

Midlands Region Local Authority Homelessness Performance Report Quarter 4 2017

**Performance Report for Quarter 4- 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 2016	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	45	16	76
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	3	26	4	33
No Target Applied	Private Rented (RAS and Rent Supplement, HAP etc.)	18	61	21	76
	Totals	31	132	41	185

It should be noted that Westmeath County Council further prioritised LA allocations to Programme Syrian Refuges in Q3 and Q4 of 2017 which did affect the number of allocations available to homeless persons. The Statutory Management Group of the Midland region Joint Homelessness Consultative Forum continues to look at bolstering allocations to homeless persons in the region and target those in emergency accommodation. Each regional LA is aware of the rolling CAS call for homeless persons and has discussions continue with a number of AHB partners. The problem in the region is the lack of 1 and 2 bed units which is predominantly needed for the current homeless cohort.

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	20	37
Number of days in reporting period	92	92
Daily average	0.22	0.40

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	66	9	16

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	76		<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)	42	26	16	0
Private Emergency (i.e. accommodation rented directly from landlords)	0	0	0	0
Other Private Emergency Accommodation (i.e. hotels and B&Bs)	34	14	20	0
Total	76	40	36	0

Those persons placed in emergency accommodation in the region are spending significantly more time here due to the lack of availability of social housing and social housing provisions. Every effort is made, in the region, to move individuals and families out of emergency accommodation, as soon as possible. There are a number of housing schemes coming on stream in Laois in Q2 2018 that will assist here, as well as a CAS proposal from Offaly to directly address the significant number of persons in both PEA and STA for the county.

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)	59	29
Private Emergency (i.e. accommodation rented directly from landlords)	0	0
Other Private Emergency Accommodation (i.e. hotels and B&Bs)	62	7
Other(Long Term LA Owned Properties)	0	0
Totals	121	36

4. Number of persons leaving emergency accommodation

Moved to new/independent accommodation	41
Staying with family or friends	16
Relocated to another country	0
Departure to Medical Facilities: Hospital	1
Departure to Medical Facilities: Residential Treatment	1
Departure to Correctional Facilities: Prison (on remand)	0
Unknown (Barred from Emergency Accommodation)	6
Total	65

5. Occupancy rate in emergency accommodation

Total number of beds available at 31/12/2017	59
Number of beds occupied at 31/12/2017	50

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	6

(*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

Westmeath County Council has supported a CAS application to increase the SLI apartments in Athlone by 3 another apartments bringing the total to 10. Final approval has been received by the Department of Housing. In addition to this in Q4 of 2018 Longford County Council got final approval for 10 Sli units in the county adn nominations will begin in Q1 of 2018

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	13
Number in local authority owned accommodation without support	10
Number in other (non-private rented and non-local authority owned) accommodation without support	5

It is important to note that every client in supported emergency accommodation in the midlands region is assigned a key worker. There is a growing use of hotel/B&B

accommodation and key working cannot form part of these placements, due to resource issues. However, every client who is in either STA or PEA in the region is presented at HAT in order to devise appropriate exit strategies and sustainable accommodation outcomes.

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 30/09/17		N/A
Number of persons sleeping rough involuntarily at 30/09/17		N/A
Number of persons sleeping rough with a PASS record		N/A

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

Table 12: Number of persons recorded as rough sleepers engaging/in contact with 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	N/A

Part 3

9. Meetings of the Management Group and Consultative Fora in Q4-2017

Table 13: Details of Management Group, Consultative Fora and HATs		
	Dates of meetings held in the quarter under review	Membership Details
Statutory Management Group	November 16 th November 26 th December 18 th	4 Local Authorities; HSE (A/Community Services Manager; Regional Manager of CADS); Prison Services (Governor-Midlands Prison)
Regional Homelessness Consultative Forum*	November 16 th	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 4- 2017: END

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