



Comhairle Cathrach  
Bhaile Átha Cliath  
Dublin City Council

**Report to Housing SPC**

**Date: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> of June 2023**

**Item No. 5.i.**

## **Housing Disability Steering Group Meeting - 09/05/2023**

<b>Dublin City Council</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Present</b>
Alice Simington (AS)	Senior Executive Officer: Housing Regeneration Programme, Project Management System and Disability Housing Strategy	Yes
Shauna Mc Intyre (SMcl)	Senior Executive Officer: Housing Administration (Incoming Chair DCC HDSG)	Yes
James Bradley (JB)	Regeneration Team	Yes
Jenna Rothwell (JR)	Senior Social Worker	Apologies

<b>The Housing Agency</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Present</b>
Julie Davis (JD)	Administrative Officer, Local Authority Services; Services and Inclusion Directorate	Yes

<b>Health Service Executive</b>				
<b>Name</b>	<b>CHO</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Disability Focus</b>	<b>Present</b>
John Cowman (JC7)	(CHO7)	CHO7 Housing Coordinator & Chair of the Housing Coordinator Nat'l Forum	HSE Mental Health Housing Coordinator	Yes
Breffni Coffee (BC)	(CHO6)	CHO6 Housing Coordinator	HSE Mental Health Service	Yes
Donal O'Malley (DO'M)	(CHO6)	Principal Social Worker	HSE Mental Health Services	Apologies
Lucy Sutton (LS)	(CHO9)	Snr. Mental Health SW	HSE Mental Health Services	Yes
John Carew (JC9)	(CHO9)	Business & Service Manager	PA Supports	Yes
Sinead Mc Kenna (SMcK)		Principal Social Worker Dublin South Central (St James') Mental Health Service	HSE Mental Health Service	Yes

<b>Disability Sector &amp; AHB</b>				
<b>Name</b>	<b>Disability Focus</b>	<b>Representing</b>	<b>Housing Provision</b>	<b>Present</b>
Daniel Scanlon (DS)	HAIL Housing	Mental	Yes	Yes
Jean Coleman (JCIWA)	Irish Wheelchair Association	Physical	Yes	Yes
Eire McNamee (EMcN)	Cheeverstown	Intellectual	Yes	Yes
Sandra Keenan (SK)	St. Margaret's Disability Services & Support Org.	Intellectual	Yes	Yes
Claire Kenny (CK)	Independent Living Movement Ireland	DPO	No	Yes
Rosita Apaza Machaca (Rose) (RAM)	Voice of the Vision Impaired	DPO	No	Yes
Keelin McCarthy (KMCC)	Irish Council for Social Housing	AHB	No	Yes

**Agenda:**

- Handover of Chair role from Alice Simmington to Shauna Mc Intyre
- HDSG Member Introductions
- Presentation by Julie Davis, The Housing Agency
- Update from HSE Team

<b>Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>By When</b>
Handover of Chair Role	<p>Alice Simington gave synopsis of DCC HDSG major achievements during her tenure as Chair:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Completion &amp; adoption of DCC Housing Strategy for Disabled People 2022 – 2027</li><li>- New requirement within DCC Development Plan that 25% of new units being UD with 5% as UD+</li></ul> <p>Going forward Shauna Mc Intyre is Chair of DCC HDSG.</p>		
Introductions	<p>All members introduced themselves giving an overview of their role within the organisations they represent.</p>	<p>SMCI to forward DCC Housing Strategy for Disabled People 2022 to 2027 to DS and SMcK</p>	<p>Immediately</p>
Presentation by Julie Davis, The Housing Agency followed by Q&A	<p>JD took members through the presentation given at the HDSG Event held in Athlone in March 2023 covering the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Vision &amp; Themes for National Housing Strategy for Disabled People 2022 to 2027</li><li>- Awareness Campaign launch &amp; Implementation Plan</li><li>- Actions for Local Authorities &amp; HDSGs including Terms of Reference, membership, reporting, representation of sector, subgroups/working groups, delivery/supply of housing and National Implementation Steering Group.</li><li>- MH Tenancy Sustainment Service</li></ul>	<p>SMCI to circulate Presentation</p>	<p>Immediately</p>

	<p>Q&amp;A (1)  AS - Will there be a standard template for Terms of Reference?  JD - There will be guidance to ensure consistency across the country whilst allowing flexibility for differences between HDSGs</p> <p>Q&amp;A (2)  CK – Are members representing DPO’s able to feed into working groups?  JD – As working groups are set up, input will be required from DPOs.</p>		
<p>Update from HSE (Breffni Coffee &amp; John Cowman)</p>	<p>BC gave an overview of her role as Housing Coordinator CHO6, Mental Health Services, highlighting the current Data Collection Project around housing needs and supports needs. Once the project is up and running, the information can be brought back to the HDSG to assist with forward planning.</p> <p>BC also informed the group there is a person appointed in the HSE CH East area equivalent to her role responsible for Disability Services.</p> <p>JC7 gave an overview of his role as Housing Coordinator CH07, Mental Health Services highlighting the Housing Needs Record project &amp; The CHO7 Community Living Implementation Group (GLIG)</p> <p>Discussion following updates by BC &amp; JC7 centred around:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- DCC Allocations &amp; challenges with waiting list of approximately 14K people</li> <li>- HMD1 form: use of form, accessibility of form &amp; review of form.</li> <li>- Challenges of how persons with co-existing disabilities/cross impairments are recorded by Local Authority on Allocations Systems. Fear of hierarchy of impairments. Need for another option/box as one impairment should not override another.</li> </ul>	<p>SMCI to invite Pauline Burke from DCC to next HDSG meeting to give presentation delivered to CLIG.</p>	

	- The Housing Agency has advised Local Authorities to choose one disability. The IT Systems in use have limitations. THA agree this is a valuable conversation to be revisited.		
Agenda for Next Meeting	Updates from members on activities relating to HDSG within their organisations/sector.  Presentation by Pauline Burke (TBC)		
Next Meeting	2023 Q3		