

# “Mid-West Regional HOMELESSNESS Action Plan”

## 2013 - 2018



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## Foreword

We are extremely pleased to welcome this Mid-West Regional Homelessness Action Plan 2013 - 2018, completed by the Mid-West Regional Homelessness Management Group in consultation with the Mid-West Regional Homelessness Forum. The Mid-West Regional Homelessness Forum is a partnership of all the key stakeholders involved in the delivery of homeless services across the region. It was established as part of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009 which legislated for Homelessness Action Plans to be developed for the first time.

This is the second statutory Homelessness Action Plan developed in the Mid-West Region and it comes at a time of economic instability and financial uncertainty for everyone in society. The Regional Management Group acknowledges these difficulties and with the introduction of this Action Plan have reaffirmed our commitment to protecting the most vulnerable group in society.

The Mid-West Regional Homelessness Forum has previously highlighted that tackling the complex area of homelessness requires more than just providing a 'roof over your head'. This Action Plan underpins that ethos and it has also taken into context the Government's Policy Statement on Homelessness. The philosophy of this statement provides a housing led approach to tackling homelessness by providing mainstream accommodation. In line with national policy, this accommodation will provide independent living with supports if required by Service Users. This new direction in Homeless Services is a clear statement of intent which will aid in ending the reliance on emergency hostel accommodation.

The implementation of this Action Plan will be achieved through the continued dedication of the Voluntary Housing Providers within the region and the cooperation of all Statutory Agencies involved in the delivery of Homeless Services. The continued provision of high quality services for those who find themselves in need of emergency accommodation and the delivery of effective independent living supports for those who require them will define the term of this Homelessness Action Plan.

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## 1. Background & Context to Action Plan

For the purposes of this Homeless Framework Plan the definition of homelessness is that as has been defined in the Housing Act of 1988 as:

A person shall be regarded by a housing authority as being homeless for the purpose of this Act if.....

1. there is no accommodation available which in the opinion of the authority together with any other person who normally resides with him or who might reasonably be expected to reside with him can reasonably occupy or remain in occupation of;

or

2. he is living in a hospital, county home, night shelter, or other institution and is so living because he has no accommodation of the kind referred to in paragraph (a).
3. he is, in the opinion of the authority, unable to provide accommodation from his own resources.

In accordance with the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009, Part 2, Chapter 6, Section 40 (10). Limerick City Council as Lead Authority for the Mid-West Region instructed the Regional Homelessness Management Group to prepare a New Mid West Regional Homelessness Action Plan for the period 2013 to 2018. The actions outlined in this plan are a combination of recommendations from the review of homeless services within the region in 2011 and an analysis of emerging trends at local and national level during 2012. It is envisaged that these new provisions will help to make homelessness a more central element of the housing authority functions while promoting a more planned approach to homeless services throughout the region.

The Plan has been developed following the principles of the current national homeless strategy "The Way Home: A Strategy to Address Adult Homelessness in Ireland 2008 - 2013". The development of this Plan has been cognisant of the Governments Housing Policy Statement released in June 2011, which highlighted the need to explore a Housing First (Led) approach and to achieve a maximum return for the resources invested in homeless services.

During the term of this Plan a significant amount of change will occur in each of the Local Authorities in accordance with the Governments vision for Local Government as set out in "Putting People First". There are planned amalgamations of Limerick City Council with Limerick County Council and North Tipperary County Council with South Tipperary County Council. The amalgamation process is currently underway and the official amalgamation date is June 2014.

The Mid-West Regional Homelessness Action Plan 2013-2018 will provide a platform for the continued provision of high quality person focused services with access to the appropriate supports to live independently. The Plan will place an emphasis on strengthening preventative policies, procedures, working relationships and services to reduce levels of repeat homeless, thus reducing the overall level of homelessness within the region. In particular this Regional Action Plan aims to address the needs of

the long term homeless currently resident in emergency facilities by identifying the gaps preventing their resettlement.

In terms of the implementation of the adopted Regional Homelessness Plan, each Local Authority Area will develop an Implementation Plan based on the actions contained in the Regional Plan. This process will give effect to the actions contained in the Regional Plan and provide a key level of involvement to Voluntary and Statutory groups at a local level.

The Regional Homelessness Management Group will monitor and review all Regional Actions to ensure the plan is progressing in a positive direction. The Management Group in consultation with the Regional Consultative Forum will highlight and review any challenges which may arise during the lifetime of the Plan.

