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# **Summary Analysis of Homelessness Quarterly Performance Reports - Quarter 4 2019**

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### **Background**

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

Following submission of Quarter 4 quarterly performance reports the Department has conducted an analysis of the data. An analysis of the financial reports will be completed following receipt of the reports from the lead authorities.

### **Analysis of Performance Report data for Quarter 4 2019**

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

### **Exits from Homelessness**

During Quarter 4, a total of 1,582 adults and their dependents exited homelessness into tenancies. This is a 14% increase on the comparable period last year when 1,383 exits were achieved. It is also the highest number of exits recorded in any single quarter since 2016.

Overall in 2019, a total of 5,971 exits from homelessness were achieved. This represented a 16% increase on the 5,135 exits achieved in 2018. The exits in 2019 included:

- 1,199 exits to local authority owned properties, up 49% on the corresponding period in 2018;
- 954 exits to Approved Housing Body (AHB) lettings or Long Term Supported Accommodation, up 44% on the corresponding period in 2018; and

- 3,818 exits to the private rental market up 4% on the corresponding period in 2018.

The table below sets out the number of exits by tenancy type for each Quarter and cumulatively for the year.

<b>Exits from Homelessness by Quarter 2019</b>					
	<b>Q1 2019</b>	<b>Q2 2019</b>	<b>Q3 2019</b>	<b>Q4 2019</b>	<b>Total 2019</b>
Local authority lettings	258 (18%)	274 (19%)	341 (22%)	326 (20%)	1,199 (20%)
AHB lettings/LSTA	208 (15%)	202 (14%)	281 (18%)	263 (17%)	954 (16%)
Private rental market	935 (67%)	948 (67%)	942 (60%)	993 (63%)	3,818 (64%)
	1,401	1,424	1,564	1,582	5,971

The table below sets out exits from homelessness for each region by quarter and cumulatively for 2019.

<b>Exits from Homelessness by Region in 2019</b>					
<b>Region</b>	<b>Q1 2019</b>	<b>Q2 2019</b>	<b>Q3 2019</b>	<b>Q4 2019</b>	<b>Total 2019</b>
Dublin	1,016	924	1,130	1,068	4,138
Mid-East	31	35	42	64	172
Midlands	31	42	43	52	168
Mid-West	57	79	111	121	368
North-East	17	32	20	34	103
North-West	35	29	20	44	128
South-East	55	50	24	42	171
South-West	115	126	116	120	477
West	44	107	58	37	246
Totals	1,401	1,424	1,564	1,582	5,971

The table below sets out the number of exits from homelessness achieved by tenancy type each year since 2016.

All Regions	2019		2018		2017		2016	
	No of Exits	%	No of Exits	%	No of Exits	%	No. of Exits	%
Local Authority Lettings	1,199	20%	804	16%	1,063	22%	831	27%
AHB Lettings/Long Term Supported	954	16%	662	13%	938	20%	596	19%
Private Rental Market	3,818	64%	3,669	71%	2,728	58%	1,652	54%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5,971</b>		<b>5,135</b>		<b>4,729</b>		<b>3,079</b>	

The graph below shows the total number of exits by Quarter since 2016. The number of exits (1,582) in Quarter 4 2019 is the highest recorded in any single quarter since 2016.



## 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. The data provided shows that in 2019:

- Family presentations in the Dublin region have fallen by 11% in 2019 in comparison to 2018 (from 2,287 to 2,038);
- The number of families entering emergency accommodation has also fallen over the same time period, by 7.3% (from 1,112 to 1,031);
- Of the families presenting to homeless services in the Dublin Region, 49.4% were prevented from having to enter emergency accommodation; and
- 1,113 families have exited emergency accommodation into a tenancy, a 43% increase on the 778 family exits achieved in the Dublin region in 2018.

The table below sets out the number of family presentations, preventions and exits in the Dublin Region in 2019.

Month	Total families Presenting	Less families prevented from entering emergency accommodation	Net new families entering emergency accommodation	Families leaving emergency accommodation
Jan-19	188	96	92	97
Feb-19	208	106	102	56
Mar-19	173	91	82	84
Apr-19	193	99	94	92
May-19	137	70	67	75
Jun-19	139	68	71	63
Jul-19	221	97	124	116
Aug-19	187	84	103	112
Sep-19	169	67	102	102
Oct-19	158	73	85	107
Nov-19	146	81	65	111
Dec-19	119	75	44	98
2019 Total	<b>2,038</b>	<b>1,007</b>	<b>1,031</b>	<b>1,113</b>

## Length of Stay in Emergency Accommodation

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 2019, 42% of individuals had been accessing emergency accommodation for less than six months, while 58% had been accessing emergency accommodation for more than six months. The performance reports show that Dublin has the largest proportion of adults in emergency accommodation for longer than 6 months (63%). The North West Region (Sligo, Leitrim, Donegal) has the lowest percentage of adults in emergency accommodation for over 6 months (32%).

The table below includes a breakdown for each region.

	< 6 months		> 6 Months	
	No. of Individual Adults	%	No of Individual Adults	%
Dublin	1,578	37%	2,699	63%
Mid-East	165	55%	135	45%
Midlands	46	51%	45	49%
Mid West	205	63%	118	37%
North East	72	59%	51	41%
North West	34	68%	16	32%
South East	126	59%	87	41%
South West	181	47%	208	53%
West	161	44%	204	56%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2,568</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>3,563</b>	<b>58%</b>

## Dublin region duration of stay in emergency accommodation

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 on 31 December 2019.

	<b>Families</b>	<b>Adults in Families</b>	<b>Dependants</b>
24+ months	184 (16%)	276 (16%)	443 (17%)
18-24 months	132 (11%)	184 (11%)	325 (13%)
12-18 months	165 (14%)	243 (15%)	426 (17%)
6-12 months	274 (24%)	394 (23%)	585 (23%)
Under 6 months	406 (35%)	588 (35%)	770 (30%)
	1,161	1,685	2,549

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