

Performance Report for Quarter 1-2017
Relating to the Protocol Governing Delegation of Section 10 Funding for Homeless Services to the Midlands Region

Part 1

1. Target for Accommodating Homeless Persons with Full Tenancies

Table 1: Individuals moved on to independent living					
Target number of units for 2017	Number of Accommodation Units Delivered with Full Tenancies	Quarterly Total Units	Total Units to Date in 2017	Quarterly Total Persons	Total Persons to Date in 2017
No Target Applied	Local Authority Lettings: number of new lettings, re-lets, leasing, purchase/acquisitions, NAMA and other delivery mechanisms	10	10	13	13
No Target Applied	AHB Lettings: number of new lettings and re-lets (via LA nominations), LTS (long-term supported accommodation) leasing, purchase/acquisitions (via CALF and/or private finance), CAS, NAMA and other delivery mechanisms	7	7	7	7
No Target Applied	Private Rented (RAS and Rent Supplement, HAP etc.)	8	8	10	10
	Totals	25	25	30	30

Quarter 1 of 2107 continues to see each of the four midland Local Authorities prioritise social housing provisions for homeless persons. This priority mechanism is under ever increasing pressure due to the lack of availability of properties in the private rented sector, in particular, thus affecting RAS, leasing and HAP allocations.

Each Local Authority in the region continues to have a functioning HAT, a body that is important in mapping out supported solutions to homelessness for individuals and families. It should be further noted that LAs in the region also have a Housing First Team, albeit on a small scale, in order to address the needs of long term homeless clients.

Part 2

2. Number of new presentations on a daily basis

Table 2: Number of new presentations on a daily basis		
	New	Repeat
Number of presentations in reporting period	41	26
Number of days in reporting period	92	92
Daily average	0.46	0.28

Homeless Presentations, across the county, continue to rise. This is not unique to this region, but is a worrying trend. Resources to deal with this rise in numbers presenting to Local Authorities in the region, are operating at capacity level.

Additional Information:

Table 3: Number of placements or unique individuals in emergency accommodation				
Service	Number	Number Offered Accommodation	Number of 'No shows'	Number unable to be accommodated due to insufficient capacity
Placement Service	82	54	14	14

Services working in the midland area to address the needs of homeless individuals and families include the provision of dedicated Section 10 funded emergency beds in dedicated facilities. The region also has a dedicated Regional Case Working Tenancy Sustainment Service, coupled with a Housing First initiative for long term service users.

3. Number of persons in emergency accommodation for longer than 6 months

Table 4: Number of persons in emergency accommodation for longer than 6 months				
	Number of Persons on last day of Quarter	Resident < 6 Months	Resident > 6 Months	
Emergency Accommodation			<i>Consecutively or continuously in emergency accommodation for longer than 6 months</i>	<i>Non-consecutively or cumulatively in emergency accommodation for longer than 6 months in the previous 12 month period</i>
Temporary Emergency (i.e. accommodation owned by a housing authority, AHB or by a homeless service)	38	28	10	0
Private Emergency (i.e. accommodation rented directly from landlords)	0	0	0	0
Other Private Emergency Accommodation (i.e. hotels and B&Bs)	40	40	0	0
Total	78	68	10	0

Those residing in emergency accommodation in the midlands region are staying for longer periods of time, due to the lack of move on options. Every effort is being made to support persons put of homelessness via intervention from HATs, the Regional Settlement Service and the Housing First team, as well as dedicated Local Authority staff.

Draft Protocol for working with clients in homeless services, who have addiction issues:

Westmeath County Council, as Lead Authority in the region, in partnership with the Midlands Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Force, as well as the Community Drug Service, is overseeing the development of a protocol between Midlands Simon Community, who provide emergency, tenancy sustainment and Housing First services in the region and Merchant's Quay Ireland and Extern, who provide addiction services across the four counties.

The purpose of this protocol is to ensure a seamless, prompt and co-ordinated response to the addiction support needs of people who are also in homeless services.

This service will seek to support service users via the principles of:

- A Recovery Orientation
- Solution Focused Outcomes
- Harm Reduction Principle
- Housing First Policy

This draft protocol will seek to develop a case management response to the needs of people who have addiction problems and whose housing and homeless needs are being responded to by the Midlands Simon Community.

