

**Performance Report for Quarter 4 2014
relating to the Protocol Governing Delegation of Section 10 Funding for Homeless
Services to each of the 9 Regions**

North West Region

**Department of the Environment
Community & Local Government**

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Part 1

1. 2014 Target for Accommodating Homeless Persons with Full Tenancies

Table 1: Individuals moved on to independent living					
Target number of units for 2014	Number of Accommodation Units Delivered with Full Tenancies	Quarterly Total Units	Total Units to Date in 2014	Quarterly Total Persons	Total Persons to Date in 2014
	Local Authority Lettings: number of new lettings, re-lets, leasing, purchase/acquisitions, NAMA and other delivery mechanisms	1	8	1	8
	AHB Lettings: number of new lettings and re-lets (via LA nominations), LTS (long-term supported accommodation) leasing, purchase/acquisitions (via CALF and/or private finance), CAS, NAMA and other delivery mechanisms	1	28	1	43
	Private Rented (RAS and Rent Supplement, etc.)	7	30	7	33
	Returned to family home with/without barring order	0	2	0	2
	Staying with family/relatives	1	2	1	2
	Returned to Direct Provision	0	1	0	1
	Totals	10	71	10	89

NOTE: Leitrim County Council does not have a target in this regard as we have no long term homeless individuals living in emergency accommodation. We propose to continue to deal with homelessness cases presenting through the sourcing and provision of suitable private rented accommodation (with rent deposit and rent supplement assistance as required) or through the provision of standard local authority tenancies from within our housing stock. The provision of emergency B&B type accommodation has only ever been used on a very short-term basis pending the sourcing of suitable alternative accommodation.

Part 2

2. Number of new presentations on a daily basis

NOTE: A total of 6 Homeless households presented to Leitrim County Council during Qtr 4 2014 – the details in relation to the individual presentations, including the Council's response, are outlined below. Based on the additional clarification provided by the Department however this Table 2 is primarily concerned with the number of new individuals becoming homeless - information sought relates to individuals presenting and accepted into Section 10 funded homeless services – only the details of those genuinely homeless are sought e.g. details are not being sought in relation to individuals that might present to homeless services but are not deemed to be homeless by the housing authority as they may have alternative accommodation or the means to provide their own accommodation.

Leitrim County Council has had no placement in Emergency B&B Accommodation during December 2014. There is no specific emergency accommodation within County Leitrim and B&B/ Hotel accommodation is used in exceptional circumstances on a very short term basis as needs arise.

In terms of the 5 households that presented as homeless in December 2014 in Leitrim the following is the breakdown:

- Emergency B&B accommodation provided/Rent Deposit Approved 2
- No local connection – present in County of origin 1
- Awaiting submission of completed application for social housing support 1
- Alternative local authority accommodation offered/accepted 2

Total 6

Table 2: Number of new presentations on a daily basis		
	New	Repeat
Number of presentations in reporting period	56	65
Number of days in reporting period	92	92
Daily average	0.61	0.71

Additional Information:

Table 3: Number of placements or unique individuals in emergency accommodation				
Service	Number	Number Offered Accommodation	Number of 'No shows'	Number unable to be accommodated due to insufficient capacity/unsuitability (Sleeping bags booked and collected)
Calls from Service Users: Helpline	12	5	2	7
Placement Service	50	48	3	2
Total	62	53	5	9

Household	Household Composition	Support Provided by Leitrim County Council
1.	Single Applicant	Applicant presented as homeless arising from the unfit condition of current accommodation - Offered and accepted tenancy of local authority accommodation
2.	Single Applicant	Applicant presented as homeless arising from the unfit condition of current accommodation i.e. mobile home type structure. Approved for payment of Rent Deposit to secure alternative PRA. Payment pending – awaiting the submission of the necessary documentation
3.	Single Parent & Adult Son	Father & adult son (20 yrs) presented as homeless 10/12/2014 – Previously in accommodation provided by Sligo local authority and subsequently moved to Clare/Mayo. Household is neither normally residing in administrative area of Leitrim Co. Co. nor established a local connection to the area – Advised to present to County of Origin for Social Housing/Emergency Housing Support
4.	Single Applicant	Involuntarily sharing PRA with friends – completed application for social housing support and accompanying documentation not submitted as at 31/12/2014
5.	Two Adults & one child	On Notice to Quit private rented accommodation – 42 days from 11/12/2014 – Secured alternative PRA - Approved for payment of Rent Deposit of €350
6.	Two Adults & two children	On Notice to Quit private rented accommodation – 35 days from 17/12/2014 – Offered and accepted tenancy of local authority accommodation

