

### Monthly Report to Dublin City Councillors on Homelessness

This report focuses on the situation in the Dublin region (inclusive of the 4 Dublin Local Authorities) at the end of **June 2023**. There are **69** more households in emergency accommodation when compared to the previous month, with **105** more individuals. This reflects an increase in both families and single adult households, but predominantly in single households.

*Number of individuals in Emergency Accommodation in the **Dublin Region** – from June 2022 to June 2023, as published nationally:*

Month	Families	Adults in Families	Children	Singles	Total Adults	Total Individuals	Total Households
June 2023	1,313	2,232	2,841	4,192	6,424	9,265	5,505
May 2023	1,295	2,217	2,802	4,141	6,358	9,160	5,436
Apr 2023	1,263	2,160	2,722	4,128	6,288	9,010	5,391
Mar 2023	1,203	2,065	2,638	4,072	6,137	8,775	5,275
Feb 2023	1,169	2,008	2,576	4,004	6,012	8,588	5,173
Jan 2023	1,165	2,003	2,577	3,943	5,946	8,523	5,108
Dec 2022	1,148	1,960	2,583	3,833	5,793	8,376	4,981
Nov 2022	1,134	1,914	2,549	3,741	5,655	8,204	4,875
Oct 2022	1,120	1,885	2,529	3,673	5,558	8,087	4,793
Sep 2022	1,081	1,815	2,429	3,541	5,356	7,785	4,622
Aug 2022	1,067	1,789	2,406	3,537	5,326	7,732	4,604
July 2022	1,016	1,700	2,339	3,509	5,209	7,548	4,525
June 2022	990	1,661	2,274	3,597	5,258	7,532	4,587

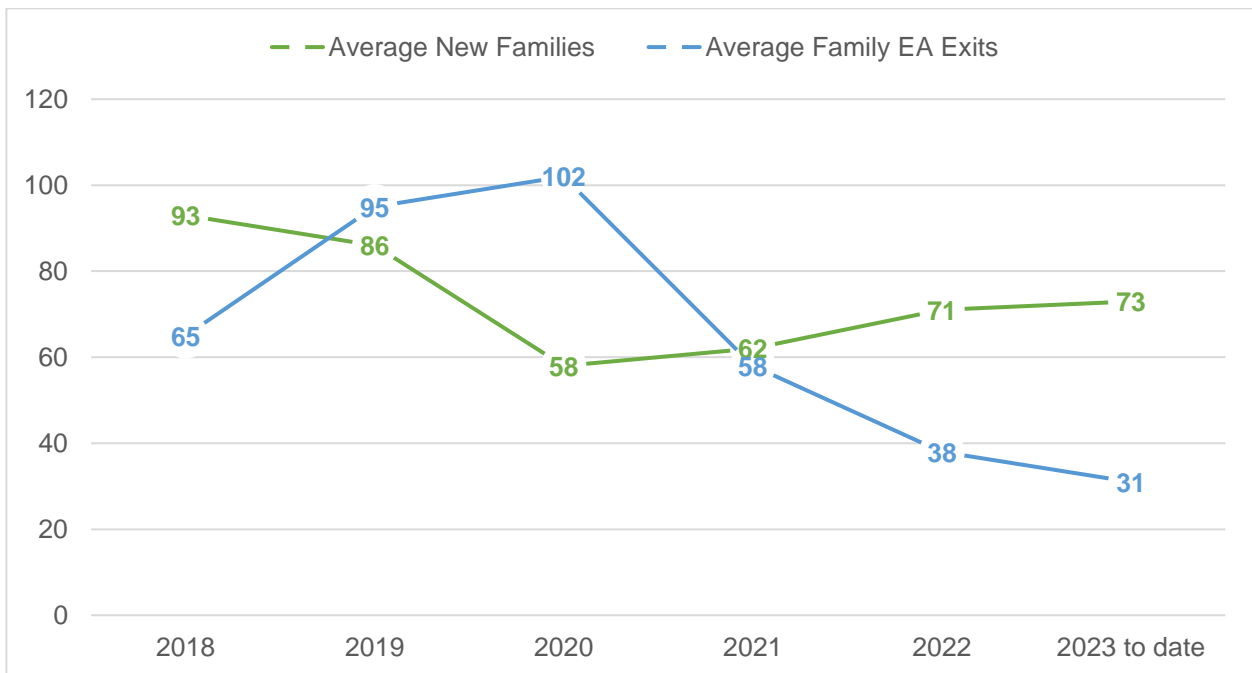
## 1. Family Homelessness

In Dublin at the end of June 2023, there were **1,313** families in emergency accommodation. This is an increase of **18** on the May 2023 number, and an increase of **323** when compared with June 2022 when there were **990** families in emergency accommodation. That is a **33%** increase in the number of families in emergency accommodation in the Dublin Region in the past 12 months.

