



Homeless Services – Fingal County Council



Assessment Procedure

Assessments serve two purposes;

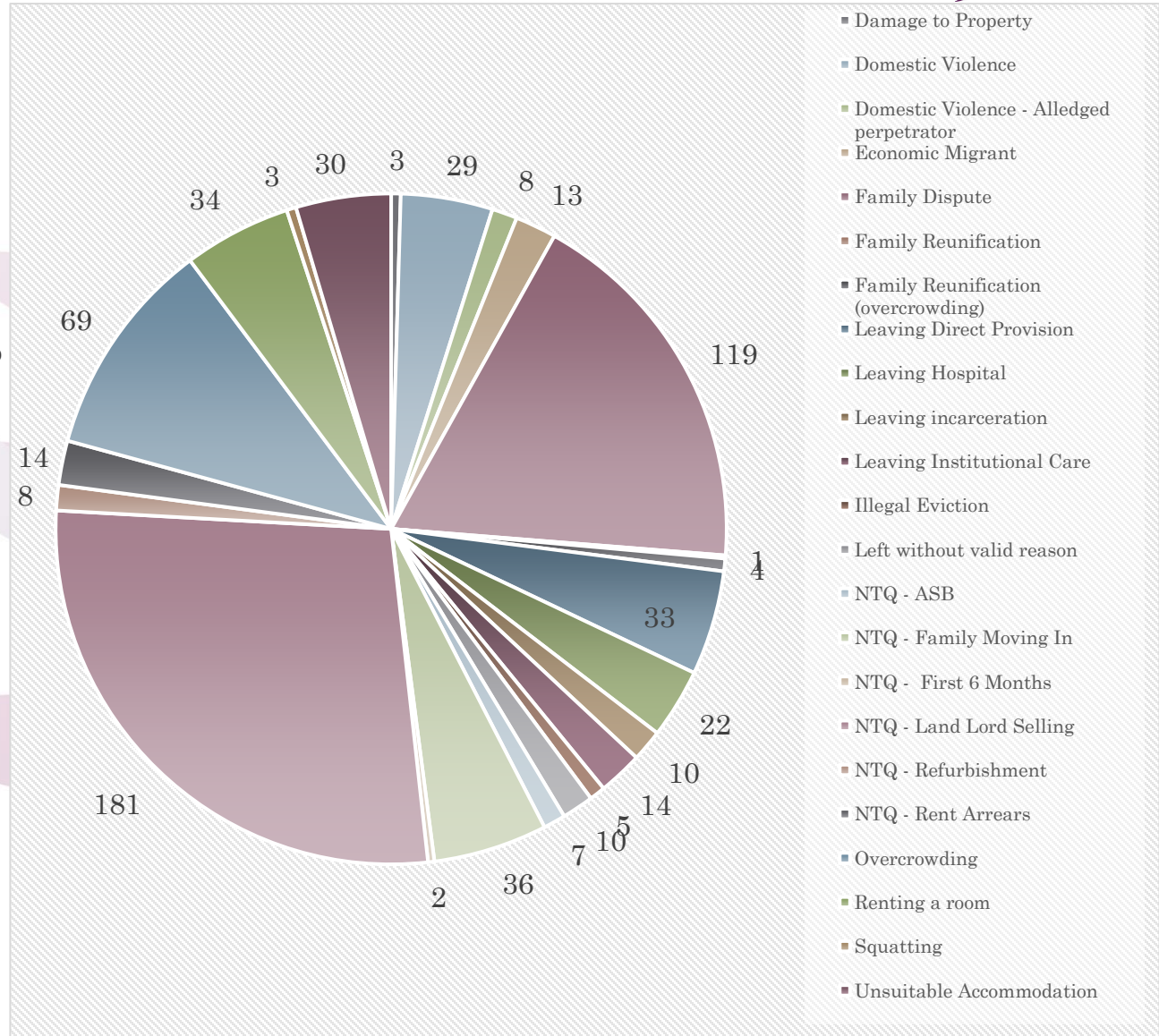
- 1.) To establish a person's homelessness as per Section 2 of the Housing Act 1988 and
- 2.) To establish the individuals eligibility under the Homeless HAP scheme
- 3.) Comprehensive homeless assessment carried out by Homeless Officer who also provides advice and assistance.



Reasons for Homelessness

YTD

- NTQ – 38%
- Family Dispute – 18%
- Overcrowding – 11%
- Renting a room – 5%
- Leaving Direct Provision – 5%





Dublin Region Homeless Executive DRHE Role

The DRHE is provided by Dublin City Council and is the lead statutory authority and adopts a shared service across the four Dublin Local Authorities in the response to homelessness.

Provision/ Placement in to Emergency Accommodation

Family Support Team/ Freephone – Central Placement Services (Singles)

Central Place-finders Team

FCC Homeless Team works closely with the team in the DRHE re homeless families, singles and couples.



Homeless HAP

- Discretion to exceed Mainstream HAP rates by 50% on Dublin rates
- Applicants must be eligible for social housing support and have an active housing application.
- Homeless Assessment must be completed in order to determine eligibility for HHAP.
- HHAP applications are processed and managed by the DRHE.



There are a number of FCC family hubs , managed by AHB in the Fingal area

- **PMVT**

Seatown, Swords
Kylemore, Swords
Claddagh, Kinsealy
Hansfield, Dublin 15

Ravenswood , D15 Aldborough Hse, Santry, Havanna Hse and Chapel Lane, Swords.

- **Respond**

Northwood, Santry

- **Sophia**

Sophia House, Donabate

- All FCC Hubs are currently full to capacity



Approved Housing Bodies (AHBs)

FCC works in collaboration with various AHBs e.g.

- PMVT, Respond, Sophia, Novas, HAIL, Tuath Cluid
- Provide assistance with sourcing rented properties using the Homeless HAP scheme and helping clients to move on from emergency accommodation
- Provide Supported Temporary Accommodation and offer assistance with a housing allocation and general support needs where further assistance is required



Rough Sleepers

- Notified by the families/individual themselves, from the Outreach teams or member of the public.
- Contact made to gather information required.
- Prioritised for homeless assessment to ensure access to emergency accommodation.
- Some rough sleepers do not wish to engage or are reluctant to enter emergency accommodation.



Housing First

- Housing First Model focuses on assisting persons who are in long-term homelessness/ rough sleepers by offering and providing access to a home of their own, as well as access to person centred, community-based and recovery oriented supports.
- FCC works in collaboration with the Peter Mc Verry Trust Housing First Team- (PMVT)
- FCC – Identifies and refers those most in need to PMVT , we source accommodation and PMVT arranges and provides the supports services.
- The ‘Housing First National Implementation Plan 2018-2021’ was launched by the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government and the Minister for Health in September 2018.



Young People Leaving State Care

- Notified by Tusla or relevant aftercare workers
- Relevant information requested
- Homeless Assessment completed
- Under Capital Assistance Scheme, can be housed by AHB with individuals in mind.
- Aftercare steering committee which is hosted by Tusla and Fingal County Council participate on that committee
- A joint protocol put in place in 2014 between Tusla and each local authority aims to prevent care leavers from becoming homeless.



Support Services

- Focus Tenancy Sustainment – at risk of eviction
- Dublin Simon Support to Live Independently (SLI) – when housed in HAP / HHAP, AHB or LA
- FCC provides outreach tenancies in conjunction with AHB's such as NOVAS or PMVT.
- FCC Family Hubs
- Transitional Tenancy



Thank you