

Families

A REPORT ON THE 2016 AND 2017 FAMILIES WHO EXPERIENCED HOMELESSNESS IN THE DUBLIN REGION

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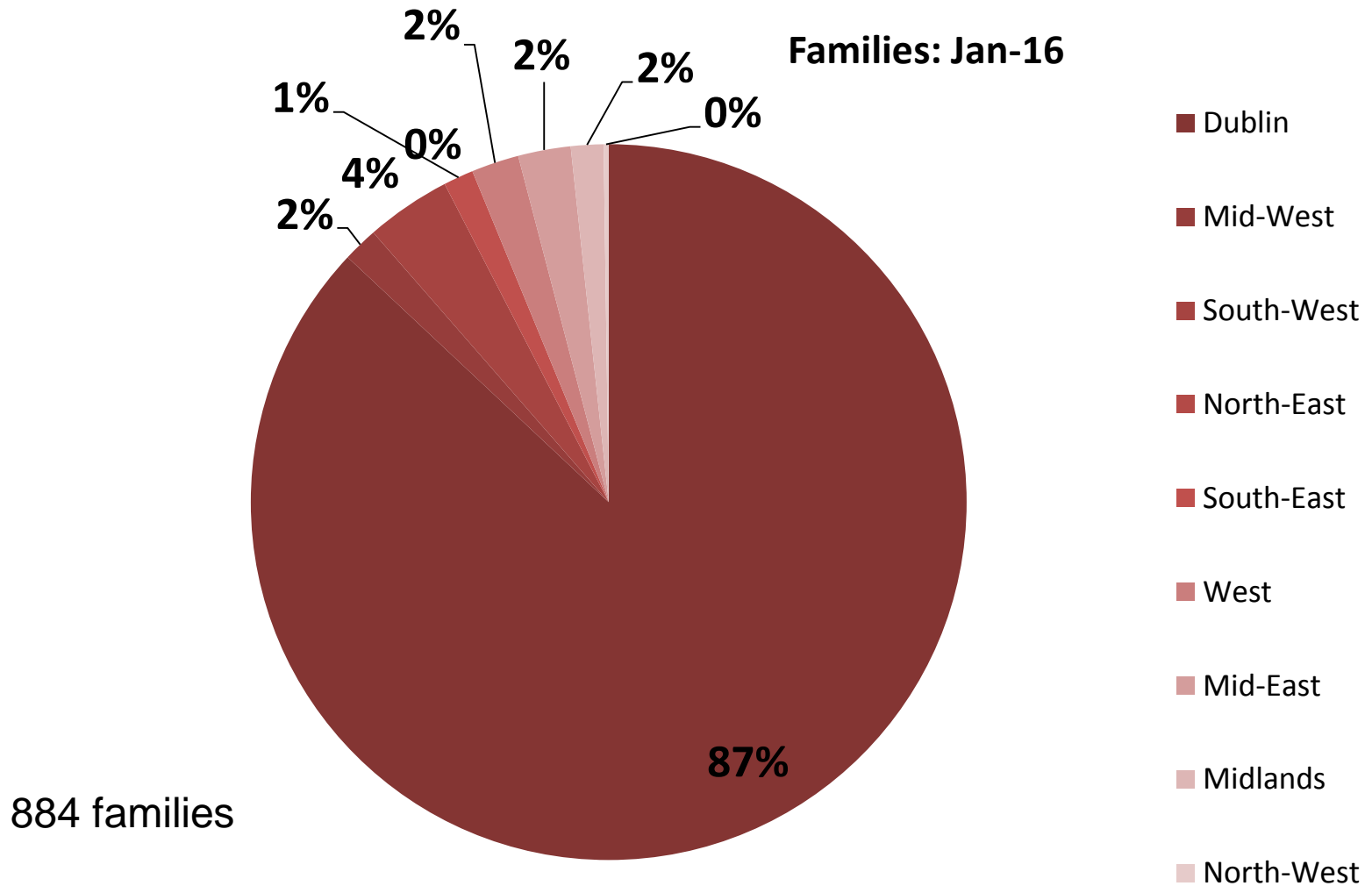
Presentation outline

- National family growth over 2016 and 2017
- Dublin's response: increased tenancies
- Report:
 - Reasons for family homelessness
 - Demographics – which families most susceptible to homelessness?
 - 2016 families: status May 2017
 - 2016 families: status Feb 2018
 - 2017 families: status Feb 2018
- Conclusion

