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Minister's Foreword

I welcome the publication of the Youth Homelessness Strategy 18-Month Progress Report. Marking the halfway point of the 3-year Youth Homelessness Strategy which was published in November 2022, this Progress Report provides us with an opportunity to reflect on achievements to date as well as identify the areas where more work needs to be done.

Implementation of the Strategy commenced in January 2023 with the establishment of a Steering Group comprising representatives from organisations with a role in addressing youth homelessness. Since then, work has been ongoing on all 27 actions within the Strategy. Two in-person consultation events were held with key stakeholders in 2023 to inform the development of three particular actions. In September, we published a Supports Guide for Young People which provides an easily accessible overview of the supports and services available to young people in Ireland. In December, three NGOs were identified to provide supports and accommodation for participants of the Supported Housing for Youth pilot programme. In the first 18 months of this Strategy, the groundwork has been laid to address youth homelessness in a way that has not been done before with the introduction of new supports, a focus on targeted actions for vulnerable cohorts and a strong emphasis on cross-collaboration.

Supporting those who are experiencing and at risk of homelessness remains a key priority for Government. With the publication of the Youth Homelessness Strategy, Government recognised young people as a distinct cohort of individuals who require their own distinct housing solutions and supports. I am committed to continuing to work closely with all of Government and key stakeholders, including members of the National Homeless Action Committee, to ensure that our young people receive the necessary supports so that they can reach their fullest potential.

Darragh O'Brien T.D.

Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage



Overview of progress to date

- ✓ All 27 actions commenced
- ✓ Three groups established to deliver actions under the YHS

**Youth Homelessness
Strategy Steering
Group**



**Supported Housing
for Youth (SHY)
Oversight Group**



**Prevention and Early
Intervention
Subgroup**



- ✓ Two events held in 2023

**Consultation event to support the development of Supported
Housing for Youth (SHY) in June 2023**



**Consultation event to explore the development of Action 10¹
and Action 11² in November 2023**



¹ Examine the establishment of a framework for specific assessments for young people presenting to services in order to identify supports required.

² Establish further dedicated emergency accommodation for young people that promotes an inclusive ethos.

1. Background

In line with commitments made in both Programme for Government and *Housing for All*, a national Youth Homelessness Strategy was published in November 2022. The Strategy aims to help young people aged 18-24 who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

The Strategy was developed over the course of 2022. It is evidenced-based, informed by existing research as well as consultations held with stakeholders including local authorities, NGOs and 25 young people with lived experiences of homelessness. The Strategy recognises young adults as a distinct cohort of individuals and that the causes of homelessness, as well as the experiences of young people in the emergency accommodation system, are distinct to that of the older homeless population.

The Strategy sets out 27 key actions under three strategic aims of preventing youth homelessness; improving the experiences of young people accessing emergency accommodation; and assisting young people in exiting homelessness.

Recognising that there are certain cohorts of young people who are particularly at risk of homelessness and disproportionately represented in the young homeless population, the Strategy identifies six vulnerable cohorts and sets out specific actions for each cohort.

Following the publication of the Strategy, a Steering Group was established under the auspices of the National Homeless Action Committee (NHAC).

Youth Homelessness Strategy Steering Group

The overarching objective of the Youth Homelessness Strategy Steering Group (YHS Steering Group) is to drive the delivery and monitor progress of the Strategy's 27 actions. Ten different organisations with a role in addressing youth homelessness are represented on the YHS Steering Group.

In Q4 2023, Dr. Paula Mayock took on the role of chair of the YHS Steering Group. Dr. Mayock is an Associate Professor at the School of Social Work and Social Policy, Trinity College Dublin (TCD). Since 2004, Dr. Mayock has worked to build a programme of research on homelessness. She has been the Principal Investigator of