Sligo DVAS has indicated that clients have deemed their safe house accommodation unsuitable because of location, distance from children's schools, insufficient capacity. Sligo County Council had 2 homeless families presenting which were unable to be assisted as Sligo County Council does not have access to homeless accommodation for families.

3. Number of persons in emergency accommodation for longer than 6 months

Note: There are no persons currently in emergency accommodation within the functional area of Leitrim County Council. There is no specific emergency accommodation within County Leitrim and

B&B/ Hotel accommodation is used in exceptional circumstances on a very short term basis as needs arise.

Table 4: Number of persons in emergency accommodation for longer than 6 months				
	Number of Persons on last day of Quarter	Resident < 6 Months	Resident > 6 Months	
Emergency Accommodation			<i>Consecutively or continuously in emergency accommodation for longer than 6 months</i>	<i>Non-consecutively or cumulatively in emergency accommodation for longer than 6 months in the previous 12 month period</i>
Temporary Emergency (i.e. accommodation owned by a housing authority, AHB or by a homeless service)	32	25	3	4
Private Emergency (i.e. accommodation rented directly from landlords)				
Other Private Emergency Accommodation (i.e. hotels and B&Bs)	2	2		
Total	34	27	3	4

Additional Information:

Given that there are no emergency accommodation facilities in Leitrim there are no clients with a support plan. People who present as homeless have a full Housing Needs Assessment completed to identify the most appropriate support. The Housing Staff provide information, advice and support as necessary in relation to securing accommodation and work with other agencies as appropriate to address problems and ensure the necessary supports are in place.

North West Simon operates a tenancy sustainment service within the County but this service is primarily focused on preventing homelessness. The Housing Department also focuses on tenancy sustainment and support within our own housing stock, with particular supports put in place for clients who presented as homeless and are provided with standard local authority tenancies. Referrals are made as necessary to other Agencies to assist these households in sustaining their tenancies.

Additional Information:

Table 5: Number of clients with a support plan		
Accommodation Category	Total Number of Persons During the Quarter	Number with a Support Plan
Temporary Emergency (i.e. accommodation owned by a housing authority, AHB or by a homeless service)	33	31
Private Emergency (i.e. accommodation rented directly from landlords)	0	0
Other Private Emergency Accommodation (i.e. hotels and B&Bs)	2	0
Other (long term supported – not temporary emergency)	12	12
Other (White Oaks/DWDV)	22	22
Totals	69	65

4. Number of persons leaving emergency accommodation

Table 6: Number of persons leaving emergency accommodation	
Moved to new/independent accommodation	10
Staying with family or friends	22
Relocated to another country	1
Departure to Medical Facilities: Hospital	0
Departure to Medical Facilities: Residential Treatment	0
Departure to Correctional Facilities: Prison (on remand)	0
Returned to Family Home	0
Returned to Family Home with Barring Order	0
Return to Direct Provision Accommodation	0
Unknown	3
Moved to another hostel	2
Total	38

Note: As above, there are no emergency accommodation facilities in Leitrim.

5. Occupancy rate in emergency accommodation

Note: As above, there are no emergency accommodation facilities in Leitrim and accordingly this indicator is not applicable in the Leitrim context.