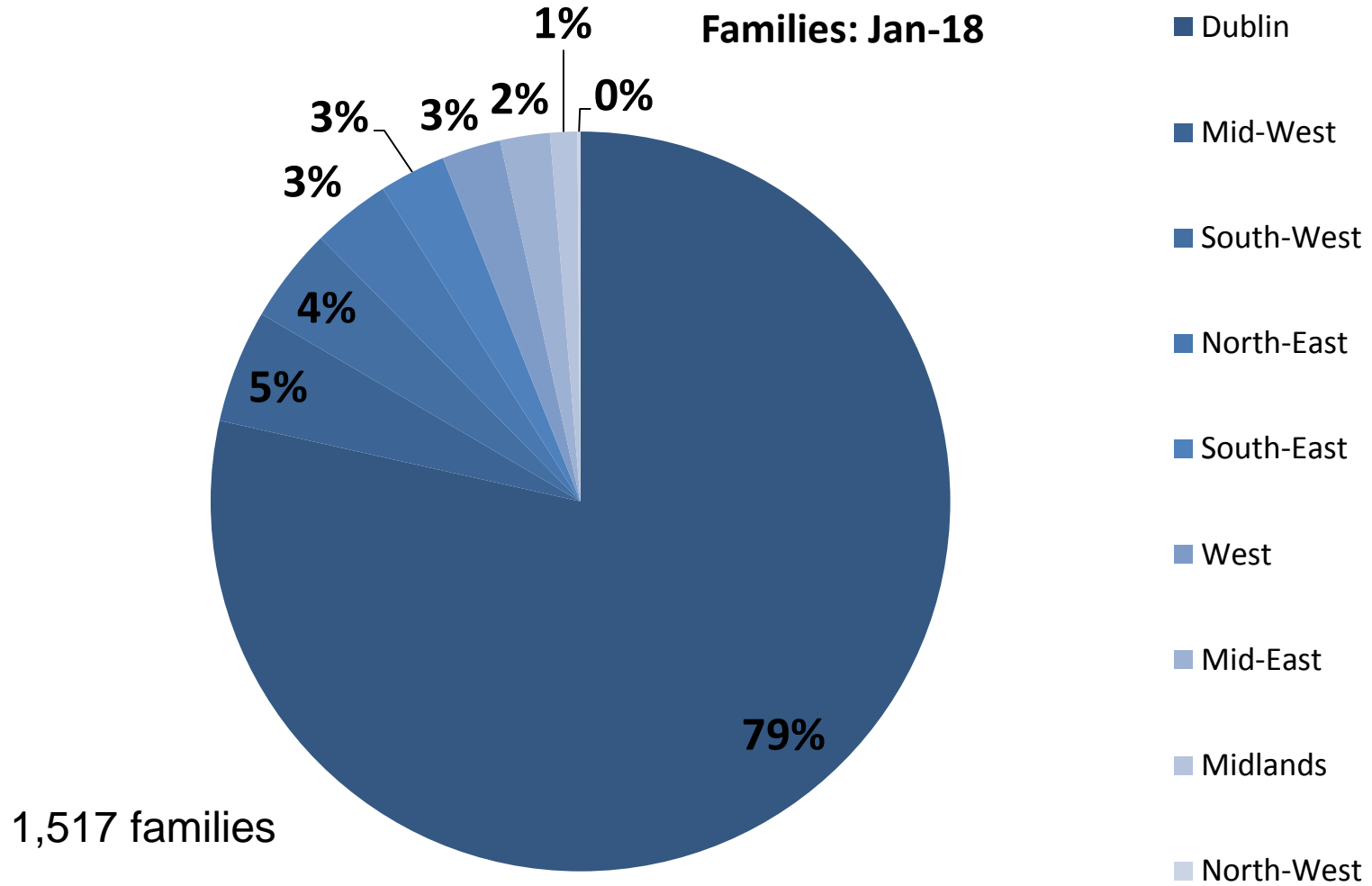
Growth in family homeless nationally

Number of families	Jan-16	Jan-18	Increase	Percentage Increase
Dublin	769	1191	422	55%
Mid-West	14	75	61	436%
South-West	34	63	29	85%
North-East	0	52	52	100%
South-East	12	44	32	267%
West	19	39	20	105%
Mid-East	21	33	12	57%
Midlands	13	18	5	38%
North-West	2	2	0	0%
Total	884	1,517	633	

