



## Homelessness Update

### Families Experiencing Homelessness

#### Prevention Team

The prevention team was established in February and consists of a team of 3. The team engage with all families presenting at risk of entering homelessness, and work with these families to prevent homelessness occurring.

In April the Prevention Team engaged with 29 families at risk of becoming homeless. A total of 6 did enter homelessness and 23 families were prevented from entering homelessness. The table below outlines the prevention work carried out to date, and there is a clear positive trend in evidence.

Month (2017)	No. of families engaged with	No. prevented from entering homelessness	No. not prevented from entering homelessness
February	27	18	9
March	21	11	10
April	29	23	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>15</b>

#### Housing Allocations to Homeless Families

The following allocations have been made to families who were experiencing homelessness up to May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017:

- 58 Housed in Casual Vacancies
- 71 Approved Housing Body Units
- 2 Long Term Leasing

In addition the vacancies below were with homeless allocations to be finalised on the same date:

- 9 DCC Vacancies with Homeless Section awaiting keys, Estate Management Clearance or Selection as per 2/5/17
- 1 – Repossessed units
- 1 – Leasing unit
- 4 – Approved Housing Body Units

### Homeless Housing Assistance Payment

Work is progressing on securing Homeless Housing Assistance Payment tenancies in the Dublin Region. A total of 462 Homeless HAP tenancies have been created in 2017 up to the end of April. The 2017 target for homeless HAP tenancies is 1,200.

### Tenancy Protection Service

A public awareness campaign to promote the Tenancy Protection Service provided by Threshold will begin on May 21<sup>st</sup>. This service is funded by the 4 Dublin local authorities. The campaign will involve outdoor advertising across Dublin, including on Dublin Buses that travel cross city and across the Dublin Region, and a digital campaign on relevant websites. High visibility artwork for the campaign has been developed and a sample is displayed below. A photo call to launch the campaign with the Lord Mayor Brendan Carr, Minister Coveney and representatives from the 4 local authorities and Threshold occurred this morning.



## Accommodation for Families Experiencing Homelessness

Work to meet the Government target of ensuring families experiencing homelessness are only accommodated in commercial hotels in limited circumstances from July continues. The strategy being implemented includes the provision of new family hub facilities and the refurbishment of existing properties which will be re-classified as supported temporary accommodation.

The details of the family hub facilities currently planned or under development are outlined below:

### Family Hubs

<b>Location</b>	<b>Detail</b>	<b>Operator</b>
Ashling House B&B Clontarf, Dublin 3.	13 Family Rooms	NGO Service to be confirmed
Clonard Road, Crumlin, Dublin 12.	30 Family Spaces	Salvation Army
Mater Dei, Clonliffe Road, Dublin 3.	50 Family Rooms	Crosscare
High Park , Drumcondra, Dublin 3.	42 Family Rooms	Respond!
Lynam's Hotel, O Connell Street, Dublin 1.	45 Family Rooms	Lease agreement with private operator
Sons of the Divine Providence, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10.	11 Family Rooms	Sons of the Divine Providence
Green Castle Parade, Coolock, Dublin 5.	40 Family Rooms	Salvation Army
Malahide Road (Fingal County Council)	11 Family Rooms	Peter McVerry Trust
Millmount, Dundrum (Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council)	12 Family Rooms	Lease agreement with private operator

### Supported Temporary Accommodation Facilities

A total of 9 premises have been identified as suitable for supported temporary accommodation facilities for families. These facilities will provide accommodation for

approximately 380 families who are currently experiencing homelessness. The enhancement of these facilities involves establishing a formal lease agreement between the accommodation provider and Dublin City Council / DRHE and the carrying out of works to include:

- Provision of dedicated space for key working staff and medical consultations
- Provision for internal and external play space, homework rooms and recreational and leisure space
- Communal cooking facilities, dining areas and laundry facilities
- Provision of Wifi and access to computers

### Rapid Build Housing

In addition work is continuing on the provision of new Rapid Build housing units. As and when Rapid Build Housing units come on stream they will be allocated to homeless families in accordance with the Allocations Scheme, 2013.

### **Adults experiencing Homelessness**

The DRHE continue to work to identify additional accommodation facilities for adults experiencing homelessness. Work is progressing on the two facilities below to increase the number of available emergency beds by 90.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Number of Beds</b>	<b>Operator</b>
St. Josephs Avenue, Drumcondra, Dublin 3 (Temporary Lease)	50 (Singles)	Peter McVerry Trust
Former Longfields Hotel, 9/10 Fitzwilliam Street, Dublin (Premises owned by Dublin City Council)	40 (Singles)	Simon