



Homelessness Update

Adults experiencing Homelessness

There were a total of 3,310 adults in homeless accommodation in the Dublin region over the week of February 20th to 26th 2017. Of these 1,791 were male and 1,519 were female. The majority, 2,080, were aged between 25 and 44 years.

People Sleeping Rough

The Spring count of people sleeping rough took place on the night of Tuesday April 4th into the morning of Wednesday April 5th. Details of the number of people found to be sleeping rough in the Dublin Region on this night will be available by the end of April, however it is known that rough sleeping continues to be a considerable issue, particularly in Dublin City.

Families Experiencing Homelessness

There were 1,055 families with 2,129 children in homeless accommodation during the week, February 20th to 26th. Of these 801 families with 1,623 children were accommodated in hotels and 254 families with 506 children were in other homeless accommodation. This is an increase on the January figures, during the week January 23rd to 29th there were 1007 families including 2046 children in homeless accommodation. Of these 765 families with 1,551 children were accommodated in hotels and 243 families with 495 children were in other homeless accommodation.

The number of individuals and families with children being prevented from entering homelessness, as well as the numbers exiting homelessness, are increasing. However the figures outlined clearly show that there is also an increasing number of individuals and families becoming homeless.

Reasons for Family Homelessness

An analysis of 125 families in the Dublin Region entering homelessness for the first time was carried out in **January 2016**. Of these 125 families the reasons for entering homelessness included:

- Notices to quit rented accommodation– 35% (44 families)
- Relationship breakdown – 37% (46 families)
- Overcrowding – 11% (14 families)
- Other reasons – including anti-social behaviour, illness, unsuitable accommodation

Preventing Family Homelessness

A report on family presentation to homeless services in January and February of 2017 shows the actual number of newly homeless families during this 2 month period was 149. However the net increase over the period was 25 families. Substantial work in the area of preventing homelessness, housing allocations and moves to private rented tenancies is being carried out.

Prevention Team

The newly established prevention team now have a total caseload of 221. The team engage with families in existing tenancies and with families currently living in emergency accommodation. During the period of February to March the team engaged with 49 new families. Through the prevention work carried out the total number of families prevented from entering homelessness during this period was 29.

Housing Allocations to Homeless Families

There have been a total of 104 moves from homelessness to tenancies in 2017 up to April 6th, broken down as follows:

- 42 Housed in Casual Vacancies as per 6/4/17
- 60 Voluntary Housing
- 2 Long Term Leasing

Homeless Housing Assistance Payment

Work is progressing on securing Homeless Housing Assistance Payment tenancies in the Dublin Region. Over 300 tenancies were created in the first quarter of 2017. Of these approximately 120 came from emergency accommodation and approximately 180 were prevented from entering homeless accommodation through accessing Homeless HAP.

In addition the DRHE continues to work on identifying new locations for emergency accommodation for individuals, and more family friendly temporary accommodation for families transitioning from commercial hotels to homes as they become available. The support of Dublin City Council is integral to the success of this work.

Family Accommodation and Rapid Build Video Presentation

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Me2-sd4KOiA&t=3s>