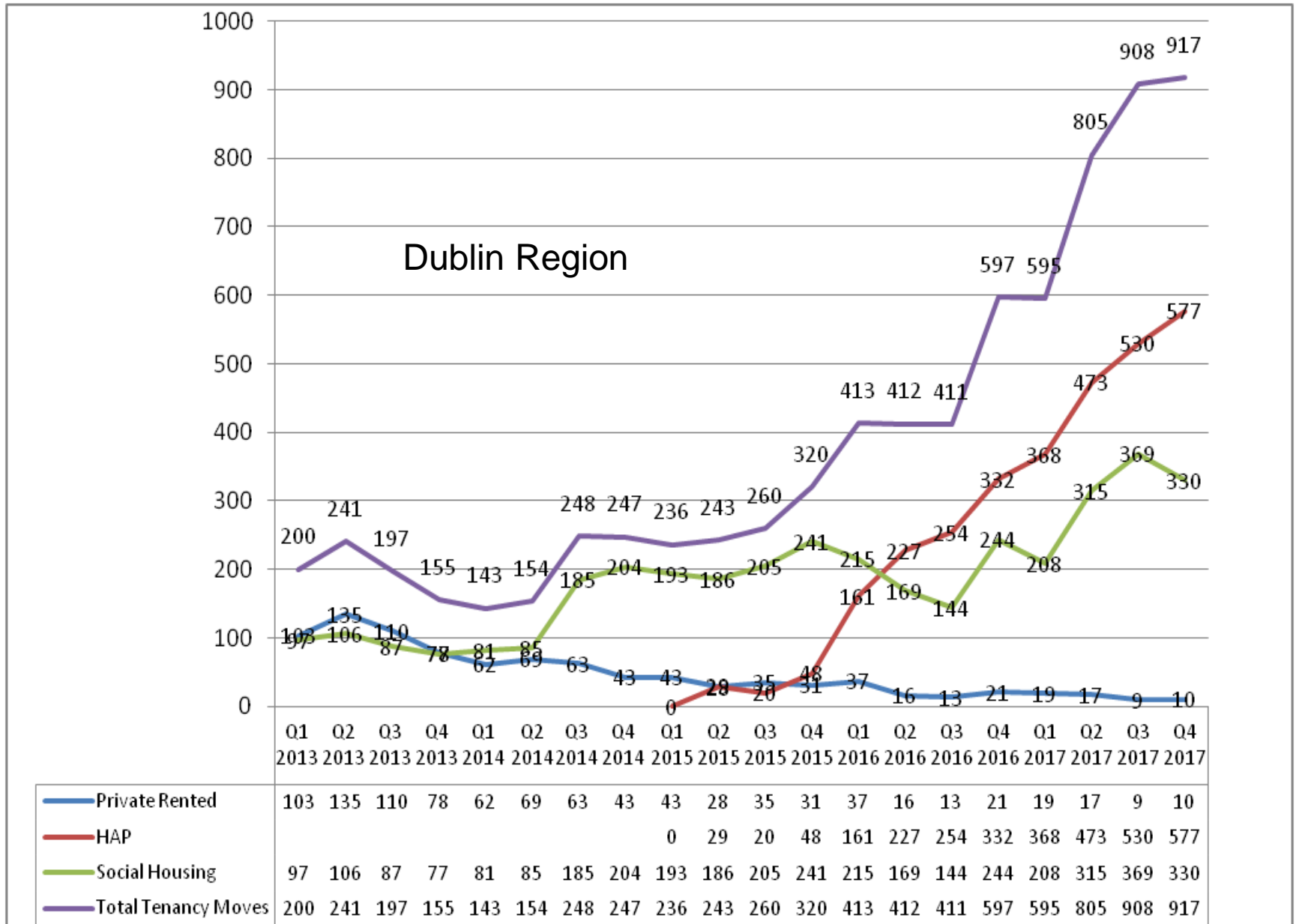
National: Family homelessness January 2016



National: Family homelessness January 2018



Number of exits to tenancies and tenancy type:



