

Peter McVerry Trust

In association with The Fingal
Children and Young People's
Services Committee



Peter McVerry Trust: Fingal Family Services

- Peter McVerry Trust has been providing supported temporary accommodation for families experiencing homelessness in the Fingal area since 2017.
- Services are located in Kylemore House and Seatown Road in Swords, Claddagh House in Kinsealy and Hansfield Woods in Ongar, Dublin 15.
- There is a blend between Family Hubs and Own Front Door (OFD) accommodation and currently PMVT is providing support to 42 families - a total of 62 adults, and 176 children in these services.
- Family accommodation vary in size from single family ensuite suites to Own Front Door houses.



Facilities Provided

- Families can experience trauma from becoming homeless. Therefore, we endeavour to create a welcoming friendly trauma informed environment.
- On admission children are greeted with soft toys, books and age-appropriate arts and crafts.
- Full cooking facilities, secure storage presses and fridge freezers, dining areas, laundry facilities are provided in the family hubs.
- OFD accommodation is self-contained.

Supporting Parents to Support Children

- We recognise one of the most effective ways of supporting children is by supporting their parents and respect the parents/carers as the primary carers and educators of their children and the most important influence on the child/children's development.
- We appreciate play is vital to every child's social, emotional, cognitive, physical and language development. Family hubs are decorated with child friendly décor, children's reading and activity corners, books, jigsaw, puzzles and activity packs are provided on an ongoing basis.
- Family hubs have exciting playgrounds and outdoor toys on site.



Path to Progression

- Our primary focus is to support families to progress to independent accommodation as quickly as possible either through the Local Authority or via the HAP scheme.
- All Families are referred directly by Fingal County Council.
- Families should be registered on the Social Housing List.
- To support progression parents are assigned a key-worker on admission. Weekly key-working sessions are provided to support securing a property.
- Assertive Engagement Teams concentrate on engaging participants and developing strategies for progression out of homelessness including ongoing creation and engagement with landlords/estate agents.
- Attend property viewings with families.
- Process HAP applications.
- Ongoing creation of links with CWOs
- When families secure a property, a referral will be made via FCC for SLI service, Support to Live Independently.

Support Planning & Key-Working

- PMVT project workers engage with parents to develop support plans tailored to their identified needs with a focus on providing opportunity for parents to engage in supports in the community, to develop links with relevant agencies to support them and their children for when they move into the community.
- Information is available to support parents in relation to their children: Parenting Skills, Healthy eating, Creche, ECCE/Preschool, School placements and afterschool activities.
- PMVT Activation and Employment Team support parents and adult dependents to engage in training/education and employment.

Signposting to External Support Agencies

Families are encouraged to understand the value of building support networks with other community groups which they can sustain as they progress out of homelessness.

- Return to education/training courses
- Return to employment
- Referral to MABS and budgeting support
- Referral to Network Disability Team
- Referral to Family Support
- Referral to Addiction and Recovery
- Referral to counselling services
- Family Resource Centre



Networking with other external organisations and stakeholders

- Fingal County Council
- Dublin Regional Homeless Executive
- Fingal CCYPSC
- National Childcare Scheme- An Pobal
- Leap Cards
- Child and Family Support Network Team
- Community Welfare Officer
- Intreo Office
- Public Health Nurse
- Disability Network Team
- Tusla – Child and Family Agency
- Aster Family Support
- Domestic Violence Supports
- Addiction Supports
- Mental Health Supports
- Meitheal
- Emigration Services
- Children Rights Alliance
- Educational Welfare Officer

Additional Resources

- Funding Applications
- Resource Packs
- Christmas cookie-baking event
- Music in Mind
- Summer BBQ
- Halloween treasure hunt
and pumpkin carving





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Opening doors for
homeless people



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