



Presentation to Longford Housing SPC

From the Midlands Simon Community

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Services Provided in the Midlands Region

- Emergency Accommodation Service - Capacity to accommodate 12 people with 6 in Athlone and 6 in Tullamore
- Regional Support Service (Homelessness) - Working with 88 cases at any one time
- Housing First/Complex Cases - Working with 20 cases at any one time
- Sli Nua in Athlone - Long-term leasing project (Westmeath Co Co)
- Approved Housing Body - Units in Athlone and Portlaoise
- Leasing of 2 units in Mullingar (Westmeath Co Co)
- Collaboration with Sophia Housing - Aimed at sharing resources and reducing costs

Services in Longford

- Regional Support Service - Working with 22 cases at any one time
- Housing First/Complex Cases - Working with 5 cases at any one time
- Model of service delivery is different from the traditional model:
 - Focused on outcomes and solutions - Support to get a home
 - Focused on value for money - Visiting support vs Onsite support
 - Nature of homelessness is changing across the state - Rough sleeping is only a small percentage of the overall make up of cases being supported by homeless services

Profile of cases worked with by Midlands Simon Community in Co Longford (01-01-16 to 30-06-17)

Regional Support Service (Homelessness)

- Number of cases worked with: 27
- Number of families worked with: 17
- Number of children within these families : 37
- Number of men worked with: 9
- Number of women worked with: 23

Total number of people worked with: 86

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Regional Support Service (Homelessness)

Successful housing outcomes for the 27 cases worked with:

- Private rented 8 cases
- LA RAS 8 cases
- AHB 3 cases

Total 19 (70%)

- **2 cases out of the 27 were closed without a successful outcome**

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Housing First/Complex Cases

People with a long-term history of re-presenting to homeless services and who also have complex support needs, such as addiction and mental health.

- Number of cases worked with: 5
- Number of families worked with: 1
- Number of children in these families: 2
- Number of men worked with: 1
- Number of women worked with: 4

Total number of people worked with: 8

Profile of cases worked with by Midlands Simon Community in Co Longford (01-01-16 to 30-06-17)

Housing First/Complex Cases (Homelessness)

Successful housing outcomes for cases worked with:

- Private rented 1 case
- In MSC private rented sublet 2 cases

Total 3 (60%)

Value for Money

State Funding

DOHPLG & Longford Co Co (Net cost to Longford is €6,525)	€65,250 per annum
Health Service Executive	€12,000 per annum
Cost per case	€2,861
Dept of Housing (Mazaar Report)	€20,000 per case

1. Key issues for on-going development of Midlands Simon Community's work in Co Longford

Housing First/Complex Cases

- Continuation of Pilot - mainstream of pilot
- “That Longford County Council make the case with the Midlands Regional Joint Consultative Homeless Forum for the continuation of this service and the expansion of the service with a least one extra worker”

2. Key issues for on-going development of Midlands Simon Community's work in Co Longford

Development of leasing initiative similar to Sli Nua project in Athlone

- Project leased by MSC for 5-10 years
- Rented at below the market rent
- All nominations from the Local Authority
- Saves investment/time compared to capital acquisition
- Secure home for people
- Department reimburse the Local Authority

3. Key issues for on-going development of Midlands Simon Community's work in Co Longford

Development of leasing initiative similar to Sli Nua project in Athlone

- “If the above scheme was established, Longford County Council would work with the MRJCHF to apply for a support worker for this project”

4. Key issues for on-going development of Midlands Simon Community's work in Co Longford

The review and feasibility study of the emergency accommodation services in the Midlands Region.

- “That the above study being carried out by the four Local Authorities and the MRJCHF leads to addressing the unsustainable funding challenge faced by the providers of emergency accommodation in the region”