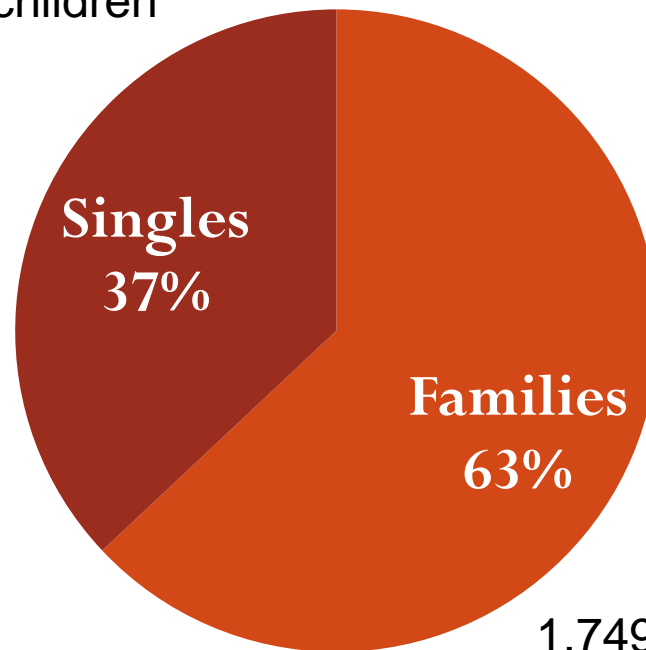
Tenancy Breakdown

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Private Rented	426	237	137	87	55
HAP	0	0	97	974	1,948
Social Housing	367	555	825	772	1,222
Total number of adults moved to tenancies	793	792	1,059	1,833	3,225

