

dlr Housing & Disability Steering Group
Meeting held on 4th December 2024 at 3pm
Venue: Hybrid / dlr Council Offices

Minutes

Present:

Chair, Catherine Keenan; dlr, Deirdre Baber; dlr, Breffni Coffey; HSE (Mental Health), Majella Grainger; Cheshire, Claire Kenny; ILMI, Aoibheann Byrne; Tuath, Catherine Elliot-Lewis; HSE (Disability Sector), Marina Serrano Brophy; Hail, Julie Davis; Housing Agency, Brian McCarthy; SJOG, Paula Murray; dlr, Sinead Magee; dlr.

Apologies:

Sandra Doody; AsIAm.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of meeting held on 4th September 2024

Minutes of the meeting held on 4th September 2024 were **APPROVED**.

2. Matters Arising

The Chair, Catherine Keenan, welcomed a new member, Brian McCarthy of SJOG, to the Group. C. Keenan thanked previous member, Sean Crowley, for his contribution to the group and wished him well for the future.

3. Members' Updates

i. Input from dlr, D. Baber:

- Breakdown of allocations to Disabled People: 27% of all allocations made between 1st January to 29th November were to disabled people.
- Update on Construction/Delivery for disabled people.
- Information update given on progress made both locally and nationally.

ii. Input from SJOG, Brian McCarthy:

B. McCarthy updated the group on the units in Killiney and associated moves.

iii. Input from Cheshire, Majella Grainger:

- M. Grainger gave an update on the Home and Supports Hub website which was developed by the Housing Agency.
- The website has information on various housing options including:
 - private rental and cost rental,
 - support services and health support,
 - advice and information on how to manage your home.
- It is an accessible website and can be tailored to the different needs of the people we support.

iv. Input from AHBs, Aoibhean Byrne, Tuath:

- A. Byrne updated the group on Tuath's 25 units in Cherrywood. A. Byrne said that the allocations team can meet on site to confirm that needs are met for potential other units there.

v. Input from HSE, Catherine Elliott-Lewis:

- Report submitted by C. Elliott-Lewis. The HSE is working with housing to progress a number of cases and to co-ordinate support required.
- Multiple subgroup meetings have taken place with the HSE and LAs.

vi. Input from HSE, Breffni Coffey:

- Update on the number of meetings held and number of applications reviewed.
- Ensures that priority cases are active on dlr's housing list and all relevant information is on file. Also allows for clear communication between dlr and HSE Mental Health Services.
- Feedback in relation to dlr from HSE Mental Health staff was very positive.
- A presentation was made to dlr Estate Management in November 2024. The presentation covered the understanding of Mental Health, the stigma attached, housing needs in the Community and the supports required.
- Agreement was reached with dlr Housing Team to adopt a collaborative approach in preparing for the Social Housing Need Assessment in 2025.

4. National Implementation Plan Quarterly Updates

No update this quarter. Julie Davies, Housing Agency, advised the group that the Housing Agency are moving to Bi-annual updates.

5. Summary of the Social Housing Assessment (SSHA)

Paula Murray, dlr Allocations Section, gave an update on the Social Housing Assessment currently in progress.

In her update P. Murray discussed the reasons this assessment is done, the importance of it and the timeframes which have to be adhered to.

A discussion followed around how we communicate with the applicants, especially those who are most vulnerable, and the importance of the way in which we word our communications.

C. Elliott-Lewis thanked the members for their input and thanked the dlr team for their support and hard work which has been very beneficial to her sector.

The members all agreed that these meetings and the input from the sectors involved has been very positive and beneficial.

6. AOB

No Business.

7. 2025 meeting dates:

Wednesday, 5th March 2025

Wednesday, 4th June 2025

Wednesday, 3rd September 2025

Wednesday, 3rd December 2025