

HOUSING FIRST

NATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

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Success

By adopting the **Housing First** model ('fidelity'), Ireland has proven it can achieve the same positive results for homeless individuals as other countries.

- Dublin Housing First has been operating since 2014, following a successful pilot
- Partnership between DRHE (4 Dublin local authorities), HSE, Focus Ireland and Peter McVerry Trust
- Rebuilding Ireland (2016) commitment to expanding **Housing First**

214

individuals

250

tenancies

187

properties

85%

housing
sustainment rate

Scaling Up

Government's aim in rolling out **Housing First** nationwide is to reduce and end chronic homelessness in Ireland.

- A National Implementation Plan was jointly launched by Ministers for Housing and Health in September
- **Housing First** will be delivered in every county over the next three years
- Targets have been developed based on an identification of current needs

737
homeless
individuals
with high
support needs

663
additional
tenancies over
next 3 years

75
tenancies for
vulnerable
prisoners

200 to
people to
date

1,000
people by
2021

Structures and Supports

Housing First delivery requires a strong commitment by housing authorities, health services, and NGOs to work together in a planned and integrated way.

Structures

- Joint funding through Department of Housing /Local Authorities, Department of Health /HSE and Service Reform Fund
- Planned delivery at regional level, open tendering for NGO partners, and collaboration with housing bodies
- Oversight by **Housing First** National Implementation Committee

Supports

- Support delivery through education, training, technical support and **Housing First** manual
- Action research to fully understand implementation issues and develop solutions
- Continue to demonstrate success by undertaking a nationwide implementation study (multi-site evaluation) and fidelity assessments (review adherence to model)

Systems Change

Towards an Ireland where housing with intensive supports becomes the primary response to long-term homelessness and provides the basis for recovery in other areas.

Today
64%
of hostel bed
nights in
Dublin

occupied by
22%
of homeless
individuals

**Change
practices
that make
and keep
people
homeless**

**Stable
housing is a
platform for
recovery,
health and
wellbeing**

**Service users
are involved
and there is a
focus on
social
integration**

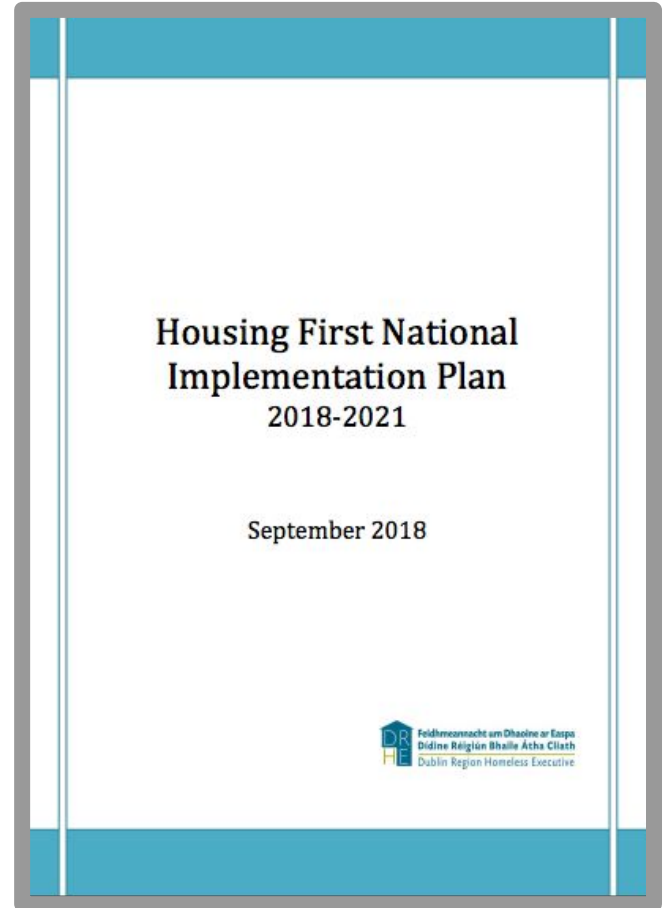


Strategy Rollout

The rollout of **Housing First** to every county in Ireland is underway. Since the Housing First National Implementation Plan was published:

- Creating awareness and increasing understanding of **Housing First** National Implementation Plan
- Meetings with local authorities and HSE to understand housing and health support needs in regional areas
- Tender processes underway for Cork, Galway and Limerick
- A new tender for Dublin will be issued soon
- Consulting with international experts on nationwide implementation study
- Action researcher currently being recruited

The Housing First National Implementation Plan is available online at www.homelessdublin.ie.



An aerial photograph of a residential neighborhood, showing houses, streets, and a large green field. The image is in grayscale and serves as a background for the text.

THANKS!

Any questions?

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