



SPC Meeting 14th July

UPDATE ON HOMELESS SERVICES



Background & Current Arrangements

- Local Authority is obliged to provide homeless services under Housing Legislation
- Responsibility for assessment, appraisal and decision making rests with Local Authority
- Galway City Council is the lead agency for the West Region which covers Galway City & County, Mayo and Roscommon
- West Homelessness Statutory Management Group – Directors of Services for each Local Authority and HSEw representative for the Region.

Homeless structures and forums

- National Network for Homelessness and subgroups
- Regional Homeless Forum
- Steering Committee - GCC – comprises statutory & voluntary members
- Government Policy i.e. States response to Homelessness & Rebuilding Ireland – Action Plan for Housing and Homelessness (2016)
- Regional Action Plan
- Local Homeless Action Plan

Key Principles from Rebuilding Ireland

- A housing led approach
- An emphasis on resettlement & provision
- The operation of Homelessness Action Teams
- Ensuring that clients with income supports make an appropriate contribution towards the cost of services
- Ensuring that there is sufficient bed capacity on a nightly basis to accommodate those in need of emergency accommodation
- New services to be tendered appropriately

Funding

- LA's responsible for non-care costs such as provision of:
- Homeless Prevention, Tenancy Sustainment & Resettlement Services
 - Emergency Accommodation
 - Long-term Supported Accommodation
 - Day Services
 - Housing Authority Homeless Services Provision incl. Admin
 - West Region funding budget for 2017 is €2,000,000 – no increase from 2016
- HSEw are responsible for care costs.

Current Status

- Hospital Discharge Protocol nearly finalised
- Tusla Protocol nearly finalised
- New Allocation Scheme adopted 10th July 2017
- Linkages with SOROM - Solo
- Working with AHBs on projects e.g. Cluid/Cope/Simon Project
- Tui Bhrian Project Youth Homelessness
- Continue to manage presentations
- Cold Weather Response

Some Stats

- Allocations to Homeless Households - GCC

	2016	2017 to date
LA:	11	4
AHEs:	11	23

- Number Currently in Homeless Services Provided by GCC

- - Families - 18 in PEA and 12 in other LA Provided Accommodation
- - Singles - 26 in Fairgreen Hostel, 11 in Osterley Lodge, 14 in Hostels/BB's

- 28 Recorded on 11/07/2017 by Fairgreen Hostel, of which:

- - 11 awaiting confirmation of Habitual Residency Status
- - 12 from other centres of interest
- - 5 approved for services by GCC
