

**SERVICES FOR  
CHILDREN & FAMILIES**

## CHILD HEALTH SERVICES

### Maternity and Infant Care Scheme

Data not available presently - 2 weeks

### PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN

#### Births to Residents in Midland Health Board for 2000

	Westmeath	Longford	Offaly	Laois	Total
No. of babies born to residents in:	1050	427	850	912	3239

#### Neonatal BCG Vaccine Status

	Westmeath	Longford	Offaly	Laois	Total
No. of babies who received neonatal BCG Vaccine	812	294	672	744	2522
Uptake of neonatal BCG Vaccine	74.64%	68.68%	79.06%	81.50%	76.00%

#### Breastfeeding Rates

	LAOIS/OFFALY	Longford/Westmeath	Total
Initiation	27%	27%	27%
6 weeks	16%	20%	18%
4 months	8%	8%	8%

#### Metabolic Screening in the Community

	LAOIS/OFFALY	Longford/Westmeath	Total
No. of PKU's carried out in the community	387	505	905

#### Baby Visits

	LAOIS/OFFALY	Longford/Westmeath	Total
No. of births notified	1,582	1,477	3,059
No. visited within 24 hours of discharge	1,321	1,384	2,705
No. visited after 24 hours	251	305	556
No. of subsequent visits	11,923	15,217	27,140
No. of Well Baby Clinics	1,131	470	1,601
No. of Children seen	4,935	2,464	7,399

#### National Childhood Immunisation Programme

	LAOIS/OFFALY	Longford/Westmeath	Total
Uptake of 3:1, 2:1	81%	81%	81%
Hib	80%	81%	81%
Polio	80%	81%	81%
Uptake for MMR	73%	77%	75%

Developmental Clinics			
	LAOIS/OFFALY	Longford/Westmeath	Total
Number of developmental Clinics	226	93	319
Number of babies offered apt.	1,396		1,396
Number of babies who attended	1,194		1,194
Mean age of babies	12.5 months		0
No. of recalls	812		812
			330

## SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES

School Health Service			
	LAOIS/OFFALY	Longford/Westmeath	Total
No. of Schools	138	118	256
			27,139

Questionnaires			
A screening questionnaire is offered to parent's of children in first class. Children with identified problems are offered an appointment with the Area Medical Officer			
	LAOIS/OFFALY	Longford/Westmeath	Total
No. offered questionnaires	3,066	1,359	4,425
No. of questionnaires returned	2,932	970	3,902
No. Referred to School Health Clinics	432	240	672
Number who attended	294	174	468
Number who did not attend	138	66	204
			48

Vision Screening			
	LAOIS/OFFALY	Longford/Westmeath	Total
Target Population	3,017	5,202	8,219
No. Screened	2,876	3,043	5,919
% screened	95%	96%	96%
No. referred			614

Hearing Screening			
	LAOIS/OFFALY	Longford/Westmeath	Total
Target Population	1,027	1,459	2,486
No. Screened	986	1,402	2,388
% screened	96%	96%	96%
No. referred			91

Enuresis Advisory Clinics			
	LAOIS/OFFALY	Longford/Westmeath	Total
Number of advisory clinics	35	33	68
Number of referrals	43	27	70
Number discharged			43

## School Immunisation Programme

The school immunisation programme for the school year 1999/2000 provided for the delivery of the Booster (2:1) and MMR Vaccine. In addition Tuberculin testing and BCG are provided in Longford/Westmeath

	LAOIS/OFFALY	Longford/Westmeath	Total
Uptake of:			
Junior Infants Booster	80%	87%	84%
Senior Infants Heaf Test	-	92%	92%
5th Class BCG	-	90%	90%
6th Class MMR	90%	92%	91%

## CHILDREN'S DENTAL SERVICES

### School Dental Scheme

	LAOIS/OFFALY	Longford/Westmeath	Total
No. of national school children	14,459	12,670	27,129
No. of children screened	9,757	9,265	19,022
No. of fillings	Temp. 606 Perm 5,175	Temp. 195 Perm. 3,536	Temp 801 Perm 8,711
No. of permanent extractions	1,005 34% Ortho.	855 37% Ortho.	1,860 36%
<b>Preventative Treatment</b>			
No. of fissure seal and top Fluoride	17002 + 408	6363 + 396	23365+804
No. receiving mouth rinse	40	162	202
No. of children serviced by fluoridated water	11,420	10,000	21,420
No. referred for specialist care	49	11	60

### Orthodontic Services 2000

	LAOIS/OFFALY	Longford/Westmeath	Total
New starts 2000	179	233	412
Completed treatments 2000	162	169	331
Number in active treatment at 31/12/00	757	710	1,467
Number on waiting list at 31/12/00	210	197	210
Cost of service 2000	£0.209m	£0.153m	£0.362m

### Oral Surgery - Children

	LAOIS/OFFALY	Longford/Westmeath	Total
Number of Children referred:	38	81	119

### Speech & Language Therapy Services

	LAOIS/OFFALY	Longford/Westmeath	Total
No. of Clinical Sessions	1,069	924	1,993
No. of face to face contacts	1,961	3,025	4,986
No. of clinical management sessions	203	229	432
No. of administration sessions	106	112	218
No. of new assessments	578	289	867
No. of discharges	330	251	581

## CHILD WELFARE SERVICES

### Child Protection

<b>ALLEGATIONS OF CHILD ABUSE 2000</b>									
	PHYSICAL ABUSE		SEXUAL ABUSE		EMOTIONAL ABUSE		NEGLECT		TOTAL
	L/O	L/W	L/O	L/W	L/O	L/W	L/O	L/W	
Alleged	92	74	95	78	52	67	164	245	867

