



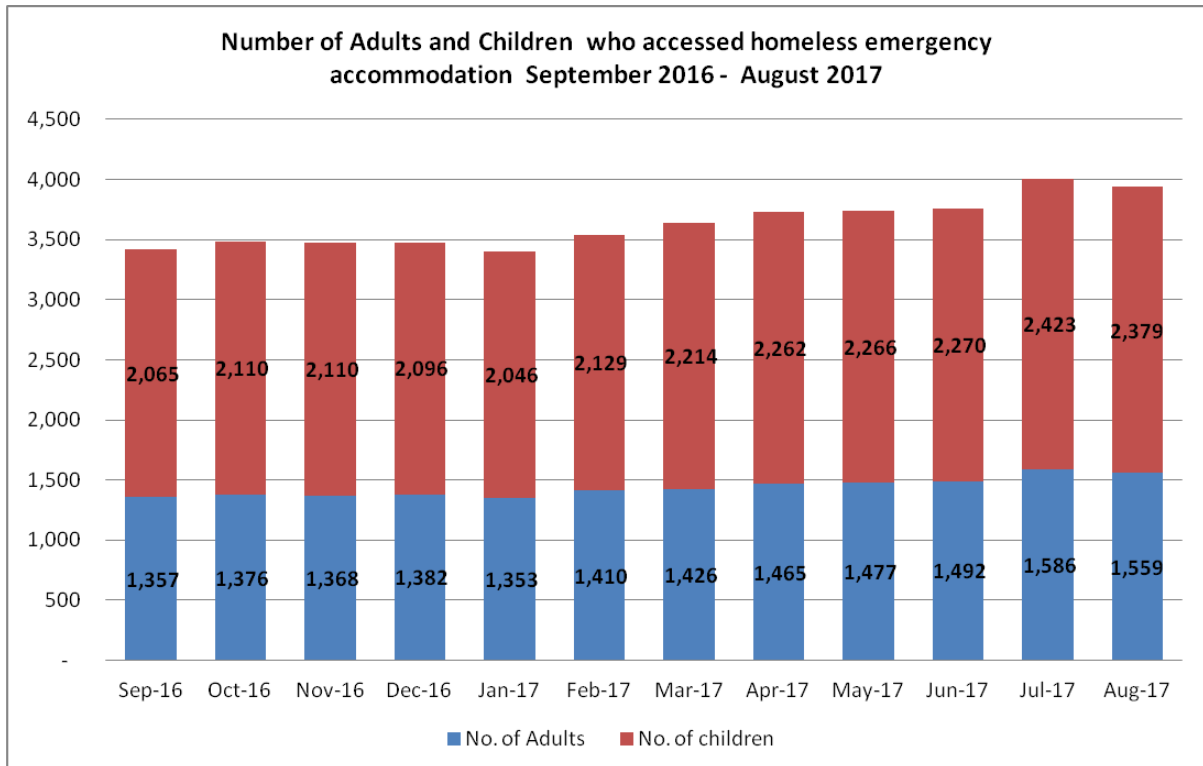
Homelessness Update

Emergency Accommodation Usage in the Dublin Region – August 21st - 27th, 2017

Over the week August 21st – 27th, 2017, a total of 3,527 adults accessed emergency accommodation in the Dublin Region.

Families Experiencing Homelessness

A total of 1,146 families, including 2,379 children, accessed emergency accommodation across the Dublin Region over the week August 21st – 27th August 2017. This represents a decrease on the July total of 1,178 families, but 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 August 2017 is outlined below.

All tenancies created January to August 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
Aug - 17	97	67		164
Total	680	429	1	1,110

Of the 92 Homeless HAP tenancies created for families in August, 75 were prevented from entering homelessness and the remaining 17 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.

The prevention team continued to engage with families presenting as homeless to explore opportunities to prevent an episode of homelessness taking place. In August the team engaged with a total of 45 new families of which 26 were prevented from entering homelessness.

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
Aug - 17	68	7		75
Total	482	31	0	513

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 the City Council and the other Dublin local authority areas.

Location	Detail	Operator	Update
19/20 St. Lawrence Road, Clontarf, Dublin 3.	13 Family Rooms	Respond	Works ongoing – to be completed in October
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 November
Sarsfield House, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10.	11 Family Rooms	Sons of the Divine Providence	Works ongoing – to be completed in November
Green Castle Parade, Coolock, Dublin 5.	40 Family Rooms	Salvation Army	Works ongoing – to be completed January 18

Community Development within the DRHE

A specific community liaison person has been assigned to work in the DRHE and plays an integral part in creating communication links across the sector and fostering initiatives for community building and integration. Key ongoing projects and initiatives include:-

- A pilot art & craft project for children ongoing at the the Capuchin Day Centre
- Collaboration with both North West Partnership and the North Side Partnership
- Research on Health & Nutrition Programme with a view to running a pilot in one of the family hubs.

Report on response to Ophelia

Dublin City Council, as the lead statutory authority in the Dublin Region coordinated the response to ensure homeless persons at risk were provided with temporary emergency shelter for the duration of the storm. The DRHE worked closely with the Dublin local authorities and service providers in homeless services, to ensure there was a coordinated joint response to the emergency throughout the Dublin region.

As part of the response, all the main service providers kept their accommodation open for the 24 hour period and communal spaces were utilised for supplementary shelter. Furthermore shelter to accommodate up to 200 homeless persons was sourced and fully utilised. The emergency Freephone service in Parkgate Hall opened early and the placement service remained open all day to provide information and assistance.

Throughout the day the central placement team in conjunction with the service providers placed 368 people in temporary accommodation. Outreach teams were active on the streets engaging with homeless people. All of the measures implemented ensured that all people that actually wanted shelter were provided with it. The response to this emergency also provided an opportunity to engage with more long term homeless people that normally would not look to be accommodated.

Determination of High Court on Emergency Accommodation at Carman's Hall, Francis Street, Dublin 8

This facility provides 51 beds for homeless people and is funded by Dublin City Council and managed by Dublin Simon in partnership with the Salvation Army. The service is open 24/7 and provides vital accommodation, food and support to the vulnerable members of our society, particularly in the cold winter months.

This service has operated for the last twelve months at capacity and without incident, the good neighbourhood policy in place since its opening has ensured any concerns raised by both businesses and residents were addressed promptly. Dublin City Council will be responding to the Court's determination, emphasising the reliance on this facility and all such facilities that provide emergency accommodation to homeless people, in the midst of the ongoing housing crisis.

On the 8th November 2017 the High Court Judge will hear submissions from both sides on what Court Orders should flow from his decision that the Chief Executives Order should be quashed. There are no immediate implications for the facility until the 8th November 2017.