The Regional Homelessness Management Group for the Mid-West is chaired by Mr Oliver O'Loughlin, Limerick City Council (Lead Authority), members include: Mr Rob Lowth, Limerick City Council; Mr Seamus O'Connor, Limerick County Council; Mr Karl Cashen, North Tipperary County Council; Ms Bernadette Kinsella, Clare County Council and Mr Maurice Hoare, HSE West.

## 2. Regional Trends & Data

### Homeless Presentations to Each Individual Local Authority Area in the Region

Area	2010	2011	2012
Limerick City	552	662	608
Limerick County*	381	283	417
North Tipperary	125	120	217
Clare	357	247	304
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,415</b>	<b>1,312</b>	<b>1,546</b>

### Number of Homeless Presentations in the Mid West Region - Emergency Accommodation 2012

Area	Service Provider	Scheme	Total
<b>Limerick</b>	ACT Charities	Thomond House	65
	Cuan Mhuire*	Bruree House	293
	ADAPT Domestic Abuse Services	ADAPT House	191
	Novas Initiatives	McGarry House	94
	Novas Initiatives	Brother Russell House	60
	Respond!	Suaimhneas	29
	St. Vincent de Paul	St. Patrick's Hostel Kilree Lodge	101
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>833</b>
<b>North Tipperary</b>	Novas Initiatives	Prospect House	4
	Novas Initiatives	Mitchell Street	12
	Thurles Lions Club	Gortataggart	8
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Clare</b>	St. Vincent de Paul	Laurel Lodge	38
	Clare Haven Services	Clare Haven Refuge	69
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>107</b>

\* Figures for Limerick County Council appear higher than normal as a direct result of the Drug and Alcohol Treatment Centre located in Bruree. This centre provides a valuable resource to not only the region but the entire country.

### 3. Strategic Aims & Actions

"Homelessness is preventable". This statement underpins the views of the Mid West Regional Management Group in their duty to address homelessness within the administrative region. With the strategic aims and actions outlined in this section, it is envisaged that both statutory and voluntary services will work together in a continued partnership to address the needs of the homeless in the region. These aims and actions will fully support the extensive resources and efforts devoted by all those associated with delivering homeless services. The aims & actions are as follows:-

#### (1) Reduce Homelessness through Developing Preventive Measures

There are clear links at both structural and individual level between homelessness and a range of factors including poverty, poor education, discharge from state institutions, addiction issues, mental health issues, family breakdown and domestic abuse. These factors help us to identify the sort of actions required to help prevent homelessness in the first instance and to make interventions at the earliest possible stage. In many cases, these interventions can be more effective and provide better value for money than measures required to address homelessness when it has occurred.

<b>1.1</b>	<b>Central Placement of Homeless Persons</b>	<b>Lead Agency</b>	<b>Partner Agencies</b>	<b>Timeline</b>
1.1.1	A protocol will be developed by each Homeless Persons Unit to ensure that an appropriate screening and assessment of all persons presenting as homeless is carried out to determine if emergency accommodation is required and who is responsible to provide same.	LA	HSE RHF	Q3 2013
	Outcome: Protocol developed			
1.1.2	Develop a regional protocol to ensure that access and admission to emergency hostel beds in the event of acute demand is managed on an equitable and transparent manner and on the basis of need across the region.	LA	HSE SP RHF	Q3 2013
	Outcome: Protocol developed			

<b>1.2</b>	<b>Education</b>	<b>Lead Agency</b>	<b>Partner Agencies</b>	<b>Timeline</b>
1.2.1	Develop and implement a protocol to support all suitable persons in emergency and long term accommodation to engage in education / training programmes, with a priority focus on life skills.	VEC	HSE LA SP	Q4 2014
	Outcome: Protocol developed			
1.2.2	Develop and strengthen links between local educational / training agencies such as the VEC and SOLAS. This will ensure an interagency approach in relation to meeting the specific educational needs of homeless persons within the region.	VEC	HSE LA SP	Q4 2014
	Outcome: Interagency approach established			

<b>1.3</b>	<b>Addictions</b>	<b>Lead Agency</b>	<b>Partner Agencies</b>	<b>Timeline</b>
1.3.1	Develop and strengthen links with specialist agencies in the region to provide access to the various range of addiction services in order to aid the rehabilitation of homeless persons to return to independent living with the appropriate supports.	HSEDAS	HSE LA SP	Q1 2014
	Outcome: Links developed and regional services mapped			
1.3.2	Develop and support an integrated agency approach with the Mid West Regional Drugs Task Force, HSE Alcohol & Drug Service and Addition Service Providers in dealing with the impact of substance misuse issues of homeless persons.	HSEDAS	HSE LA MWRDTF SP	Q4 2013
	Outcome: Improved addiction support system in place for homeless persons			



