

## Public Services in 2017 At A Glance

The below image gives a snapshot view of the context in which public services were delivered in 2017. In light of increasing demand in a number of areas, it highlights the need to ensure that public services are delivered in an effective and efficient way in order to continue to meet the needs of citizens.



The **population** of Ireland is over 4.79 million, with the largest annual increase since 2008



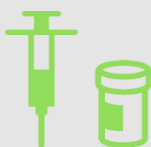
321,530 Weekly Payments of **Illness, Disability & Carer's Benefit**



Over 558,300 **students** attended Primary School and over 384,200 attended Secondary School



The proportion of the population **aged 65+** has increased from 11.7% in 2011 to 13.6% in 2017



**487,510** People covered by **GP visit cards** at year end



Each week over 1.2 million people receive a **social welfare payment**



**88,779 children** were enrolled in the Early Childhood Care and Education Programme



22,949 people received funding for long-term residential care under the **Nursing Home Support Scheme**



There were over 214,000 recorded **crime incidents** in 2017



Over 250 million **journeys** were taken on public transport services, with a PSO subvention of €264.5m



**9,061 Charities** on the Register



An average of 571,980 **pension** payments were made each week by the Department of Social Protection