

Newsletter



With the end of the school year upon us and many of our programmes taking a summer pause, it is a good time to reflect on the past year, acknowledge the people who have supported our work, and celebrate some of the highlights from across the community.

We would also like to say a big thank you to the ABC Grangegorman Steering Group and Consortium for their ongoing support, guidance and commitment throughout the year. Their collaboration, expertise and shared dedication continue to strengthen the ABC programme and help create positive outcomes for children, young people and families across our community

farewell

We would like to say a fond farewell to ABC Grangegorman Steering Group member, ELI Director Josephine Bleach as she begins her next chapter. We would like to thank her for her support, encouragement and engagement with ABC Grangegorman since ELI became the programme's Lead Agency last year. We have appreciated her commitment to partnership working and her interest in the work being delivered across the ABC Grangegorman Consortium. On behalf of the ABC Grangegorman team, we wish Josephine a very happy and well-deserved retirement, filled with good health and plenty of time to enjoy the things that matter most. Thank you, Josephine, and best wishes for the future.



ABC Grangegorman Children's Demographics 2025/26

N = 96



45% Females
55% Males

N=94



53% are White Irish
9% are Travellers and other White backgrounds
14% are mixed background
25% are Asian, Black or other

N=93



42% of children's parents have a Medical Card
Minister for Health: In August 2025 42% of people had a GP Medical Card

N=64



30% have a disability or long-lasting medical condition
Males (29%) have a higher proportion of disabilities than females (24%)

N=86



16% of children have one parent with a third-level education
Census 2022: 48% of Irish population had a third-level degree

N=80



For parental employment 36% are looking after the home/family
Of the one-parent households 55% have a parent looking after the home/family

N=86



34% of children's households are one-parent living alone
At home 33% of children speak a language other than English or Irish

N=80,79



9% of children are living in emergency or temporary accommodation, or staying temporarily with friends/relatives
Department of Housing (Jan 2026): 31% of individuals in homeless emergency accommodation were children

N=77

Thank you to all staff, coordinators, children, and families who take the time to complete ABC intake forms. The information collected helps us better understand the children and families engaging with our programmes, ensure services are responsive to local needs, and contribute to national reporting through the ABC Outcomes Framework. Preliminary findings highlight the diversity of our community and suggest that, in several areas, the profile of participating children and families differs from national averages. These differences are evident across a range of demographic, socioeconomic, and family characteristics, including medical card eligibility, family composition, cultural and language diversity, employment circumstances, and housing experiences. These early insights provide valuable evidence to support programme planning and development. More detailed findings will be shared once the data analysis is complete.

ABC Grangegorman Parent's Demographics 2025/26

N = 80



86% Females, 14% Males
18-24 years (5%); 25-34 years (39%); 35-44 years (38%); 45-64 years (18%)
44% of parents have 2 children under 18

N=78



59% are White Irish
8% are Travellers and other White
8% are Black African and other Black
24% are Asian, Arabic, mixed and other

N=76



47% of parents have a Medical Card
Minister for Health: In August 2025 42% of people had a GP Medical Card

N=58



21% have a disability or long-lasting medical condition
Census 2022: 22% of the population had a long-lasting condition or difficulty experienced to any extent

N=70



18% of parents have a third-level degree
32% of parents have completed Higher Secondary education

N=71



36% of parents are looking after the home/family
32% of parents are in some form of employment

N=72



35% of households are one-parent living alone
At home 44% speak a language other than English or Irish

N=74, 61



14% of parents are living in emergency or temporary accommodation, or staying temporarily with friends/relatives
National Homelessness Stat (As of April 2026, 26.9% of households in emergency accommodation are family households)

N=63

Celebrating Adult Learners Through Art

ASOG recently hosted an art exhibition showcasing the fantastic work of adult learners in our community. The exhibition featured creative pieces from participants at ASOG and HACE, celebrating their talent, creativity and achievements. The event was a wonderful opportunity to recognise the value of lifelong learning and share learners' work with the wider community.



ELI Research & 75th Community Celebration Event

It was great to see members of the ABC Grangegorman Consortium join us at NCI for Bringing Research to Life in Our Community as part of NCI's 75th Anniversary celebrations. The event marked the launch of three research studies exploring parental engagement with STEM and digital technologies, the impact of the ParentChild+ programme across Ireland, and the influence of home visiting on families and Home Visitors. The morning brought together researchers, practitioners and community partners to share learning, celebrate achievements and explore how research can support children, families and communities.

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