

***Dublin Region Homeless Executive Activates Cold Weather Strategy 2018***

The Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE) has responsibility for co-ordinating responses to homelessness on behalf of the four Dublin Local Authorities. In order to meet the increase in demand for homeless services and have the appropriate contingency plans in place for cold weather conditions, the DRHE is now activating the Cold Weather Strategy for 2018 for the Dublin Region.

The impact of severe weather can be immediately life threatening to people who are sleeping rough and it is essential to have a coordinated response plan in place for the duration of the cold weather period.

In tandem with the launch of the Cold Weather Strategy, the DRHE is leading and resourcing the introduction of additional bed capacity and support services, in partnership with a range of charitable organisations funded by the DRHE. The approach is twofold, current emergency accommodation capacity is being expanded to meet demand and we will also provide a targeted response to engage with people who are long-term rough sleeping and people who may not be in regular contact with services.

**Enhanced service options operational during cold weather conditions**

Services operate throughout the year to support persons who are rough sleeping. However, there is an increased emphasis on the level of service provision during the cold period in order to mitigate against the health risks that people can be exposed to, through rough sleeping in cold weather conditions. The cold weather period provides opportunities for engagement with long-term rough sleepers and hard-to-reach groups, where increased supports need to be available.

- During the cold weather period the Housing First Intake Team, operate from 7.00am – 1.00am every day. The Intake Team will increase their staffing for the

cold weather period, to enable broader engagement with persons sleeping rough across the Dublin Region. The Housing First transport facility is available to assist in supporting vulnerable people sleeping rough to access accommodation;

- Additional beds and units will be brought into use across a range of existing services and facilities for singles, couples and families;
- A contingency emergency response is already in place for any family who may be at risk of sleeping rough at night;
- Arrangements are in place between the DRHE, the Gardaí, Housing First, Central Placement Service and the HSE with a view to improving outcomes for people that may be sleeping rough.

### ***Provision of additional accommodation options***

- 203 additional permanent beds for singles / couples are becoming operational on a phased basis, the majority of which will be in use by the end of December 2018;
- 130 temporary contingency beds are currently coming in to use across a range of existing services for the duration of the cold weather period.

<b>Additional permanent capacity for singles and couples</b>			
<b>Premises</b>	<b>Operator</b>	<b>Capacity</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Dublin 2</b>	PMVT	25	Dec 18
<b>Dublin 4</b>	TBC	40	Dec 18
<b>DLR Co. Co.</b>	Crosscare	4	Nov 18
<b>Fingal</b>	PMVT & other operator TBC	34	Dec 18
<b>SDCC</b>	PMVT	30	Dec 18
<b>Co. Kildare (phased opening)</b>	PMVT	70	Nov & Dec 18
<b>Total</b>		<b>203</b>	

<b>Cold weather contingency beds for singles and couples</b>			
<b>Premises</b>	<b>Operator</b>	<b>Capacity</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Various Locations</b>	PMVT	30	Operational
<b>Dublin 8</b>	PEA	80	Nov 18
<b>Wolfe Tone Quay, D. 7</b>	PEA	20	Nov 18
<b>Total</b>		<b>130</b>	

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## Notes to the Editor

### General Information – Access to Services

If an individual / family is presenting as homeless for the first time in Dublin, their respective Local Authority will carry out a comprehensive assessment.

- **Dublin City Council** - The Central Placement Service is available during the day in Parkgate Hall, 6-9 Conyngham Road, Dublin 8 from 10.00am to 4.00pm Monday to Friday for individuals and families presenting as homeless in the Dublin City Council area. FREEPHONE: 1800 707 707 Monday to Friday 2.00pm – 4.00pm (Dublin City Council only) Email: [homelesscps@dublincity.ie](mailto:homelesscps@dublincity.ie)
- **Fingal County Council** - Homeless Section, Civic Offices, Grove Road, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15. Open Monday-Friday: 9.30am – 12.30pm. Telephone: 01 890 5090 Monday to Friday: 9.00am – 4.30pm. Email: [homeless@fingalcoco.ie](mailto:homeless@fingalcoco.ie)
- **South Dublin County Council** Homeless Section - County Hall, Tallaght, Dublin 24. Open Monday-Friday: 10.00am – 12.00pm. Telephone: 01 414 9364 Monday to Friday: 9.00am – 5.00pm. Email: [sdchomeless@sdblincoco.ie](mailto:sdchomeless@sdblincoco.ie)