Tenancy Breakdown 2017

Household Type: families vs. singles

911 single/couples no children



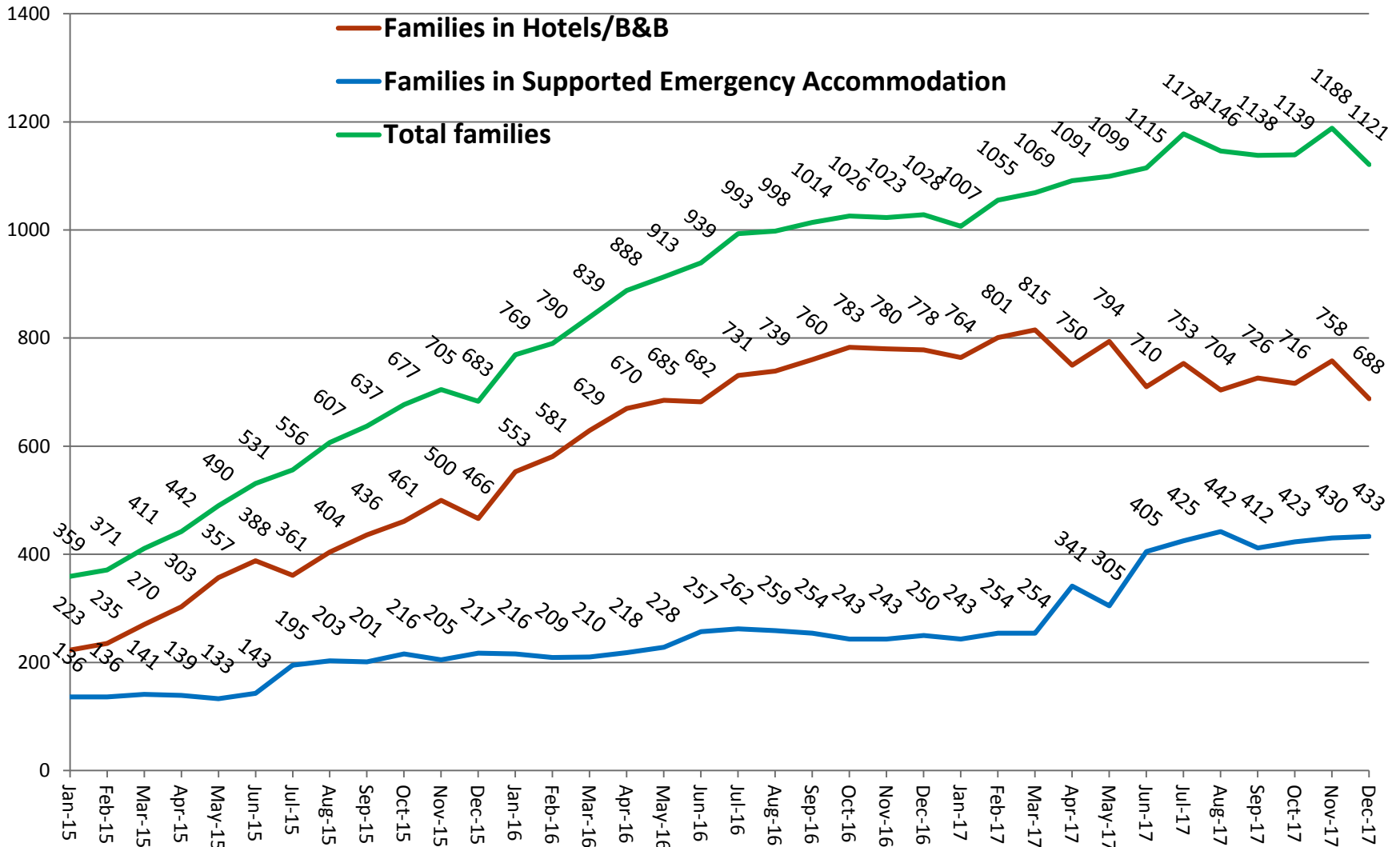
1,749 singles/couples with children

New families rate of presentation increasing

- Average Monthly Presentation 2015 = 65
 - Total net increase in families over the year (presentations – departures) = 352
- Average Monthly Presentation 2016 = 75
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- Average Monthly Presentation 2017 = 81 (& 67 prevention)
 - Total net increase in families over the year (presentations – departures) = 93

Family Accommodation Type in Dublin Region

(Monthly – based on a single week’s activity)



Family report: Analysis of the newly homeless families accommodated in the Dublin Region's homeless services in 2017

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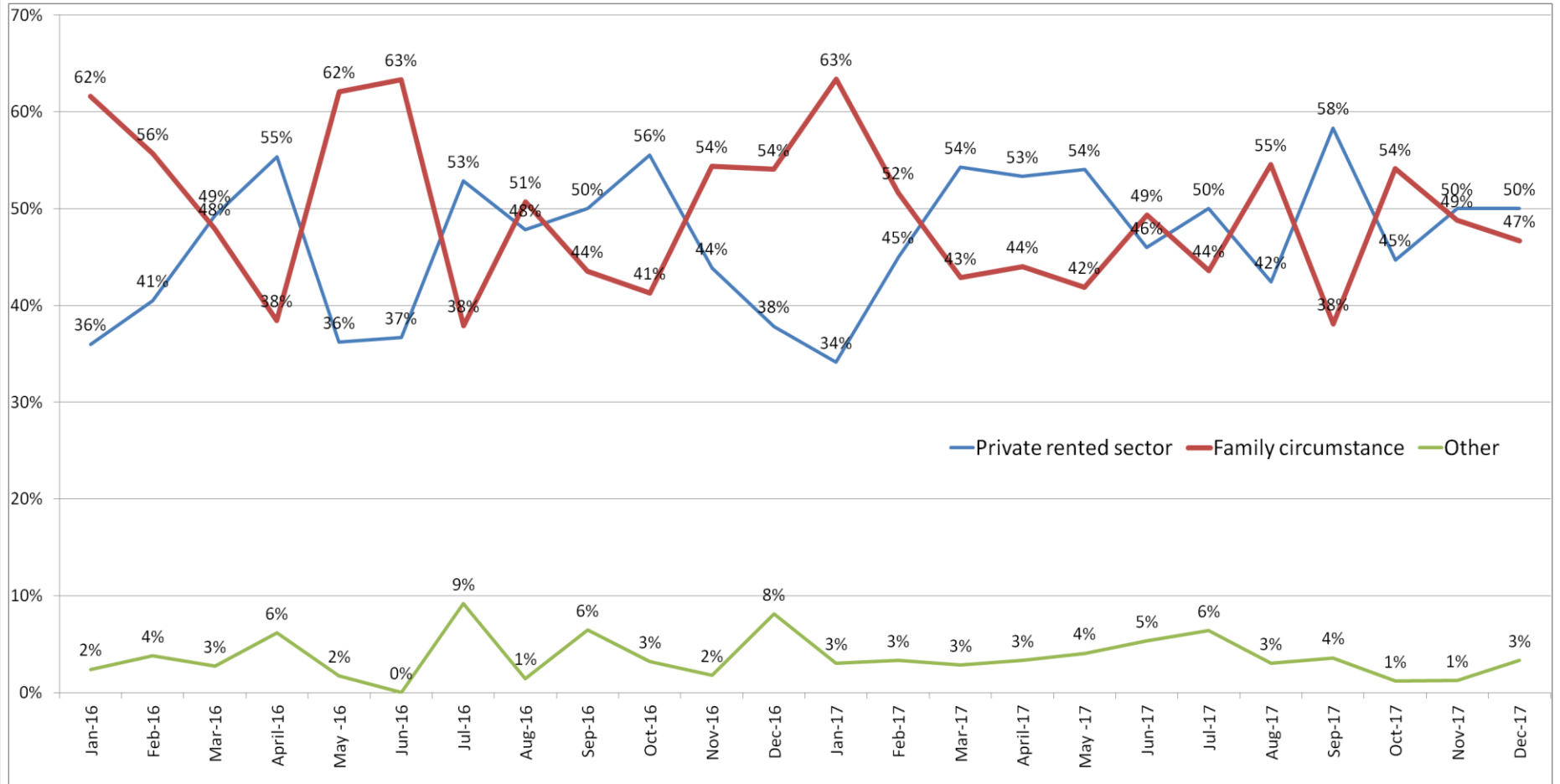
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Objective of the report

