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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. 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 2020. 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 2 2020.

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 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 1,467 adults and their dependants exited homelessness into tenancies. This is a 3% increase on the comparable period last year when 1,424 exits were achieved. The exits in Quarter 2 included:

- 309 exits to local authority owned properties, up 13% on the corresponding period in 2019;
- 249 exits to Approved Housing Body (AHB) lettings or Long Term Supported Accommodation, up 23% on the corresponding period in 2019; and
- 909 exits to the private rental market down 4% on the corresponding period in 2019.

In the year to date, a total of 3,033 exits from homelessness have been achieved. This is a 7% increase on the numbers recorded at the same point in 2019 when 2,825 exits were achieved. Of the total number of exits from homelessness in the first six months of 2020:

- 644 exits were to local authority owned properties, up 21% on the corresponding period in 2019;
- 556 exits were to Approved Housing Body (AHB) lettings or Long Term Supported Accommodation, up 36% on the corresponding period in 2019; and
- 1,833 exits were to the private rental market down almost 3% on the corresponding period in 2019.

The table below sets out the number of exits by tenancy type for Quarter 1 and 2 2020

Exits from Homelessness by Tenancy Type		
	Q1 2020¹	Q2 2020
Local authority lettings	335 (21%)	309 (21%)
AHB lettings/LSTA	307(17%)	249 (17%)
Private rental market	924 (63%)	909 (62%)
	1,566	1,467

The following table sets out exits from homelessness for each region in Quarter 2 and the cumulative total exits to date in 2020.

¹ Subsequent to publication of Homeless Quarterly Progress Report for Quarter 1 2020 the Dublin Regional Homeless Executive submitted revised data in respect of exits by tenancy type. The revisions notified have been reflected in Q1 data above.

Exits from Homelessness by Region in 2020		
Region	Exits achieved in Q2 2020	Exits to Date 2020
Dublin	1,090	2,278
Mid-East	58	107
Midlands	19	47
Mid-West	69	109
North-East	56	99
North-West	16	24
South-East	7	19
South-West	105	244
West	47	106
Totals	1,467	3,033

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 2 2020:

- Family presentations in the Dublin region were down 38% on the corresponding period in 2019 (from 469 to 292). To the end of Quarter 2, family presentations are down 27% on the corresponding period in 2019 (from 1,038 to 757);
- The number of families entering emergency accommodation in the Dublin region was down 58% on the corresponding period in 2019 (from 232 to 98). To the end of Quarter 2, the number of families entering emergency accommodation was down 38% compared to the same period in 2019 (508 to 314);
- Of the families presenting to homeless services in the Dublin Region, 66% were prevented from having to enter emergency accommodation by way of a tenancy having been created. To the end of Quarter 2, 59% 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 334 families exited emergency accommodation into a tenancy in Quarter 2, a 45% increase on the 230 family exits achieved in the Dublin region in the corresponding period in 2019. To the end of Quarter 2, 684 families had exited emergency accommodation into a tenancy, a 46% increase on the corresponding period in 2019.

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-20	171	77	94	106
Feb-20	171	91	80	146
Mar-20	123	81	42	98
Apr-20	76	62	14	122
May-20	87	62	25	140
Jun-20	129	70	59	72
2020 YTD	757	443	314	684

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 Quarter 2, 38% of individuals had been accessing emergency accommodation for less than six months, while 62% had been accessing emergency accommodation for more than six months. The performance report shows that the Dublin region has the highest largest proportion of adults in emergency accommodation for longer than 6 months (67%), with the West (Galway, Mayo and Roscommon) having the second largest proportion (61%). The

North West Region (Sligo, Leitrim, Donegal) has the lowest percentage of adults in emergency accommodation for over 6 months (31%). The table below includes a breakdown for each region.

	< 6 months		> 6 Months	
	No. of Individual Adults	%	Amount	%
Dublin	1,225	33%	2,485	67%
Mid-East	143	47%	163	53%
Midland	48	52%	45	48%
Mid West	146	51%	138	49%
North East	35	40%	53	60%
North West	46	69%	21	31%
South East	101	53%	91	47%
South West	210	50%	214	50%
West	122	39%	188	61%
Totals	2,076	38%	3,398	62%

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 2 2020.

	Families	Adults in Families	Dependants
24+ months	162 (19%)	238 (19%)	430 (22%)
18-24 months	106 (13%)	159 (13%)	294 (15%)
12-18 months	133 (16%)	202 (16%)	308 (16%)
6-12 months	201 (24%)	300 (24%)	433 (22%)
Under 6 months	240 (28%)	344 (28%)	470 (24%)
	842	1,243	1,935

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 in Quarter 2 and the total number of tenancies in place at the end of the Quarter 2 2020.

Region	Number of individuals entering Housing First tenancy in Q2 2020	Numbers of individuals in Housing First tenancies at end of Q2 2020
Dublin	8	325
Mid-East	3	10
Midlands	4	8
Mid-West	6	16
North-East	3	11
North West	3	9
South-East	6	50
South-West	4	11
West	2	9
Total	39	449

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