1.3.3	Develop and strengthen linkages with key stakeholders (Mid West Regional Drugs Task Force, Homeless Service Providers, HSE Drug & Alcohol Service) in identifying substance misuse signals and trends within the population availing of homeless services.	HSE	SP	Q2 2014
Outcome: System of identifying and highlighting signals developed				
1.3.4	Strengthen the existing partnership approach in developing responses to current and emerging needs within the homeless services of the mid-west region.	RDTF & HSEDAS	LA SP	Q2 2014
Outcome: Partnership meetings completed with agreed approaches				

<b>1.4</b>	<b>Mental Health</b>	<b>Lead Agency</b>	<b>Partner Agencies</b>	<b>Timeline</b>
1.4.1	Develop and strengthen links with specialist agencies in the region to provide access to the various range of mental health services in order to aid homeless persons rehabilitate and return to independent living with the appropriate supports.	HSE	LA SP	Q4 2013
Outcome: Policies / protocols reviewed				
1.4.2	Develop and support an integrated interagency approach to address the mental health needs of homeless persons.	HSE	LA SP	Q4 2013
Outcome: Policies / protocols reviewed				
1.4.3	Key stakeholders to develop and strengthen linkages (e.g. mental health service, Homeless Service Providers) in identifying substance misuse signals and	HSE	LA SP	On-going

	trends within the population availing of homeless services.			
Outcome: Strengthen linkages and highlight signals to Forum				

<b>1.5</b>	<b>Domestic Abuse</b>	<b>Lead Agency</b>	<b>Partner Agencies</b>	<b>Timeline</b>
1.5.1	Develop and support an integrated interagency approach (inclusive of frontline domestic abuse services, gardaí, HSE, Court Services, LA and SPs) to address the safety and support needs of women survivors of domestic abuse and their children; and facilitate them to access appropriate services and protection.	SP	LA HSE Gardaí Court Services	Q3 2013
Outcome: Interagency approach established				

<b>1.6</b>	<b>Other Specific Target Groups</b>	<b>Lead Agency</b>	<b>Partner Agencies</b>	<b>Timeline</b>
1.6.1	Develop and agree a protocol / policy based on guidance provided by MAGS (Multi Agency Group on Homeless Sexual Offenders) for persons referred / presenting to homeless services who have been convicted of sex offences and support a national Protocol being adopted to this complex issue.	PS	HSE SP LA	Q1 2014
Outcome: Protocol / Policy developed				
1.6.2	Develop and agree a policy with key stakeholders to ensure that persons accommodated in emergency and supported settings are provided with the necessary skills, such as budget management, cooking, basic hygiene etc. to enable them to secure and maintain accommodation.	LA	HSE SP	Q4 2013

	Outcome: Policy developed			
1.6.3	Explore and examine the main causes of family related disputes which is one of the primary reasons for homelessness.  Develop a range of measures with family support service providers and key stakeholders to support individuals / families at risk of homelessness.	HSE	LA VEC INFS PAUL	Q2 2014
	Outcome: Range of measures developed			
1.6.4	Identify individuals / families who present as homeless on a frequent basis and develop measures to specifically support these persons by addressing their needs in a holistic manner.	HSE	HSE SP LA	Q1 2014
	Outcome: Range of measures developed			
1.6.5	Develop and support an integrated interagency approach (inclusive of the Children & Family Service Agency, Homeless Services) to address the needs of children living in homeless services and facilitate access appropriate services and protection.	HSE	HSE SP LA	Q1 2014
	Outcome: Interagency approach developed			

<b>1.7</b>	<b>Delivering Effective Prevention</b>	<b>Lead Agency</b>	<b>Partner Agencies</b>	<b>Timeline</b>
1.7.1	Develop a best practice guideline incorporating the experience for the Mid West region in relation to the prevention of homelessness including the mapping of all statutory and voluntary services with the supports provided.	LA & HSE	SP	Q1 2014
	Outcome: Guideline developed			