Table 7: Occupancy rate in emergency accommodation	
Total number of beds available at 31 st December 2014	70
Number of beds occupied at 31 st December 2014	45

6. Number of persons moving on into independent living with support

Note: N/A in the Leitrim context. (No accommodation in County Leitrim managed by the not for profit sector and where the individuals are receiving support)

Table 8: Number of persons moving on into independent living with support		
Persons moved on into independent living with support	Secure Licence	Secure Tenancy/Other
Number in supported accommodation		
Number in local authority owned accommodation with support		
Number in private rented accommodation with floating support services		6
Staying with family or friends		
Returned to family home		
Returned to family home with barring order		
Returned to direct provision		

Additional Information:

Table 9: Number of former service users supported by Tenancy Support & Sustainment Services (TSSS)		
Service Provider	Number of Persons Currently Supported	Number of Persons Previously Supported but No Longer Requiring Support
Focus		
NW Simon		
SVP		
SSS	15	0
Total		

Note: Donegal County Council – 5 NW Simon cases closed as the programme of work was completed while 3 cases were closed as clients disengaged.

7. Number of persons moving on into independent living without support

Note: While one household (comprising of 2 adult & 1 child) who presented as homeless was assisted in relation to the sourcing and provision of private rented accommodation this was not a household that was 'moving on' into independent living. This was a household whose homelessness was met directly through the provision of assistance in relation to sourcing and securing private rented accommodation.

Table 10: Number of persons moving on into independent living without support	
Persons moved on into independent living without support	
Number in private rented accommodation without support	1
Number in local authority owned accommodation without support	1
Number in other (non-private rented and non-local authority owned) accommodation without support	0

8. Number of persons sleeping rough voluntarily and involuntarily

Note: There are no persons that we are aware of sleeping rough within the administrative area of Leitrim County Council.

Table 11: Number of persons sleeping rough voluntarily and involuntarily		
Persons sleeping rough		With a Support Plan
Number of persons sleeping rough voluntarily at 31 st December 2014	1	
Number of persons sleeping rough involuntarily at 31 st December 2014	0	
Number of persons sleeping rough with a PASS record	1	

Additional Information:

Table 12: Number of persons recorded as rough sleepers engaging/in contact with Outreach Team	
Persons recorded as rough sleepers engaging/in contact with Outreach Team	During the Quarter
Number of persons in contact with Outreach Team Bedded Down	0
Number of persons in contact with Outreach Team Not Bedded Down	0
Total Individuals in contact with Outreach Team	0
Number of persons who also used Emergency Accommodation	0

Part 3

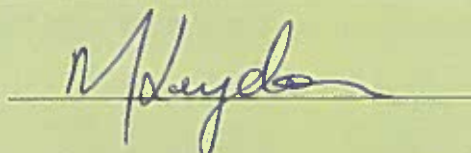
9. Meetings of the Management Group and Consultative Fora

Table 13: Details of Management Group, Consultative Fora and HATs		
	Dates of meetings held in the quarter under review	Membership Details
Statutory Management Group	11/12/2014	Reps from Sligo County Council, Leitrim County Council & Donegal County Council. HSE have membership but have

		not been in regular attendance.
Regional Homelessness Consultative Forum	11/12/2014	Reps from the 3 Local Authorities, NW Simon, Sligo Social Services, FOCUS Ireland, HSE, HSE have membership but have not been in regular attendance, Sligo VEC, Public Representative, DVAS, SVDP, Probation Services, Department of Social Protection, Cluid Housing Association,
Homelessness Action Team Sligo	1/10/14, 15/10/14, 12/11/14, 26/11/14 & 10/12/2014	Sligo County Council, HSE Learning Disability Services, HSE Mental Health Services, NW Simon, Sligo Social Services, Finisklin Housing Association, Department of Social Protection, FOCUS Ireland, HSE Older Persons Social Worker, DVAS (do not attend), HSE Addiction Services, HSE Leaving & After Care, Probation Services.
Homeless Action Team Leitrim		No HAT in Leitrim in context of no Emergency accommodation
Homeless Action Team Donegal	17/12/2014	Donegal County Council, H.S.E, NW Simon, St. Colmcille Hostel, S.T.E.E.R.

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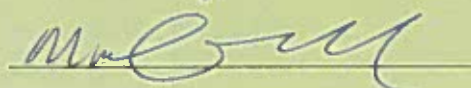
Director of Finance



Date

13/1/15

Director of Housing



Date

13th Jan '15