

EWO for Homeless Families

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Overview of Role

- It is a national post but it is envisaged that the work of the EWO will be concentrated in the Greater Dublin Area where the majority of homeless families are living
- The primary function is to assist families experiencing homelessness to secure school places
- The EWO for homeless families will receive referrals from service providers and any professionals aware of children without school places
- The EWO will link with the schools, DRHE, HAT Teams, homeless service providers, community groups to ensure close working relationships and speedy referral pathways
- The EWO will provide advice and information re school applications to parents and stakeholders

Overview of Role Contd ...

- The EWO will work closely with TESS colleague (EWO, SCP and HSCCL) in relation to other educational welfare issues arising
- The EWO will link with existing fora and networks to liaise with homeless service providers to offer advice and assistance and to remain informed around ongoing or emerging school attendance issues for homeless families
- The EWO will provide clinics in local services to provide easy access for parents
- The EWO will also liaise with homeless services in other counties to support the work of TESS colleagues with families experiencing homelessness

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