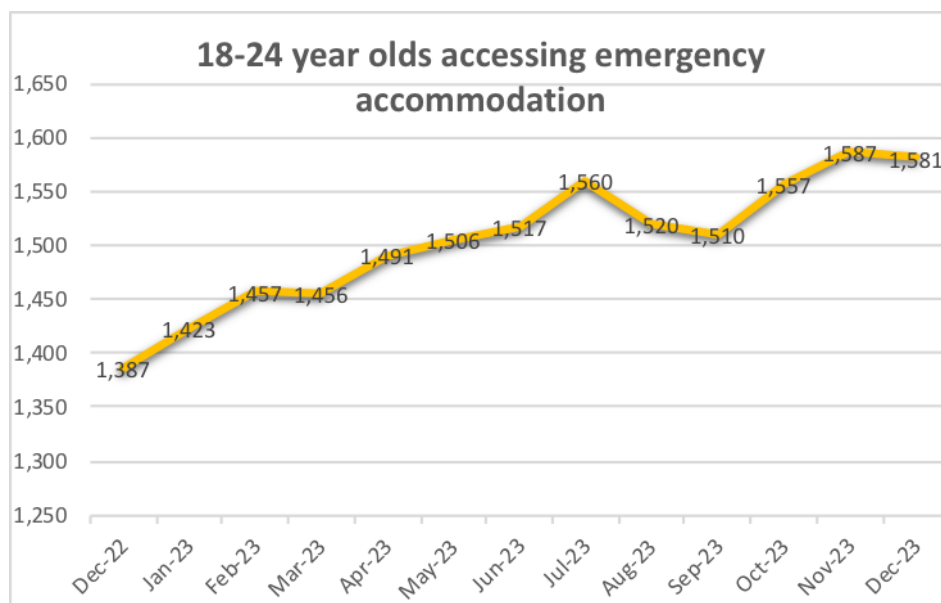
three studies of homeless youth, one of them a 6-year qualitative longitudinal study of homeless young people in Dublin.

Youth Homelessness Strategy Steering Group Membership	
Chair: Dr. Paula Mayock, School of Social Work and Social Policy, TCD	
Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH)	
Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration & Youth (DCEDIY)	
Department of Justice (DoJ)	
Local Authorities (Dublin City Council and Limerick City and County Council)	
Tusla	
Health Service Executive (HSE)	
The Housing Agency	
Non-Governmental Organisation (Crosscare)	
Youth Organisation (Irish Coalition to End Youth Homelessness)	

2. Current scale of youth homelessness

In December 2022, the month after the Youth Homelessness Strategy was published, there were **8,190** adults accessing emergency accommodation, **1,387 (17%)** of whom were aged 18-24.

Unfortunately, homeless numbers have continued to increase since then. Recent data indicates a rise in youth homelessness, in line with a rise in the wider homeless population. In December 2023, **9,356 adults** were accessing emergency accommodation, **1,581 (17%)** of whom were aged 18-24. The year-on-year position shows there were **194 (14%)** more 18-24 year olds in December 2023 than there were in December 2022.



Addressing homelessness is a priority for Government. Critical to supporting households to exit homelessness is increasing the supply of housing. The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage is prioritising measures which focus on accelerating social and affordable housing supply through a combination of new build, targeted acquisitions and leasing. Record levels of investment are being provided under *Housing for All* to support the delivery of housing. However, the increase in youth homelessness highlights the need for the continued implementation of targeted measures to both prevent youth homelessness and to support increased exits of young people from emergency accommodation to sustainable tenancies.

3. Strategic Aim 1: To prevent young people from entering homelessness

Achievements to date

✓ **Launch of a youth-specific information campaign**

The Housing Agency launched an information campaign in September 2023 to align with the publication of their Supports Guide for Young People³ (Actions 1/27). The campaign focused on raising awareness of the Guide and targeted young people through ads on public transport and social media.

✓ **Publication of Tusla's Strategic Plan for Aftercare 2023-2025**

Tusla's Strategic Plan for Aftercare 2023-2025⁴ was published in June 2023 (Action 6) and commits Tusla to working with DHLGH on the implementation of the Youth Homelessness Strategy to enhance accommodation provision for young adults with care experience.

✓ **Establishment of a Prevention and Early Intervention Subgroup**

A subgroup was established in Q2 2024 to focus on prevention and early intervention. The subgroup will consider the development of homelessness prevention programmes (Action 2) and how best to enhance connectivity between local authorities and Tulsa (Action 4).

Prevention and Early Intervention Subgroup Membership	
Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage	Tusla
Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration & Youth	Treoir
Department of Education	Novas
Limerick City and County Council	Crosscare
The Housing Agency	

³ <https://www.housingagency.ie/publications/supports-guide-young-people>

⁴ https://www.tusla.ie/uploads/content/Strategic_Plan_on_Aftercare_Services_for_Young_Adults-2023-26.pdf

Progress made on other actions under this Strategic Aim

Action 1: Develop information and awareness campaigns on housing rights and available supports specifically targeting young people.