<b>1.8</b>	<b>Discharge Planning</b>	<b>Lead Agency</b>	<b>Partner Agencies</b>	<b>Timeline</b>
1.8.1	Review with relevant stakeholders the existing discharge policies / protocols for homeless persons leaving acute and mental health settings in the Mid-West Health Area to ensure their effectiveness in line with the newly revised National Integrated Care Guidance document " <i>A Practical Guide to Discharge and Transfer from Hospital</i> ".	HSE	LA SP	Q4 2013
	Outcome: Policies / protocols reviewed			
1.8.2	Review existing protocols / policies with the newly established Children & Family Support Agency to ensure that appropriate linkages / systems / protocols are in place to deal effectively with youth homeless and in particular children leaving care and aftercare.	HSE & CFSA	LA	Q4 2013
	Outcome: Policies / protocols reviewed			
1.8.3	Liaise with Prison/ Probation Services and other key stakeholders to ensure that an effective discharge protocol / policy is in place for persons leaving prison.	IPS	LA PS	Q4 2013
	Outcome: Policies / protocols developed for those leaving Prison			
1.8.4	Evaluate the need for developing specific housing solutions for those leaving prison who might otherwise reside in emergency homeless accommodation on their discharge from Prison.	IPS	LA PS	On-going
	Outcome: Evaluation of accommodation needs for persons leaving prison			

## (2) Eliminate Any Need for People to Sleep Rough

Rough sleeping in the Mid West Region occurs on a relatively small scale and it is often most likely to happen in the larger urban centres with a greater population. The people who do sleep rough on occasion are among the most marginalised members of the homeless population often suffering from various addictions and mental health issues which can leave them isolated and with a reduced sense of clarity. Through these actions we must ensure that an availability of suitable accommodation is always available for those who find themselves sleeping rough.

<b>2.1</b>	<b>Monitoring of Rough Sleeping</b>	<b>Lead Agency</b>	<b>Partner Agencies</b>	<b>Timeline</b>
2.1.1	Develop and agree a system with key stakeholders to identify persons who are sleeping rough in both rural or urban centres.	LA(HU)	HSE CG SP	Q1 2014
	Outcome: System developed			
2.1.2	With Service Providers and Community Groups across the region, establish rough sleeper counts at 2 clear points in the calendar year in major urban centres.	LA(HU)	HSE CG SP	Twice Yearly
	Outcome: Complete counts twice yearly			
2.1.3	Determine the effectiveness of the current configuration of emergency homeless hostels and their capacity to accommodate rough sleeping, particularly in relation to those persons who are excluded / barred from hostels.	LA	HSE SP	Q1 2014
	Outcome: Review of emergency services			
2.1.4	Ensure that cold weather protocols / strategies are in place across the region to support emergency hostels in dealing with greater demand for services in periods of reduced temperatures during winter months.	LA	HSE SP	Q3 2013
	Outcome: Cold Weather Protocols to be in place			

2.1.5	Develop a response action protocol for reports of rough sleeping within the region.	LA	HSE SP	Q4 2013
	Outcome: Each Local Authority to develop a Rough Sleeping Protocol			

<b>2.2</b>	<b>Accommodation Management System</b>	<b>Lead Agency</b>	<b>Partner Agencies</b>	<b>Timeline</b>
2.2.1	Ensure that the PASS System (Pathway Accommodation & Support System) is implemented and working effectively across the Mid West region.	LA	HSE SP	Q3 2013
	Outcome: Implementation of the PASS System			

### **(3) Eliminate Long Term Homelessness & Reduce the Reliance on Emergency Accommodation**

Eliminating long term homelessness is a core objective of the current National Strategy on Homelessness. It requires homeless services to ensure that no one is in occupation of emergency homeless accommodation for longer than a period of six months or less depending on needs. This six month period includes those persons who move between hostels and other emergency accommodation. These actions are primarily addressing the identification of people who have become long term homeless and the methods of planning to ensure they have a strategically planned discharge with supports.

<b>3.1</b>	<b>Care &amp; Case Management</b>	<b>Lead Agency</b>	<b>Partner Agencies</b>	<b>Timeline</b>
3.1.1	Implement a Care & Case Management System to support Homeless Persons Units / Service Providers deal with persons who have become entrenched in long term homelessness. This model of operation should follow the Homeless Action Team approach in terms of cooperation and organisation.	LA(HU)	HSE SP	Q2 2013
Outcome: Implementation of Care & Case Management System				

<b>3.2</b>	<b>Identification of Current Long Term Homelessness</b>	<b>Lead Agency</b>	<b>Partner Agencies</b>	<b>Timeline</b>
3.2.1	Carry out a review / assessment for all persons who have resided in emergency accommodation for a period of greater than 6 months in order to address their long term housing options and support needs where required.	LA(HU)	HSE SP	Q2 2013
Outcome: Emergency accommodation assessment completed				
3.2.2	Develop an agreed system / protocol for the re-designation of emergency accommodation which will meet the needs of persons who's support requirements are beyond what is deemed regular independent living with	SP	HSE LA	Q4 2013

	supports.			
	Outcome: Protocol agreed			



## **(4) Provide Adequate & Appropriate Housing & Support for Homeless People**

An adequate supply of appropriate long term accommodation with the supports required to ensure people progress out of homelessness is one of the key goals of this action plan. This area is strongly linked to the preventative elements of the action plan. A continuous stream of long term accommodation is vital to ensuring that people stay in emergency accommodation for as short a period as possible.