- Number of new families accessing emergency accommodation
- Primary reasons for homelessness
- Demographic information: are there some families that are more susceptible to homelessness than others?
- Progression through services
 - Where families move to
 - How long it takes them to move

Reasons for family homelessness



Reasons for family homelessness

	2016		2017	
Private Rented Sector				
Notice to Quit - <i>General</i>	219	45%	265	48%
- <i>Invalid notice/Illegal eviction</i>	5		5	
- <i>Landlords family use</i>	15		12	
- <i>Property to be sold</i>	49		64	
- <i>Landlords bankrupt/receivership</i>	11		9	
- <i>Tenant Rent Arrears/Rent increase</i>	33		42	
- <i>Tenant anti social behaviour</i>	2		3	
- <i>Repairs or renovations</i>	8		13	
Unsuitable accommodation	13		7	
Expiry of lease	3		3	
Parental family home sold	3	4		
Rented property secured but fell through	1	-		
New/Return to Dublin – unable to afford rent	9	19		
Family Circumstance				
Relationship breakdown - <i>General</i>	127	51%	115	49%
- <i>Parent</i>	127		115	
- <i>Partner</i>	50		51	
Overcrowding	95		102	
Family reunification	5	9		
General Family Circumstance	23	56		
Other				
Evicted from social housing	5	4%	2	3%
Property repossessed	3		-	
No income source	10		12	
Voluntarily left property without NTQ	5		3	
Victim of anti social behaviour	14		13	
Subtotal	835	100%	925	100%
<i>Insufficient information</i>	67	-	51	-
Total	902	-	976	-

Family Demographics: 2016 & 2017 families

- Lone Parent



- DRHE: 2016: 66%
2017: 65%

- CSO 2016: 24%

- Two Parent



- DRHE: 2016: 34%
2017: 35%

- CSO 2016: 76%

Family Demographics: 2016 vs 2017 families

- Family size:

Table 9: 2016-2017 comparison – number of children in family units

Number of children	New families who accessed EA in Dublin Region, 2016	New families who accessed EA in Dublin Region, 2017
1 Child	46%	45%
2 Children	28%	28%
3 Children	12%	16%
4+ Children	14%	11%
Total	100%	100%

N=878

N=971

- CSO 2016: Families with four or more children: 7%

Family Demographics: 2016 vs 2017 families

2016-2017 comparison – age groups of adults

Age groups	Age groups of adults newly accessing EA, 2016	Age groups of adults newly accessing EA, 2017
<24	24%	23%
25-29	24%	23%
30-34	20%	19%
35-39	12%	13%
40-44	10%	11%
45+	10%	11%
Total	100%	100%

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Family Demographics: 2016 vs 2017 families

2016-2017 comparison – age groups of children

Age groups	Age groups of children newly accessing EA, 2016	Age groups of children newly accessing EA, 2017
<1	4%	5%
1-3	30%	28%
4-11	42%	43%
12-17	17%	17%
18+	7%	7%
Total	100%	100%

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Family Demographics: 2016 vs 2017 families

2016-2017 comparison – nationalities of families

Nationality	New families who accessed EA in Dublin Region, 2016	New families who accessed EA in Dublin Region, 2017
Irish	68%	67%
EU	9%	12%
Non EU	23%	21%
Total	100%	100%

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CSO 2016: Non-Irish National = 12% population

Families more susceptible to homelessness

- Over representation of:
 - Lone parent families
 - Parents with four children or more
 - Parents that are non-Irish nationals

Where are the 2016 families in May 2017?

