



## Special Committee on Homelessness

A meeting of the Special Committee on Homelessness took place on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2022 via Zoom. The following were in attendance:

Cllr Hazel Chu	GP	<b>CHAIR</b>
Cllr Janet Horner	GP	
Cllr Daithí Doolan	SF	
Cllr Catherine Stocker	SD	
Mary Hayes	Director DRHE	
John Durkan	Deputy Director DRHE	
Bevin Herbert	DRHE	
Catherine Kenny	Dublin Homeless Network	
Ciara McGrath	Dublin Homeless Network	
Przemek Kluczenko	Dublin Homeless Network	

A presentation was provided by Ciara McGrath, Crosscare, on behalf of the Dublin Homeless Network, on the topic of migrants accessing homeless services. The following points were raised:

- High representation of non-Irish national persons accessing homeless services when compared to the percentage of the general population that are non-Irish nationals.
- Elements of the assessment process identified by the Homeless Network as potential barriers to supports, in particular the application of Circular 41/2012
- Persons trapped in situations of domestic violence due to the conditions of their permission to reside being looked at by projects such as Crosscare Migrant Project, change in legislation proposed to Department
- Crosscare Migrant Project provide direct training and support to domestic violence refugees
- Variances exist in how local authorities across the country deal with migrant presentations, Dublin LAs respond flexibly however this can result in poor housing outcomes due to the increased demand in the region
- Increased demand in particular areas can also impact other services, for example education and HSE supports in the NEIC are under pressure
- CPS in discussion with Focus Ireland regarding specific interventions for Roma families in PEAs, Depaul migrant HAT offering specific interactions for single Roma adults
- Circular 41/2012 is under review and Crosscare requested the Special Committee write to the Minister requesting this advice be updated.

A site visit to PEA facilities will take place on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2022 in lieu of a regular meeting of the Special Committee. The following have been invited to attend:

Cllr Hazel Chu	GP	<b>CHAIR</b>
Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland	LAB	
Cllr Daithí de Róiste	FF	
Cllr Daithí Doolan	SF	
Cllr Janet Horner	GP	
Cllr Catherine Stocker	SD	
Cllr Tina MacVeigh	PBP	
Cllr Kevin Donoghue	LAB	
Cllr James Geoghegan	FG	
Cllr Dermot Lacey	LAB	
Cllr Mary Callaghan	SD	
Mary Hayes	Director DRHE	
Sheila Hennessy	A/ Deputy Director DRHE	
John Durkan	Deputy Director DRHE	