Review of Homeless Services -2017:

The Management Team of the Midlands Region Joint Homelessness Consultative Forum will be seeking funding from the DoHPCLG to carry out a comprehensive review of homeless emergency provision, in the region, in 2017. This review will then form the basis of a tendering process in the region.

Tendering is necessary in order to ensure value for money, on the one hand, while at the same time ensuring that this region's emergency bed response, via Section 10 funding, is measured, effective and appropriate to the needs of the regions homeless population.

Table 5: Number of clients with a support plan		
Accommodation Category	Total Number of Persons During the Quarter	Number with a Support Plan
Temporary Emergency (i.e. accommodation owned by a housing authority, AHB or by a homeless service)	65	33
Private Emergency (i.e. accommodation rented directly from landlords)	0	0
Other Private Emergency Accommodation (i.e. hotels and B&Bs)	51	0
Other(<i>Long Term LA Owned Properties</i>)	0	0
Totals	116	33

4. Number of persons leaving emergency accommodation

Table 6: Number of persons leaving emergency accommodation	
Moved to new/independent accommodation	30
Staying with family or friends	14
Relocated to another country	1
Departure to Medical Facilities: Hospital	2
Departure to Medical Facilities: Residential Treatment	0
Departure to Correctional Facilities: Prison (on remand)	0
Unknown (Barred from Emergency Accommodation)	19
Total	66

5. Occupancy rate in emergency accommodation

Table 7: Occupancy rate in emergency accommodation	
Total number of beds available at 31.03.2017	59
Number of beds occupied at 31.03.2017	35

NB: A number of units in the women and children's hostels have multiple beds and as such once a unit is occupied other beds cannot be utilised here. There are no allocated PEA beds (i.e. SLAs not in place with private providers) in the region. But this type of emergency accommodation is used regularly in the region.

6. Number of persons moving on into independent living with support

Table 8: Number of persons moving on into independent living with support		
Persons moved on into independent living with support	Secure Licence	Secure Tenancy
Number in supported accommodation	0	2
Number in local authority owned accommodation with support	0	5
Number in private rented accommodation with floating support services*	0	8

*(*This category includes RAS/Leasing and AHB Accommodation)*

Additional Information:

Table 9: Number of former service users supported by SLI		
SLI Service Provider	Number of Persons Currently Supported	Number of Persons Previously Supported but No Longer Requiring Support
Simon(*SLI Mullingar and Athlone)	7*	
Other	2	
Total	9	

* Note: SLI funding under Leasing Scheme

7. Number of persons moving on into independent living without support

Table 10: Number of persons moving on into independent living without support	
Persons moved on into independent living without support	
Number in private rented accommodation without support	5
Number in local authority owned accommodation without support	10
Number in other (non-private rented and non-local authority owned) accommodation without support	0

8. Number of persons sleeping rough voluntarily and involuntarily

Table 11: Number of persons sleeping rough voluntarily and involuntarily		
Persons sleeping rough		With a Support Plan
Number of persons sleeping rough voluntarily at 31/03/15		N/A
Number of persons sleeping rough involuntarily at 31/03/15		N/A
Number of persons sleeping rough with a PASS record		N/A

Additional Information: No viable data available – not reported on for Midlan

Table 12: Number of persons recorded as rough sleepers engaging/in contact with
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Outreach Team (Note : Not reported in Midlands Region)	
Persons recorded as rough sleepers engaging/in contact with Outreach Team	During the Quarter
Number of persons in contact with Outreach Team Bedded Down	N/A
Number of persons in contact with Outreach Team Not Bedded Down	N/A
Total Individuals in contact with Outreach Team	
Number of persons who also used Emergency Accommodation	

Part 3

9. Meetings of the Management Group and Consultative Fora

Table 13: Details of Management Group, Consultative Fora and HATs – Q1		
	Dates of meetings held in the quarter under review	Membership Details
Statutory Management Group*	March 31 st , 2017	4 Local Authorities; HSE (Community Services Manager); Prison Services (Governor-Midlands Prison)
Regional Homelessness Consultative Forum*	March 31 st , 2017	Local Authorities; HSE; Prison Services; Elected Reps; DV Services; Addiction Services; DSP; Voluntary Housing Service Providers;
Homelessness Action Team (HAT)	Each Local Authority in the region holds a HAT meeting every fortnight.	Midlands Region incorporates the counties of Westmeath, Laois, Longford and Offaly. All 4 no counties are operating the HAT process.

Quarter 1 - 2017: END

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