The number of children residing in emergency accommodation at the end of June was **2,841**. This is an increase of **39** when compared to the May 2023 figure and **567** more than the June 2022 figure of **2,274**.

New family presentations have remained relatively consistent – an average of 73 per month for the year to date and the average number of families leaving homelessness to a tenancy is 31 per month. The falloff in families exiting to tenancies is the main driver of the increase in the number of people experiencing homelessness in the Dublin region.

Table 1: Average presentations and exits (families)



### 1.1. Use of Commercial Hotels

The numbers of families residing in commercial hotels has increased. By the end of June 2023, there were **368** families using commercial hotels. This represents an increase of **20** families from **348** in May 2023 and compared with **169** in June 2022, an increase of **199** families. The highest level was in March 2017, when the number of families in commercial hotels reached **871**. The DRHE is entering contracts with some of those facilities to reduce our vulnerability to shortages during times of peak demand.

### 1.2. New Family Presentations – June 2023

74 families entered emergency accommodation for the first time in June 2023. This represents a decrease of 7 on May 2023. The table below shows family presentations for the previous 12 months.

June 2022	July 2022	Aug 2022	Sept 2022	Oct 2022	Nov 2022	Dec 2022	Jan 2023	Feb 2023	Mar 2023	Apr 2023	May 2023
69	79	78	63	58	62	49	57	62	84	79	81

### 1.3. New Family Presentations – Demographic information and reasons for presentation to Homeless Services

Citizenship	Irish	EU/ EEA	Non-EU	UK	Total
June 2023	40 (54%)	18 (24%)	16 (22%)	0 (0%)	74 (100%)

Below are the presenting reasons to aid understanding of the drivers of homelessness:

Family Reason for Homelessness	June 2023	%
NOTs	29	39%
Family Circumstances	1	1%
Relationship Breakdown	27	36%
Overcrowding	9	12%
Leaving Direct Provision	2	3%
Irish resident returning from abroad	3	4%
Client from region outside Dublin	1	1%
Property uninhabitable - fire damage	1	1%
Unknown	1	1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>100%</b>

#### Notice of Terminations

14 – property to be sold, 1 - Rent Arrears, 5 – Landlord Requires for Own or Family Use, 3 – Breach of Tenant Responsibilities, 2 – Anti Social Behaviour, 2 – Unsuitable Accommodation & 2 – Unknown (Clarification sought from LA's).

The Tenant In Situ has scheme is used where possible by every Local Authority to avoid risk It is very important we get the message out to tenants with a Notice of Termination to engage with their Local Authority at an early stage.

**Presented to Local Authority:** DCC – 29, DLRCC – 6, FCC – 14, SDCC – 25

#### 1.4. Prevention – Family Homelessness

In June 2023, **38** families were prevented from entering emergency accommodation through the HHAP Scheme (28) and Social Housing (10)\*. This prevention figure does not include tenancies protected by the (DRHE funded) Threshold Tenancy Protection Service or other prevention services.

*\*Additional social housing prevention lettings are made through rehousing of tenants whose landlords are exiting the Rental Accommodation Scheme or where a purchase has been made under Tenant in Situ Scheme on the grounds of homelessness prevention that may not be included here.*

#### 1.5. Families – Exit to Tenancies

In June 2023, **30** families exited emergency accommodation into new tenancies. 14 moved to HAP, 14\* to Social Housing and 2 to LTA. The table below shows family exits for the previous 12 months.