<b>4.1</b>	<b>Meeting Accommodation &amp; Support Needs</b>	<b>Lead Agency</b>	<b>Partner Agencies</b>	<b>Timeline</b>
4.1.1	Ensure within available resources an adequate supply of accommodation is available within the region to meeting the long term needs of persons who have been identified as being long term homeless or identified as being at risk of homelessness.	LA	HSE SP	Q3 2013
Outcome: Each Local Authority to assess adequate supply of long term accommodation				
4.1.2	Develop and implement a plan to identify the specialist accommodation needs across the region for persons who are deemed to require variant levels of support with specialist accommodation.	SP	HSE LA PS	Q4 2013
Outcome: Develop a plan to identify specialist accommodation needs				
4.1.3	Ensuring participation of referring agents in implementing a Care & Case Management approach across the region in relation to emergency and long term accommodation.	SP	HSE LA	Q4 2013
Outcome: Care & Case Management engagement following referral				

<b>4.2</b>	<b>Meeting the Accommodation Needs of Persons with Addiction</b>	<b>Lead Agency</b>	<b>Partner Agencies</b>	<b>Timeline</b>
4.2.1	Ensure that homeless people with addiction issues are accommodated in the most appropriate housing environment that maximises their potential for a positive health outcome.	LA & HSE	SP	Q2 2014
Outcome: Appropriate accommodation provided				

<b>4.3</b>	<b>Meeting the Accommodation Needs of Persons with Mental Health Difficulties</b>	<b>Lead Agency</b>	<b>Partner Agencies</b>	<b>Timeline</b>
4.3.1	Ensure that homeless people with mental health needs are accommodated in the most appropriate supported housing environment that maximises their potential for a positive health outcome.	LA	HSE SP	On-going
Outcome: Appropriate accommodation provided				

<b>4.4</b>	<b>Meeting the Accommodation Needs of Persons Suffering from Domestic Abuse</b>	<b>Lead Agency</b>	<b>Partner Agencies</b>	<b>Timeline</b>
4.4.1	Ensure that homeless people who have experienced domestic abuse are accommodated in the most appropriate housing environment that maximises their safety, their access to appropriate services and their potential for a positive health outcome.	SP with LA	HSE SP Gardaí	On-going
Outcome: Appropriate accommodation provided				

<b>4.5</b>	<b>Meeting the Accommodation Needs of Persons with Challenging Behaviour</b>	<b>Lead Agency</b>	<b>Partner Agencies</b>	<b>Timeline</b>
4.5.1	Develop a protocol of long term housing for persons with challenging behaviour or higher needs. Models such as Housing Led / Housing First have been highlighted by the Department of Environment, Community & Local	HSE	SP LA	Q3 2013

	Government as a solution to this challenge.			
	Outcome: Local Authorities to develop protocol			

<b>4.6</b>	<b>Review the Tenancy Sustainment Services in the Region</b>	<b>Lead Agency</b>	<b>Partner Agencies</b>	<b>Timeline</b>
4.6.1	Complete a review of all existing Tenancy Sustainment / Resettlement services in the region to ensure that they are operating effectively.	LA	HSE SP	Q3 2013
	Outcome: Each Local Authority to complete the review			

## **(5) Better Co-ordination & Integrated Delivery to Ensure Efficient Services**

While this homelessness action plan is significantly focused on preventing or reducing homelessness, it must also place a particular emphasis on ensuring that the services used by homeless people are effective in addressing their needs in a comprehensive way. Effective services also includes assisting homeless persons into appropriate housing as fast as possible. An integral part of ensuring effectiveness and consistency is the provision of information to local services and maintaining a robust system for monitoring and evaluating interventions.