5 months after year end:

- Where are the families on May 31st 2017?
- Families presented between 5 and 17 months previously (i.e. between January and December 2016)

Family Progression through homelessness: 2016 families

2016 families		
Accommodation status	Reported status May 31st 2017	Percentage of families
Departed to tenancy	288	32%
No departure reason	149	17%
Still in emergency accommodation	433	48%
Returned to emergency accommodation	-	-
Insufficient information available	32	3%
Total	902	100%

Family Progression through homelessness: 2016 families

2016 famil	
Type of tenancy	Moves to tenancy as of May 31st 2017
Housing Assistance Payment	204
Local Authority Housing	51
Approved Housing Body	33
<i>Total</i>	288

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Duration in emergency accommodation prior to departure: 2016 families

No longer using emergency accommodation – no departure reason reported (n=149) May 31st 2017

2016 FAMILIES		
Departed as of May 31st 2017		
Duration accessing services	Number of families	Percentage of families
Up to 6 nights	41	28%
1-4 weeks	33	22%
1-5 months	54	36%
6-11 months	18	12%
12+ months	3	2%
Total	149	100%

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Duration in emergency accommodation; 2016 families

Table 15: Families still in emergency accommodation by month of presentation as of May 31st 2017

Month of presentation	Number of presentations per month	Number of families still in EA as of May 31st 2017	Percentage of families still in EA as of May 31st 2017
January '16	125	57	46%
February '16	83	40	48%
March '16	84	27	32%
April '16	74	35	47%
May '16	64	29	45%
June '16	72	31	43%
July '16	97	49	51%
August '16	72	36	50%
September '16	65	32	49%
October '16	67	35	52%
November '16	60	38	63%
December '16	39	24	62%
Total	902	433	(Average) 48%

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Split between:

families who have left
emergency
accommodation (49%)

and those who are still
in emergency
accommodation (48%)

Where are the 2016 families in February 2018?

14 months after year end:

- Where are the families on February 28th 2018?
- Families presented between 14 and 26 months previously (i.e. between January and December 2016)

Family Progression through homelessness at February 28th 2018: 2016 families

2016 families				
Accommodation status	Reported status May 31 st 2017	Percentage of families	Updated status February 28 th 2018	Percentage of families
Departed to tenancy	288	32%	487	54%
No departure reason	149	17%	161	18%
Still in emergency accommodation	433	48%	210	23%
Returned to emergency accommodation	-	-	16	2%
Insufficient information available	32	3%	28	3%
Total	902	100%	902	100%

Family Progression through homelessness at February 28th
2018: 2016 families

2016 families				
Type of tenancy	Moves to tenancy as of May 31st 2017	Unsustained tenancies	Additional moves to tenancy	Total moves to tenancy as of Feb 28th 2018
Housing Assistance Payment	204	(-4)	19	219
Local Authority Housing	51	-	115	166
Approved Housing Body	33	(-2)	71	102
Total	288	(-6)	205	487

Duration in emergency accommodation prior to departure to tenancy at
February 28th 2018: 2016 families

Table 29: 2016 families - type of tenancy and average duration in emergency accommodation prior to departure as of February 28th 2018

2016 families			
Tenancies secured as of February 28th 2018		Average duration in emergency accommodation	
Tenancy type	Number of tenancies	Average no. of months	Average no. of days
Homeless Housing Assistance Payment	219	5	151
Local Authority Housing	166	15	454
Approved Housing Body	102	14	436
All tenancy types	487 tenancies	10 months	314 days

Duration in emergency accommodation prior to departure to tenancy
at February 28th 2018: 2016 families

Table 30: 2016 families – duration in emergency accommodation prior to departure to tenancy as of February 28th 2018

2016 families			
Duration in emergency accommodation	Families departed to tenancy as of February 28th 2018 - %		
	Homeless Housing Assistance Payment	Local Authority Housing	Approved Housing Body
Less than 6 months	67%	8%	5%
6-11 months	26%	16%	24%
12-17 months	6.5%	45%	46%
18-24 months	0.5%	31%	25%
Total	100% (n=219)	100% (n=166)	100% (n=102)

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Insufficient information available	32	3%	28	3%
Total	902	100%	902	100%

Duration in emergency accommodation prior to departure with no reason at February 28th 2018: 2016 families

2016 FAMILIES		
Duration accessing services	No. of families May 31st 2017	No. of families February 28th 2018
Up to 6 nights	41	40
1-4 weeks	33	28
1-5 months	54	55
6-11 months	18	21
12+ months	3	17
Total	149	161

** There was an increase of 22 families and 10 families that returned who had previously departed – net increase 12*

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Insufficient information available	32	3%	28	3%
Total	902	100%	902	100%

Table 31: 2016 families - in emergency accommodation as of February 28th 2018 and month of first presentation