June 2022	July 2022	Aug 2022	Sept 2022	Oct 2022	Nov 2022	Dec 2022	Jan 2023	Feb 2023	Mar 2023	Apr 2023	May 2023
44	50	31	31	24	44	41	21	37	32	20	40

*\*Additional social housing exits are completed by each Local Authority, under their respective Schemes of Lettings, to homeless families coming from long-term supported accommodation or from non-Section 10-funded accommodation that may not be included here.*

Over the first 6 months of this year **102** families in the Dublin Region have exited emergency accommodation to social housing Local Authority (62) / AHB (36) / LTA (4). A further **74** families across the 4 Dublin Local Authorities moved with the assistance of HAP.

The number of families moving to HAP from emergency accommodation was **14** in June which was equal to the previous month. The monthly average number of families exiting emergency accommodation to tenancies in 2023 is currently running at **30**, compared with **33** in 2022, **57** in 2021, **94** in 2020, and **95** in 2019. There will be a strong focus on improving the pathway out of homelessness as the year progresses.

#### 1.6. Support to Families

Residents in family hubs/supported temporary accommodation receive onsite support in NGO run accommodation. Families in private operated emergency facilities (PEAs) receive in-reach housing advice/social support from NGO and DRHE teams, as well as access to services provided by the HSE and TUSLA.

## 2. Single Adult Homelessness

There were **4,192** single adults in emergency accommodation at the end of June 2023, which represents an increase of **51** on last month. This figure was **3,597** for June 2022. That is a 17% increase in single adults in emergency accommodation in the Dublin Region over the past 12 months.

### 2.1. New Single Adult Presentations – June 2023

The number of single adults presenting as homeless and using emergency accommodation for the first time was **184** in June 2023. This represents an increase of **18** on the previous month. The table below shows the new single adult presentations over the previous 12 months.

June 2022	July 2022	Aug 2022	Sept 2022	Oct 2022	Nov 2022	Dec 2022	Jan 2023	Feb 2023	Mar 2023	Apr 2023	May 2023
180	168	176	160	159	200	157	162	141	189	132	166

*2.2. New Single Adult Presentations – Demographic Information and Reasons for Presentation to Homeless Services*

Citizenship	Irish	EU/EEA	Non-EU	UK	Total
<b>June 2023</b>	95 (52%)	43 (23%)	43 (23%)	3 (2%)	184 (100%)

Below are the presenting reasons to aid understanding of the drivers of homelessness:

Singles - Reason for Homelessness	June 2023	%
NOTs	23	13%
Relationship breakdown (Family)	29	16%
Relationship breakdown (Partner)	10	5%
Relationship breakdown (Other)	4	2%
Family Circumstances	4	2%
Overcrowding	20	11%
Newly arrived from abroad - less than 6 months	13	7%
Presenting from outside Dublin region	7	4%
Insufficient Funds / Affordability of P.R. - Private Rented	7	4%
Property uninhabitable - fire damage	1	1%
Leaving Direct Provision	16	9%
Leaving Hospital	7	4%
Leaving HSE childcare services	4	2%
Leaving prison	4	2%
Resident Returned From Abroad	4	2%
Rough Sleeper	6	3%
No Income source	2	1%
Pending assessments	9	5%
Unknown	14	7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Presented to Local Authority:** DCC – 114, DLRCC – 14, FCC – 18, SDCC – 38

### 2.3. Prevention – Single Adult Homelessness

In June 2023, **48 single adults** were prevented from entering emergency accommodation through HAP (33) and Social Housing (15)\*. This is additional to tenancies protected by the (DRHE funded) Threshold Tenancy Protection Service and other prevention services. In DCC, these lettings include those to Older Persons at risk of homelessness as prioritised under the changes to the adopted 2018 Allocations Policy.

*\*Additional social housing prevention are made through rehousing of tenants whose landlords are exiting the Rental Accommodation Scheme or where a purchase has been made under Tenant in Situ Scheme on the grounds of homelessness prevention.*

### 2.4. Single Adult Homeless – Exit to Tenancies

**43 single adults** exited to tenancies in June 2023: 8 (HAP), 30 (AHB/LA)\* and 5 (LTA). The table below shows exits of single adults to tenancies for the previous 12 months.

June 2022	July 2022	Aug 2022	Sept 2022	Oct 2022	Nov 2022	Dec 2022	Jan 2023	Feb 2023	Mar 2023	Apr 2023	May 2023
33	36	44	40	34	39	42	41	52	48	33	45

*\*Additional social housing exits are completed by each Local authority, under their respective Schemes of Lettings, to homeless single households coming from long-term supported accommodation or from non-Section 10-funded accommodation, that are not included here.*

The monthly average number of singles exiting emergency accommodation to tenancies in 2023 is **44**, compared with **44** in 2022, **81** in 2021, **84** in 2020, and **48** in 2020.