<b>5.1</b>	<b>Co-ordination of Local Services</b>	<b>Lead Agency</b>	<b>Partner Agencies</b>	<b>Timeline</b>
5.1.1	The Regional Management Group will develop appropriate mechanisms to monitor and oversee the implementation of the Regional Action Plan. This will allow the Regional Management Group to monitor the effective co-ordination and integration of services within the region to ensure that services are performing to the highest level possible within resources available.	LA & HSE		Q1 2014
	Outcome: Monitoring mechanism in place for Regional Plan			
5.1.2	The Regional Management Group will review the expenditure of all existing services delivered in the region to assess and compare them to the proposed changes recommended in the protocols of devolved funding as per the Department of Environment, Community & Local Government.	LA	HSE	Q3 2013
	Outcome: Expenditure of all homeless services reviewed			
5.1.3	Following action 5.1.2 the Regional Management Group will develop a protocol for the future funding allocation for all homeless services.	RMG		Q4 2013
	Outcome: Protocol developed			

<b>5.2</b>	<b>Local Structures</b>	<b>Lead Agency</b>	<b>Partner Agencies</b>	<b>Timeline</b>
5.2.1	Ensure that a Homeless Network / Alliance is in place in each Local Authority area and operating effectively. It is expected that each local network / alliance will develop a local 5 Year Homelessness Action Plan to mirror the actions of the Regional Plan and also support the work of the Regional Consultative Forum and the Regional Management Group.	LA	HSE SP	Q2 2013
Outcome: Homeless Networks / Alliance established in each Local Authority				
5.2.2	Each Local Authority in the Mid West will develop a Local Homelessness Implementation Plan. It is expected that each Local Plan will be published within 12 Weeks of the Regional Plans Adoption.	LA	HSE SP	Q2 2013
Outcome: Local Homelessness Implementation Plans developed				
5.3.3	Develop a process for monitoring of the Local Implementation Plans through the Regional Management Group and the Regional Consultative Forum.	LA	HSE SP	Q4 2013
Outcome: Monitoring process developed				
5.3.4	Explore the possibility of developing and implementing joint Service Level Agreements (SLA's) between Local Authorities, HSE & Services Providers.	HSE	LA SP	Q4 2013
Outcome: Joint SLA between HSE and LA's explored				
5.3.5	Secure a commitment from all	LA(HU)	HSE	Q4 2013

	stakeholders to the adoption and implementation of a Care and Case Management approach across Homeless Services in the Mid West area.		SP	
	Outcome: Implementation of Care & Case Management approach			
5.3.6	Engage and support the Service Providers in the Mid West to develop and implement models of best practice and quality standards across homelessness services with particular reference to existing frameworks.	LA(HU)	HSE LA SP	On-going
	Outcome: Implementation of National Quality Standards			
5.3.7	Engage with and support Primary Care Services in the Mid West to ensure that the complex and diverse needs of homeless people are met.	HSE	LA SP	On-going
	Outcome: Provide supports to Primary Care Services			

<b>5.4</b>	<b>Regional Management Group</b>	<b>Lead Agency</b>	<b>Partner Agencies</b>	<b>Timeline</b>
5.4.1	Review the operation of the Homeless Persons Units throughout the region with a particular focus on resources and effectiveness of operations.	LA & HSE	SP	Q4 2014
	Outcome: Operations in each Local Authority reviewed			
5.4.2	The Regional Management Group will review the membership of the Regional Consultative Forum with the view of ensuring balanced geographical and statutory representation.	LA & HSE		Q3 2013

	Outcome: Membership reviewed and updated			
5.4.3	The Regional Management Group will develop a protocol in relation to the processing of future Capital Assistance Scheme projects and the processing of applications in each Local Authority.	RMG		Q1 2014
	Outcome: Protocol developed			

#### **4. Monitoring & Evaluation**

The Regional Management Group will provide a platform for effective monitoring and evaluation of this Homelessness Action Plan. Action 5.2.2 will develop the means for this evaluation and it will continue to be aware of the various develops in the housing and homelessness area during the lifecycle of the Plan.

## **Appendix 1**

**HU** Homeless Unit

**LA** Local Authority

**HSE** Health Service Executive

**HSEDAS** Health Service Executive Drug & Alcohol Service

**RDTF** Regional Drugs Task Force

**VEC** Vocational Education Committee

**PAUL** People Action Against Unemployed Limited

**SP** Service Provider

**IPS** Irish Prison Service

**PS** Probation Service

**CFSA** Children & Family Support Agency

**RHF** Regional Homeless Forum



## Appendix 2

### Limerick City Homeless Services - Report on Homeless Presentations in 2012

<u>Gender</u>	<u>Total</u>
F	325
M	283
<b>Total</b>	<b>608</b>

<u>Dependants</u>	<u>Total</u>
Adult	14
Child	259
<b>Total</b>	<b>273</b>

<u>Age Profile</u>	<u>Total</u>
17-19	34
20-29	269
30-39	152
40-49	86
50-59	43
60+	24
<b>Total</b>	<b>608</b>

