limerick and Galway. Four tenancies have been created in Limerick since the service commenced in March and three tenancies in Cork since April. Galway and Waterford are expected to have their first tenancies in place shortly . Tender processes are underway nationally for the provision of the health and housing supports in the remaining four regions.

Homelessness and Housing Inclusion Supports