

Report to Housing SPC

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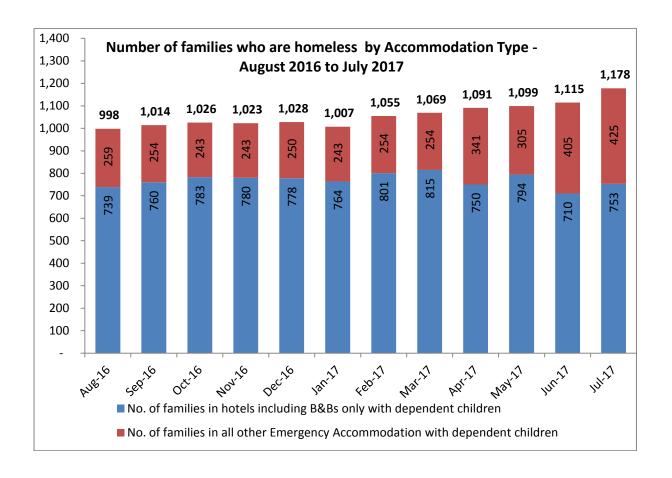
Homelessness Update

Emergency Accommodation Usage in the Dublin Region - July 24-30th, 2017

Over the week July 24th to 30th, 2017, a total of 3,528 adults accessed emergency accommodation in the Dublin Region.

Families Experiencing Homelessness

A total of 1,178 families, including 2,423 children, accessed emergency accommodation across the Dublin Region over the week July 24th to 30th, 20172017. This represents a increase on the June total of 1,115 families, as there continues to be significant numbers of families presenting as homeless. The trend over the last 12 months is illustrated in the table below.



However progress was made during this period to exit families from emergency accommodation and to prevent families at risk from entering homelessness. The number of tenancies created over the period January to July 2017 is outlined below.

All tenancies created January to July 2017 (families only)						
Month	Homeless HAP	LA/AHB/LTA	Private Rented	Allocations to Households		
Jan-17	22	19	1	42		
Feb-17	40	24		64		
Mar-17	144	53		197		
Apr-17	127	71		198		
May-17	87	71		158		
Jun-17	73	51		124		
Jul-17	90	73		163		
Total	493	289	1	783		

Of the 90 Homeless HAP tenancies created for families in July, 16 of these families were exited from hotel accommodation. Work is continuing on securing Homeless Housing Assistance Payment tenancies in the Dublin Region. A total of 995 Homeless HAP tenancies have been created in 2017 up to the end of August. The target for homeless HAP tenancies for 2017 is 1,200.

Along with the allocations included in the table above up to 150 further allocations to homeless families were processed in July and completed in early August. The majority of these new allocations came through the completion of 130 rapid build units in Finglas. Therefore, while the number of families in emergency accommodation did increase in July, this does not reflect the number of allocations that were about to come on stream.

In addition to allocations 75 families were prevented from entering homelessness in July, as outlined in the table below.

Families prevented from entering homelessness: January to July 2017						
Month	Homeless HAP	LA/AHB	Private Rented	Total Households		
Jan-17	10	1	0	11		
Feb-17	19	3		22		
Mar-17	111	6		117		
Apr-17	87	3		90		
May-17	69	2		71		
Jun-17	51	1		52		
Jul-17	67	8		75		
Total	347	24	0	371		

Despite the numbers of families continuing to present as homeless it is expected that the figures for August will show a decrease in the overall number of families experiencing homelessness and accessing emergency accommodation.

Temporary Accommodation for Families Experiencing Homelessness

Work is ongoing on the development of family hub facilities to provide more suitable accommodation for families experiencing homelessness who are currently accommodated in commercial hotels. An update on the facilities in the DCC area which are ongoing /nearing completion is included in the table below. Additional family hubs are operational in both the City Council and other Dublin local authority areas.

Location	Detail	Operator	Update
19/20 St. Lawrence's Road, Clontarf, Dublin 3.	13 Family Rooms	Respond	Works ongoing – to be completed in September
Clonard Road, Crumlin, Dublin 12.	30 Family Spaces	Salvation Army	Works ongoing – to be completed in October
Mater Dei, Clonliffe Road, Dublin 3.	50 Family Rooms	Crosscare	Operational 29 units in use 21 units nearing completion
63/64 O Connell Street, Dublin 1.	45 Family Rooms	Lease agreement with private operator	Works ongoing – to be completed end September
Sarsfield House, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10.	11 Family Rooms	Sons of the Divine Providence	Works ongoing – to be completed in December
Green Castle Parade, Coolock, Dublin 5.	40 Family Rooms	Salvation Army	Works ongoing – to be completed in December