<u>County/Country Of Origin</u>	<u>Total</u>
CO. LIMERICK	484
NON EU	20
ACCESSION STATE	17
CO. CLARE	17
CO. DUBLIN	16
UK	13
CO. TIPPERARY	9
CO. CORK	7
CO. GALWAY	7
CO. KERRY	6
CO. WATERFORD	5
CO. DONEGAL	3
CO. LAOIS	1
CO. LONGFORD	1
CO. MEATH	1
CO. WEXFORD	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>608</b>

<u>Primary Reason</u>	<u>Total</u>
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	198
FAMILY DISPUTE	120
BREAKDOWN OF INDP. LIVING ARRANGEMENT	62
ALCOHOL/DRUG ADDICTION	53
TRANSIENT	39
EVICTED FROM PRIVATE RENTED ACCOMMODATION	28
RELEASED FROM PRISION	21
OTHER	19
DISCHARGED FROM HOSPITAL/TREATMENT CENTRE/IN CARE	12
EVICTED FROM HOSTEL	10
HOUSE FIRE / HOUSE DAMAGE/FLOOD DAMAGE	9
RETURNED FROM ABROAD	8
INTIMIDATION	7
DISCHARGE FROM MENTAL HOSPITAL	6
DISCHARGE FROM TREATMENT CENTRE	5
EVICTED FROM LA HOUSE (ARREARS)	4
DISCHARGED FROM ACUTE HOSPITAL	3
COMPLETED TREATMENT PROGRAMME	2
BARRING ORDER	1
EVICTED FROM LA HOUSE (ANTI SOCIAL)	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>608</b>

<u>Placed In</u>	<u>Total</u>
HOSTEL / REFUGE	273
FAMILY / FRIENDS	78
NOT PLACED	66
PRIVATE RENTED ACCOMMODATION	46
LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSE	40
MOVED AWAY	33
BED & BREAKFAST	25
RETURNED HOME	22
OTHER	13
TRANSITIONAL HOUSING	8
HOSPITAL	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>608</b>

## Limerick County Homeless Services - Report on Homeless Presentations in 2012

<u>Gender</u>	<u>Total</u>
F	104
M	313
<b>Total</b>	<b>417</b>

<u>Dependants</u>	<u>Total</u>
Adult	6
Child	51
<b>Total</b>	<b>57</b>

<u>Age Profile</u>	<u>Total</u>
17-19	11
20-29	124
30-39	124
40-49	87
50-59	53
60+	18
<b>Total</b>	<b>417</b>

<u>Primary Reason</u>	<u>Total</u>
ALCOHOL/DRUG ADDICTION	280
FAMILY DISPUTE	36
OTHER	16
BREAKDOWN OF INDP. LIVING ARRANGEMENT	20
EVICTED FROM PRIVATE RENTED ACCOMMODATION	16
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	11
RELEASED FROM PRISION	6
DISCHARGED FROM CARE	5
HOUSE FIRE / HOUSE DAMAGE/FLOOD DAMAGE	5
RETURNED FROM ABROAD	5
DISCHARGED HOSPITAL/TREATMENT CENTRE/IN CARE	4
BARRING ORDER	4
TRANSIENT	3
EVICTED FROM HOSTEL	2
DISCHARGE FROM MENTAL HOSPITAL	1
DISCHARGED FROM ACUTE HOSPITAL	1
EVICTED FROM LA HOUSE (ANTI SOCIAL)	1
INTIMIDATION	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>417</b>

<u>County/Country Of Origin</u>	<u>Total</u>
CO. LIMERICK	161
CO. CORK	65
CO. DUBLIN	48
CO. TIPPERARY	18
CO. KERRY	17
CO. CLARE	14
CO. WATERFORD	11
CO. LOUTH	10
CO. GALWAY	8
CO. KILKENNY	8
CO. MEATH	6
CO. LAOIS	5
CO. MAYO	5
CO. KILDARE	5
NON EU	5
ACCESSION STATE	5
UK	4
CO. WESTMEATH	3
CO. CARLOW	3
CO. CAVAN	2
CO. DONEGAL	2
CO. DOWN	2
CO. MONAGHAN	2
CO. OFFALY	2
CO. WEXFORD	2
CO. WICKLOW	2
EU	1
CO. ROSCOMMON	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>417</b>

<u>Placed In</u>	<u>Total</u>
FAMILY / FRIENDS	181
HOSTEL / REFUGE	74
RETURNED HOME	57
NOT PLACED	31
TRANSITIONAL HOUSING	25
BED & BREAKFAST	17
PRIVATE RENTED ACCOMMODATION	20
HOSPITAL	3
MOVED AWAY	3
OTHER	3
SHELTERED HOUSING	2
LOCAL AUTHORITY	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>417</b>