### 2.5. Housing Support Officers and Other Supports to Private operated facilities (PEA)

Housing Support Officers visit private emergency accommodation facilities to give housing support. In-reach health and addiction services are provided by the HSE and an integrated Care and Case Management Team is now providing case management and clinics in private emergency accommodation across the region.

## 3. Housing Assistance Payment Scheme (HAP)

The Homeless HAP Scheme is an important tool in the response to homelessness. DRHE Housing Support Officers and Place-Finders, as well as NGO staff, assist households to move out of emergency accommodation or prevent them from entering in the first place. **83** new Homeless HAP tenancies were sourced in June 2023.

### **Breakdown of household type and previous accommodation of those accessing HHAP in June 2023:**

Previous Accommodation	Singles/Couples	Families
Leaving hotels/PEA	6	9
Leaving STA	2	5
Prevention/did not use EA	33	28
<b>Total</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>42</b>

#### 4. Duration accessing emergency accommodation

##### 4.1. Families – Detailed Analysis of Duration in Services

<b>Duration in EA – June 2023 (as at 30/06/2023)</b>	<b>Total Families</b>	<b>%</b>
24+ months	233	18%
18-24months	129	10%
12-18 months	225	17%
6-12 months	301	23%
6 months or less	420	32%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,308*</b>	<b>100%</b>

\* This figure differs to the 1,313 figure for June because it is calculated using a point in time. The monthly family figure is calculated by counting all families using emergency accommodation over the final week of each month.

When compared to June 2022, the percentage of families in the 6 months or less category has decreased. The percentage of families in the 6-12 months, 12-18 months, 18-24 months and 24+ months categories has increased.

##### 4.2. Single Adults – Duration in Services

<b>Duration in EA – June 2023</b>	<b>Total Single Adults</b>	<b>%</b>
24+ months	640	16%
18-24months	314	8%
12-18 months	536	13%
6-12 months	794	20%
6 months or less	1,789	44%
<b>Total Adults (Singles)</b>	<b>4,073</b>	<b>100%</b>

#### 5. Housing First

Housing First in the Dublin Region is provided by Peter McVerry Trust (PMVT) on behalf of the DRHE. As of the end of June 2023, there were a total of **495** active Housing First tenancies. **10** Housing First tenancies were created in June 2023: DCC – 2, DLRCC – 5, FCC – 1, SDCC – 2.

## 6. Tenant In Situ Scheme

The tenant in situ scheme is continuing as a key prevention measure. The figures below apply to DCC only and not for the region.

**2023 Total Tenant in Situ acquisitions in train = 418**

**Total Complete = 64**

<b>TIS Acquisitions not proceeding</b>	<b>74</b>
- Legal Issues	3
- Failed tenant checks	26*
- Landlord withdrew	25
- Landlord didn't accept DCC Valuation	3
- Tenant withdrew	6
- Tenant received Alternative Housing Offer	4
- Property Failed Building Inspection	5
- Bid from first time buyer, DCC withdrew	1
- Applicant cancelled from Housing List	1

\*Tenant checks related to 6 did not meet bedroom requirement (Overcrowded/under-occupied by more than 1 bedroom), 6 Tenants did not want to stay, 3 Tenants left the property before completion, 6 tenants were refused between Jan and April 2023 and files are now being reviewed as criteria was changed in April 2023. The remaining 5 were housed (1)/not eligible for Social Housing (2)/ Landlord moved in to the house (1), household moved to EA (1).

## 7. Deaths in Services

The DRHE records death notifications received from its funded residential and outreach services, in line with procedure agreed with the HSE. In Q2 2023, 14 deaths were notified to the DRHE. Not all of these deaths occurred within emergency accommodation, for example, some of the people died in hospital, hospices etc. while receiving treatment. Following agreement with the HSE and Department of Health, the Health Research Board collects, reviews and analyses deaths among homeless service users and makes recommendations on the prevention of deaths among the Homeless population at a national level.

The DRHE offers its sympathies to the families, friends and support workers of the people who have passed away while accessing homeless services.



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