



WHAT'S HAPPENED SINCE FEB 9TH

- Significant increase in Rough Sleeping
37 counted on the 03.07.17
- Numbers of singles currently in Emergency Accommodation
45 singles and 3 couples (9 singles & 3 couples in PEA)
- Numbers of Families in Emergency persistently high
50 families in total (12 from county) (34 in PEA)
- Cold Weather Response 2016/17 - ended (03.04.17)
132 Individuals accessed (83 approved for services)
127 instances of people not accommodated
- Clients (singles) in Transitional Acc
60 who could potentially move on and free up
space in emergency

CHALLENGES

- **Numbers Rising:** people accessing and in need of homeless services continuing to rise
- **No Additional Capacity** in the existing system to accommodate or support the demand
- **Complex Needs:** Poor mental health increasingly evident : Physical Health issues: Hospital discharges; low income etc
- **Inadequate Housing Supply** to either resettle families or individuals away from homeless services
- **Inadequate Housing Supply** to resettle those in services out of homelessness

Without an adequate supply of housing those currently in services will not be able to move on & we can't prevent those who newly present from staying out of homeless services

CHALLENGES: NUMBERS RISING & NO ADDITIONAL CAPACITY

- May be as many as 50 R/S on continuous/regular basis
 - Most significant cohort who are eligible for services – long term homeless
- Emergency accommodation services at capacity
 - Waiting list in operation for Fairgreen Hostel
 - Limited scope to avail of tourist accommodation
 - Hostels not suitable or appropriate for some
- Significant reliance on PEA
 - Utilising student accommodation for summer period
 - Real concerns for how need will be met from mid/late August onwards
- Traveller families
 - Disproportionate number in emergency accommodation
 - Structural inequalities contribute to significant challenges securing housing

CHALLENGES: CAPACITY

- 60 Individuals in transitional housing – need to free up spaces in more timely manner:
 - Social Housing allocations (11 YTD, 3 of which were with Cluid under funding secured in 2015)
- Referrals to transitional housing far exceeding vacancies
- Supporting those moving into social housing allocations to sustain tenancies (Tenancy Sustainment & Resettlement)
 - Can be resource intensive and existing services have finite capacity
- Role of Social Work Support critical
 - Anxious to see current vacancy filled at a minimum
- Health services have vital role to play
 - A more proactive/assertive engagement with homeless who are engaged with mental health services needed
 - Detox and rehab for people with drug and alcohol addiction need to be available and accessible

CHALLENGES: NO HOUSING SUPPLY

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SOLUTIONS

SHORT TERM
INCREASE CAPACITY

LONG TERM
PREVENTION
HOUSING SUPPLY

SOLUTIONS: SHORT TERM INCREASE CAPACITY

- Responding to rough sleeping
 - Cold Weather Response – need for a suitable property to be sourced and scope of service offering worked out
 - Clarity on eligibility for a CWR bed; 'a bed for anyone who needs one'
 - Rough sleepers team - humanitarian response and approach to move out of rough sleeping
- Addressing blockages in emergency and transitional accommodation
 - Care and case management approach to be introduced – needs to be resourced
 - Scheme of lettings to prioritise homeless
 - Homeless HAP

SOLUTIONS: LONG TERM PREVENTION

- Increase capacity of tenancy sustainment and resettlement teams to respond to those in crisis
- Teams resourced to help individuals and families address debt; rent arrears; & repairs
- Access to flexible specialist staff to meet those with complex needs in their own homes
- Increase Housing Supply to secure housing stream for those requiring resettlement
- Provide residential respite and treatment services to prevent long term re-entry into homelessness

SOLUTIONS: LONG TERM PREVENTION

- Care and Case management approach to be embedded
 - Social Work team needed
 - Health inputs
- HAT Team needs to be established
- Develop Interagency working: Specified interagency protocols
- Mechanism for addressing Gaps & Blocks in service provision (statutory & voluntary)

LONG TERM SOLUTION: HOUSING

- Social Housing building programme
 - Address issue of imbalance between family and single person housing (54% of households on waiting list are single person)
 - Only sustainable solution
- Housing First approach to be introduced
- Access to housing: Need strategy for ensuring access to housing from all possible sources (LA; AHB; Private rental sector).
City Council taking initiative to acquire properties for which NTQs served: more of this!