## North Tipperary Homeless Services - Report on Homeless Presentations in 2012

<u>Gender</u>	<u>Total</u>
F	84
M	133
<b>Total</b>	<b>217</b>

<u>Dependants</u>	<u>Total</u>
Adult	11
Child	74
<b>Total</b>	<b>85</b>

<u>Age Profile</u>	<u>Total</u>
17-19	13
18-19	2
20-29	91
30-39	53
40-49	27
50-59	25
60+	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>217</b>

<u>County/Country Of Origin</u>	<u>Total</u>
CO. TIPPERARY	124
TIPPERARY	65
CO. LIMERICK	5
NON EU	5
UK	4
CO. DUBLIN	3
CO. CLARE	2
CO. CORK	2
ACCESSION STATE	2
CO. KERRY	1
CO. KILDARE	1
CO. MEATH	1
CO. WICKLOW	1
LIMERICK	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>217</b>

<u>Primary Reason for being Homeless</u>	<u>Total</u>
BREAKDOWN OF INDP. LIVING ARRANGEMENT	78
FAMILY DISPUTE	51
OTHER	15
RELEASED FROM PRISON	11
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	10
DISCHARGED HOSPITAL/TREATMENT CENTRE/IN CARE	9
TRANSIENT	9
HOUSE FIRE / HOUSE DAMAGE/FLOOD DAMAGE	8
EVICTED FROM PRIVATE RENTED ACCOMMODATION	7
RETURNED FROM ABROAD	6
INTIMIDATION	5
BARRING ORDER	3
ALCOHOL/DRUG ADDICTION	1
DISCHARGE FROM TREATMENT CENTRE	1
EVICTED FROM HOSTEL	1
EVICTED FROM LA HOUSE - ARREARS	1
HOUSE FIRE/DAMAGE/FLOOD	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>217</b>

<u>Placed In</u>	<u>Total</u>
FAMILY / FRIENDS	67
BED & BREAKFAST	65
NOT PLACED	24
PRIVATE RENTED ACCOMMODATION	18
RETURNED HOME	15
HOSTEL/REFUGE	8
HOSTEL / REFUGE	6
OTHER	5
MOVED AWAY	3
SHELTERED HOUSING	3
TRANSITIONAL HOUSING	2
LOCAL AUTHORITY	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>217</b>

## Clare Homeless Services - Report on Homeless Presentations in 2012

<u>Gender</u>	<u>Total</u>
F	160
M	144
<b>Total</b>	<b>304</b>

<u>Dependants</u>	<u>Total</u>
Adult	14
Child	244
<b>Total</b>	<b>258</b>

<u>Age Profile</u>	<u>Total</u>
17-19	19
20-29	122
30-39	76
40-49	52
50-59	25
60+	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>304</b>

<u>Primary Reason</u>	<u>Total</u>
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	83
BREAKDOWN OF INDP. LIVING ARRANGEMENT	52
FAMILY DISPUTE	49
TRANSIENT	34
EVICTED FROM PRIVATE RENTED ACCOMMODATION	20
RELEASED FROM PRISION	18
HOUSE FIRE / HOUSE DAMAGE/FLOOD DAMAGE	15
DISCHARGED HOSPITAL/TREATMENT CENTRE/IN CARE	10
RETURNED FROM ABROAD	9
DISCHARGED FROM ACUTE HOSPITAL	4
DISCHARGE FROM TREATMENT CENTRE	3
COMPLETED TREATMENT PROGRAMME	2
INTIMIDATION	2
ALCOHOL/DRUG ADDICTION	1
BARRING ORDER	1
DISCHARGE FROM CARE	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>304</b>

<u>County/Country Of Origin</u>	<u>Total</u>
CO. CLARE	212
CO. LIMERICK	27
ACCESSION STATE	12
NON EU	12
CO. GALWAY	11
UK	5
CO. CORK	5
CO. DUBLIN	3
CO. SLIGO	3
CO. TIPPERARY	3
EU	3
CO. KILDARE	1
CO. KILKENNY	1
CO. LAOIS	2
CO. LOUTH	1
CO. MAYO	1
CO. WEXFORD	1
CO. WICKLOW	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>304</b>

<u>Placed In</u>	<u>Total</u>
HOSTEL / REFUGE	109
FAMILY / FRIENDS	78
PRIVATE RENTED ACCOMMODATION	39
RETURNED HOME	34
BED & BREAKFAST	22
NOT PLACED	15
OTHER	3
FOYER	1
LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSE	1
MOVED AWAY	1
TRANSITIONAL HOUSING	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>304</b>