

Peter McVerry Trust and Housing First

Peter McVerry Trust was an early adopter of Housing First in Ireland and is committed to the principles of a housing first approach.

The charity is actively delivering a Housing First model to meet the needs of people who are homeless, including people sleeping rough, people exiting prison and people with a history of U18s residential care. Peter McVerry Trust continues to advocate for the scaling up of housing first as part of a housing led response to homelessness across Ireland.

'Housing with Supports'

Peter McVerry Trust provides a range of high quality, professional services through a 'Housing with Support' service, based on the principles of the Housing First model. The Housing First model provides a range of services to individuals to facilitate their journey into mainstream society, addressing their diverse range of needs along the way.

As an approved housing provider Peter McVerry Trust is also working to increase its housing provision which will in turn help offer increased housing options and strengthen our housing first service.

Focus Ireland - Peter McVerry Trust Housing First Service (2014 - 2017)

In October 2014, Peter McVerry Trust together with Focus Ireland won the contract to provide a Housing First Service on behalf of the Dublin Region Homeless Executive. The new Housing First Service is provided throughout the Dublin region to include: Dublin City Council, South Dublin County Council, Fingal County Council and Dún Laoghaire – Rathdown County Council.

Peter McVerry Trust was also an active member of the Dublin Housing First Demonstration project which was delivered from 2011-2014.

Housing First & Individuals Exiting Custody

Peter McVerry Trust has, for a number of years, operated a Housing First project for people exiting custody. This project provides housing units and intensive support to participants leaving prison. Many of this group have complex support needs including mental and physical health issues, drug and alcohol related issues, offending behaviour and challenging behaviour issues.

Peter McVerry Trust ensures that in cases where tenancies for this group become unsustainable in one location, transfers to alternative units are facilitated and that staff support endures throughout any such transition. Accommodation is provided across the Greater Dublin Area.

Housing First & Youth Homelessness

Peter McVerry Trust is currently rolling out a Housing First approach for young people in immediate risk of homelessness. As an organisation that works predominantly with young, single people and also operates four U18s residential, the organisation is keen to ensure that suitable and sustainable housing options are made available to young people. Peter McVerry Trust commits a number of ring fenced housing units and operates a housing first approach to meet the needs of this vulnerable cohort.

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