- **Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council** Homeless Section - County Hall, Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire. Open Monday-Friday: 10.00am – 4.00pm. Telephone: 01 205 4804 Monday to Friday: 9.00am – 5.00pm. Email: [homeless@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:homeless@dlrcoco.ie)
- For access to emergency accommodation out of hours contact **Homeless FREEPHONE 1800 707 707**, Monday to Friday 4.30pm to 2.00am Saturday and Sunday from 10.00am to 2.00am
- Housing First Intake Service – 086 813 9015
- Tenancy Protection Service – 1800 454 454
- Dublin Placefinders Service & Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) for homeless households – 01 222 6804
- If a member of the public would like to make Dublin's Housing First Service aware of a person sleeping rough in the Dublin region, please contact us at:-  
<https://www.homelessdublin.ie/homeless/i-am-rough-sleeping/report-rough-sleeper>

**We have a facility for the public to report rough sleeping**

If you see anyone sleeping rough in the Dublin Region, please notify us at

[www.homelessdublin.ie/report-rough-sleeper](https://www.homelessdublin.ie/report-rough-sleeper)

## Dublin Region Homeless Executive - Support Services

Service Name	Opening Hours	Address	Tel no	Services Offered	Charges
<b>St. Brigid's Food Centre</b>	Mon – Fri: 12 – 2pm <b>Closed Saturday and Sundays &amp; bank holidays</b>	Holles Row Dublin 2	6765707	Food	€3
<b>Crosscare, Community Cafe</b>	Mon – Fri:- 12 – 2pm	Eblana Ave, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin	4123602	Food	€3
<b>Focus Ireland Coffee Shop</b>	Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 11am - 3.30pm Wed: 11.30am – 3.30pm Sat & Sun: 11.30am – 3pm	15 Eustace Street Dublin 2	6712555	Advice & Information	Low Cost
<b>St. Joseph's Penny Dinners</b>	Mon-Fri: 12noon – 1.30pm <b>Closed weekends</b>	67 Avondale House, Nth Cumberland St Dublin 1	8743297	Food	€1 optional
<b>St Agatha's Food Centre</b>	Mon – Fri 12-2pm	35 Portland Row, D1	8555577	Food	€3
<b>Capuchin Day Centre</b>	Mon – Sat 7am - 11.30am; 1pm -3.30pm (School days) (Holidays till 3pm) <b>Closed Sundays</b>	Bow St, Dublin 7	8720770	Medical Services Food	No charge
<b>Missionaries of Charity</b>	Sundays (only) 3pm – 5pm	223 South Circular Rd Dublin 8	4540163	Food	No Charge
<b>Mendicity Institution Trust</b>	Mon-Fri: 9am - 9.30am 10.30am - 1pm (Lunch) Sat: (Brunch) 10am - 11am	Island St, Dublin 8	6773308	Food, Advice & Information East European speakers on staff	No charge
<b>Merchants Quay Ireland</b>	Mon - Fri: 8am - 9.30am breakfast Mon, Tue, Wed and Fri: 9.30am-12.30pm - contacts and advocacy <b>Closed Thursdays between 9.30am - 1.45pm for staff training.</b> open every afternoon 1.45-5.00pm Sundays: 8am - 9.30am breakfast; 11am - 1pm dinner service	Riverbank, Dublin 8	5240923	Food & Showers Advocacy, advice and information Medical Services	No Charge
<b>Extended Day Service</b>	Mon – Fri 5.30pm – 8.15pm b/h	13-14 Merchants Quay, Dublin 8	5240927/ 5240924	Food Harm Reduction	No Charge
<b>Guild of the Little Flower</b>	Breakfast – 9am to 10.30amLunch/Dinner – 12 noon to 1.15pm (Doors open at 11.30am). Laundry – 9am to 2PM.	11 Meath Street, Dublin 8	453 6621	Laundry Service for a fee	Low Cost
<b>Dublin Simon Soup Run</b>	365 days 7.30 - 9.30pm	City Centre: Not specific address- mobile service	089 418 074 089 446105 8720185	Food	

### First opening hours:

**Capuchin Day Centre:** Mon – Sat: 7am - 11.30am

**Merchants Quay Ireland:** Sundays: 8am - 9.30am