2016 families			
Month of presentation	Number of presentations per month	Families in emergency accommodation as of February 28th 2018	
		Number	Percentage
January '16	125	17	14%
February '16	83	13	16%
March '16	84	25	30%
April '16	72	16	22%
May '16	62	16	26%
June '16	66	13	20%
July '16	97	22	23%
August '16	72	18	25%
September '16	65	25	38%
October '16	67	24	36%
November '16	60	21	35%
December '16	39	16	41%
Total	902	226*	23%

*including the 16 families who returned to EA after a previously unsustainable departure

Table 31: 2016 families - in emergency accommodation as of February 28th 2018 and month of first presentation

2016 families				
Month of presentation	Number of presentations per month	Families in emergency accommodation as of February 28th 2018		Percentage of families still in EA as of May 31st 2017
		Number	Percentage	
January '16	125	17	14%	46%
February '16	83	13	16%	48%
March '16	84	25	30%	32%
April '16	72	16	22%	47%
May '16	62	16	26%	45%
June '16	66	13	20%	43%
July '16	97	22	23%	51%
August '16	72	18	25%	50%
September '16	65	25	38%	49%
October '16	67	24	36%	52%
November '16	60	21	35%	63%
December '16	39	16	41%	62%
Total	902	226*	23%	(Average) 48%

*including the 16 families who returned to EA after a previously unsustainable departure

2017 families

Status at February 28th 2018

Duration between 2 and 14 months

Family Progression through homelessness at February 28th 2018: 2017 families

2017 families		
Accommodation status as of February 2018	Number of families	Percentage of families
No longer using emergency accommodation - Departed to tenancy	232	24%
No longer using emergency accommodation – No reason for departure	126	13%
Returned to family/friends	5	0.5%
Still in emergency accommodation	605	62%
Insufficient information available	8	0.5%
Total	976	100%

Family Progression through homelessness at February 28th 2018: 2017 families

Table 23: 2017 families – type of tenancy and average duration in EA prior to departure as of February 28th 2018

2017 families			
Tenancies secured as of February 28th 2018		Average duration in emergency accommodation prior to departure	
Tenancy type	Number of tenancies	Months	Days
Homeless Housing Assistance Payment	149	3	84
Local Authority Housing	50	5	158
Approved Housing Body	33	6	162
All tenancy types	232 tenancies	4 months	112 days

Family Progression through homelessness at February 28th 2018: 2017 families

2017 families		
Accommodation status as of February 2018	Number of families	Percentage of families
No longer using emergency accommodation - Departed to tenancy	232	24%
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Duration in emergency accommodation prior to departing with no reason given at February 28th 2018: 2017 families

Table 24: 2017 families - duration in emergency accommodation prior to departure (no departure reason) as of February 28th 2018

2017 families		
Duration in emergency accommodation	Families departed (no departure reason) as of February 28th 2018	
	Number	Percentage
Up to 6 nights	38	30%
1-4 weeks	25	20%
1-5 months	53	42%
6-11 months	9	7%
12+ months	1	1%
Total	126	100%

Family Progression through homelessness at February 28th 2018: 2017 families

2017 families		
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No longer using emergency accommodation - Departed to tenancy	232	24%
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Duration in emergency accommodation of 2017 families at February 28th 2018

Table 25: 2017 families – duration in emergency accommodation as of February 28th 2018

2017 families		
Duration in emergency accommodation	Families in emergency accommodation as of February 28 th 2018	
	Number	Percentage in EA
Less than six months	201	33%
6–11 months	322	53%
12–14 months	82	14%
Total	605	100% (n=605)

Conclusion (1)

- Nationally number of families accessing emergency accommodation has increased but rate of increase has slowed in Dublin.
- Access to housing has been the primary mechanism to addressing family homelessness, particularly H HAP.
- Quality of emergency accommodation is being addressed with the introduction of Family Hubs in the region.
- Lone parent families, large families and non Irish national families are over represented amongst families experiencing homelessness in the region.

Conclusion (2)

- During the first six months in emergency accommodation families are more inclined to move to H HAP tenancies.
- Families who have been in emergency accommodation for in excess of a year are more likely to move to local authority or approved housing body tenancies.
- In addition to families moving to tenancies, almost one in six families depart from emergency accommodation with no assistance.
- 2017 families seem to be following the same trends relating to departing emergency accommodation as the 2016 families.
- It is expected that departure patterns for new families accessing emergency accommodation from May 2018 onwards (following the review of the scheme of lettings) will change. The data will be monitored to track any changes.

Questions?

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