<b>OUTCOMES:</b>									
	PHYSICAL ABUSE		SEXUAL ABUSE		EMOTIONAL ABUSE		NEGLECT		TOTAL
	L/O	L/W	L/O	L/W	L/O	L/W	L/O	L/W	
Confirmed:	16	7	19	6	25	17	42	54	186
Unfounded:	7	5	10	5	4	2	25	32	90
Inconclusive	13	1	12	9	8	4	25	42	114
Still under investigation	56	61	54	58	15	44	72	117	477

<b>DETAILS OF CHILDREN IN CARE BY TYPE OF CARE AND COMMUNITY CARE AREA</b>										
2000	FOSTER CARE		TOTAL	PLACEMENT WITH RELATIVES		TOTAL	RESIDENTIAL CARE		TOTAL	IN-CARE TOTAL
	L/O	L/W		L/O	L/W		L/O	L/W		
In Care 1/1/00	54	103	157	42	25	67	8	22	30	254
Admitted 2000	136	164	300	9	4	13	-	8	8	321
Discharged 2000	141	74	215	8	6	14	3	9	12	241
In Care 31/12/00	49	93	142	43	23	66	5	21	26	234

<b>FOSTER CARE ACTIVITY</b>				
	LAOIS / OFFALY		LONGFORD/ WESTMEATH	TOTAL
Foster Care Enquiries	17		35	52
Assessments for Placement with Relatives	10		3	13
Foster Care Applications	5		6	11

<b>RESIDENTIAL CARE</b>				
<b>Number of children in care and type of care as of 31st December each year</b>				
	1997	1998	1999	2000
Foster Care	189	169	161	142
Placement with Relatives	20	50	63	66
Residential Care	24	29	21	26
Total	233	248	245	234

<b>AGE PROFILE OF CHILDREN IN THE BOARD'S RESIDENTIAL CENTRES 2000</b>														
AGE	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Male	-	-	3	1	2	-	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1
Female	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	3	1	1	1

## PRE-SCHOOL SERVICES

PRE-SCHOOL WHO NOTIFIED IN 2000						
	Sessional Private	Sessional Community	Full Daycare	Mixed	Drop in	Child Minders
Laois	37	7	5	3	0	2
Offaly	21	15	4	5	2	1
Longford	12	7	9	3	0	1
Westmeath	25	13	12	5	2	2
Total	95	42	30	16	4	6

ADOPTION			
	LAOIS/ OFFALY	LONGFORD/W ESTMEATH	TOTAL
Irish Adoption Assessments	11	17	28
Inter Country Adoption Assessments	24	33	57
Tracing Enquiries	10	26	36

NUMBER OF CHILDREN PLACED FOR ADOPTION 1996 - 2000	
1996	0
1997	2
1998	0
1999	22
2000	11

PSYCHOLOGY SERVICES			
	LAOIS/ OFFALY	LONGFORD/W ESTMEATH	TOTAL
Number of referrals	209	353	562
Number of clients seen	201	217	418
Number of clients discharged/assessed at end of 2000	90	123	213

## WELFARE SERVICES

<b>SUPPLEMENTARY WELFARE ALLOWANCES EXPENDITURE ANALYSIS 2000</b>		
	<b>£m</b>	<b>%</b>
Basic Payments	4.250	43.9
Supplements	4.130	42.7
Exception Needs/Back to school clothing	1.299	6.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>9.679</b>	<b>100</b>

	<b>1999 £</b>	<b>2000 £</b>	<b>% VARIANCE</b> *
Basics	3.275	4.250	29.77%
Supplements	3.254	4.130	26.92%
Exceptional needs	0.517	1.299	151.26%
<b>Total</b>	<b>7.316</b>	<b>9.679</b>	<b>32.30%</b>

\* The reasons for the SWA expenditure increases in 2000

1. An increase in Asylum Seekers Numbers
2. Increase in rent allowances in line with market increases
3. Rates payable on the back to School Clothing Scheme increased significantly.

## PALLIATIVE CARE SERVICES

	<b>LAOIS/ OFFALY</b>	<b>LONGFORD/ WESTMEATH</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Persons in receipt of palliative care	260	247	507

## COMMUNITY DRUGS SCHEMES

### DRUGS PAYMENT SCHEME

*1999	£2.587m
2000	£5.455m

\* (July 99 - Dec 99) Scheme Commenced 1/7/1999

<b>LONG TERM ILLNESS SCHEME</b>	
<b>YEAR</b>	<b>COST</b>
1997	£0.964m
1998	£0.543m
1999	£1.243m
2000	£1.555m

<b>STATISTICS - REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, DEATHS &amp; MARRIAGES</b>		
	<b>LAOIS/OFFALY</b>	<b>LONGFORD/WESTMEATH</b>
Total number of births registered in the Board's area :		
1995	1,112	1,195
1996	1,092	1,168
1997	1,116	1,255
1998	1,141	838
1999	1,123	1,271
2000	1,123	1,384
	<b>LAOIS/OFFALY</b>	<b>LONGFORD/WESTMEATH</b>
Total number of deaths registered in the Board's area :		
1995	1,046	844
1996	921	611
1997	970	813
1998	982	638
1999	992	844
2000	994	715
	<b>LAOIS/OFFALY</b>	<b>LONGFORD/WESTMEATH</b>
Total number of marriages registered in the Board's area :		
1995	518	398
1996	482	289
1997	522	312
1998	460	285
1999	553	413
2000	519	560

The Board operates a Registration Services from the following locations:  
Tullamore, Birr, Edenderry, Mullingar, Longford, and Athlone. In addition to the foregoing there are a number of local Registrars.