



Information Leaflet

About Us

Established in 1983, Peter McVerry Trust is committed to reducing homelessness, the harm caused by substance misuse and social disadvantage

We aim to:

- To target those most marginalised in society and offer a safe, challenging and supportive environment through Peter McVerry Trust's service provision.
- To treat participants with warmth and respect and actively encourage them to be involved in all aspects of their own support plan.
- To offer a comprehensive prevention package of support to reduce the likelihood of homelessness to those leaving care, those leaving treatment, those leaving prison or other institutions and those whose accommodation is vulnerable.
- To offer a comprehensive package of support that will provide the best opportunities possible for them and assist them in planning a pathway out of homelessness or drug use, or if they continue to use drugs, to assist them towards some level of stabilisation in order to live a life of dignity, with respect and opportunity.
- To assist each person to re-establish himself or herself in the community and move towards greater independence.

Peter McVerry Trust in 2016



4,584 unique individuals supported across Peter McVerry Trust's services in 2016



4,221 residential placements provided by Peter McVerry Trust during 2016

Peter McVerry Trust works with

72%

of individuals required support in relation to family breakdown



60%

of people required support with their mental health



81%

required support with drug use

Peter McVerry Trust helps with

200



housing units provided to offer pathways out of homelessness

12,500

home support visits by our Housing with Supports team



Peter McVerry Trust Locations

Dublin
Kildare
Laois
Limerick



Our Services

Peter McVerry Trust provides low-threshold entry services, primarily to younger people and vulnerable adults with complex needs, and offers pathways out of homelessness based on the principles of the Housing First model.



Prevention Services



Housing Services
(incl. Housing First)



Homeless Services



Drug Treatment Services



Under 18s Residential Services

Prevention Services



Peter McVerry Trust's prevention work includes three day services; the Open Access Service, the Streets to Home Support Service and the Information and Advice Centre. These services provide people with practical supports and guidance on a range of issues. The charity also provides targeted educational supports to younger people in high-risk communities to assist them in reaching their full potential. Peter McVerry Trust places a strong emphasis on education as a preventative measure, and has advocated for increased investment in education and additional learning supports for students from disadvantaged areas.

Housing Services



Peter McVerry Trust became an approved housing body in June 1991 and, as of January 2017, the charity was managing just over 200 residential units. As outlined in the Peter McVerry Trust Strategic Plan 2016-2020, the social housing provider plans to increase capacity to 450 residential units to ensure that long-term housing exists for people to exit homelessness indefinitely. The charity's housing services also include an Accommodation Finders team dedicated to assisting people secure homes. Once accommodation is secured, the Housing with Supports team works with the person who has progressed to independent living to maintain their tenancy and help integrate them into their community.

Our Services (contd)

Housing First



Peter McVerry Trust is committed to delivering a Housing First approach in Ireland. The core principle of Housing First is that the first thing a person who is homeless needs is a home. It concentrates on providing long term-housing for people experiencing homelessness first and then, once stable, provides them with all other necessary supports. In addition to the charity's stand alone work, Peter McVerry Trust delivers the Housing First project in conjunction with Focus Ireland in all of the Dublin Region Homeless Executive areas. The project consists of two teams; the Housing First Intake Team and the Housing First Intensive Case Management (ICM) Team. As of January 2017, this project has housed 74 former rough sleepers.

Homeless Services



The organisation's homeless services provide supported temporary accommodation (STA), temporary accommodation (TA) and temporary emergency accommodation (TEA) across a number of locations in Dublin and Kildare. Peter McVerry Trust's homeless services also provide additional capacity to the homeless sector during the period November to March each year when the cold weather strategy is active.

Drug Treatment Services



Peter McVerry Trust's drug treatment services include two Stabilisation and Recovery Services and a Residential Community Detox Service which is located in a rural setting and has a national remit. The drug treatment programmes available through these services include: drug stabilisation, relapse prevention, cannabis cessation, methadone detoxification and alcohol detoxification.

U18s Residential Services



Peter McVerry Trust currently provides Under 18s Residential Services for children between the ages of 12-18 across four locations in the Dublin area. Each service operates under license from the child and family agency, Tusla. In order to ensure that appropriate supports are in place for young adults exiting under 18s services, the charity provides ongoing aftercare and support to young people making the transition from children's residential services to semi-independent and independent living. The Peter McVerry Trust aftercare supports in operation currently serve the Dublin and Kildare areas.

Additional Information

Peter McVerry Trust engages with a wide range of stakeholders and is committed to an inter-agency model of working. The organisations we work closely with include:

- Department of Housing, Planning Community and Local Government
- Department of Children and Youth Affairs
- Department of Social Protection
- Department of Justice and Equality
- Dublin Region Homeless Executive
- Local Authorities
- HSE
- ICSH
- Irish Prison Service
- The Probation Service
- Tusla (Child and Family Agency).

Peter McVerry Trust also works with a number of regional drug task forces and community based organisations. The charity is a member of the Dublin Homeless Network, which is an active group of voluntary agencies providing homeless services in the region. Peter McVerry Trust is also a member of FEANTSA, the European Federation of National Organisations working with people who are homeless.

Further Information

For all the latest information and news about Peter McVerry Trust, please visit our website.

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