- ✓ A new information campaign will launch in 2024. The Housing Agency is currently engaging with members of the Irish Coalition to End Youth Homelessness to inform the development of this campaign.

Action 3: Strengthen support structures for young people and families who are experiencing domestic conflict and breakdown.

- ✓ Domestic Violence and Abuse Liaison Officers are being recruited in each Tusla area to contribute to and enhance responses to child protection and welfare referrals where domestic violence and abuse is a concern.

Action 5: Consider and implement, as appropriate, the recommendations by National Homeless Action Committee Subgroup C on enhancing family support and prevention and early intervention services for children and their families, particularly those recommendations relating to teenage children⁵.

- ✓ The Steering Group agreed to progress four recommendations made by NHAC Subgroup C in the context of youth homelessness. These recommendations included a review of existing resettlement services which resulted in a survey issued to all local authorities; a review of local authority representation on each of the 27 CYPSCs; raising awareness of Meitheal, the Tusla-led Early Intervention Practice Mode and considering the allocation of Social Inclusion Case Managers to each Community Health Network.

⁵ In 2022, three subgroups were established under the National Homeless Action Committee to consider measures to mitigate the risk of homelessness for specific cohorts. Subgroup A looked at HAP tenants in arrears; subgroup B focused on those leaving residential settings (including prison) and subgroup C considered early intervention for children and their families.

Action 7: Review and update Housing Circular 46/2014 on the Protocol on Young People Leaving State Care.

- ✓ DHLGH is currently working on a first draft of an updated Circular and Protocol in collaboration with DCEDIY and Tusla. The completed first draft will be circulated to the YHS Steering Group and NHAC for observations in Q3 2024.

Action 8: Work with the LTACCs to consider and put in place any additional supports that are required at a local level to assist young Travellers who are at risk of experiencing homelessness.

- ✓ Work is underway on consideration of the role of LTACCs in conjunction with the Housing Agency involving engagement with stakeholders and under an independently chaired Programme Board.

Action 9: Consider measures to be implemented as recommended by NHAC Subgroup B in the context of young people leaving prison⁶.

- ✓ The YHS Steering Group agreed to focus on a recommendation around alternative pathways in the context of young people leaving prison. Some existing research was considered and, in order to further progress this action the Department of Justice joined the YHS Steering Group in Q2 2024.

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4. Strategic Aim 2: To improve the experiences of young people in accessing emergency accommodation

Achievements to date

✓ Consultation event with key stakeholders

A consultation event was held in November 2023 to discuss the establishment of a framework for specific assessments for young people presenting to homeless services (Action 10) and the establishment of further dedicated emergency accommodation for young people that promotes an inclusive ethos, including for LGBTI+ and Traveller communities (Action 11). Representatives from the Irish Traveller Movement and Outhouse LGBTQ+ Centre presented at the event and breakout sessions were held with stakeholders in attendance. A number of recommendations were made to help inform the development of policy in this area.

✓ Guidance issued to local authorities

In accordance with Section 37 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009, each Housing Authority must prepare an Action Plan to address homelessness in their administrative areas. In July 2023, DHLGH issued guidance requesting local authorities to ensure that Homelessness Action Plans incorporate and reflect the policy positions and actions, as appropriate, contained in the Youth Homelessness Strategy. Local authorities were also requested to ensure that the Homelessness Action specifically include young people, particular those identified in the Youth Homelessness Strategy, as vulnerable cohorts (Action 15).

✓ Identification of gaps in service delivery for pregnant women in homelessness

The HSE and Tusla have prepared a document identifying existing supports and gaps in service delivery for pregnant women in homelessness (Action 17).

Feedback was provided by key stakeholders including the HSE National Clinical Pregnancy Programme and the Teen Parents Support Programme.

Consideration is now underway on how best to progress these recommendations.

Progress made on other actions under this Strategic Aim

Action 12: Ensure that service providers are trained in developmentally informed approaches, including trauma-informed care.

- ✓ The CCMA is the process of exploring an appropriate model of training for local authority staff. Once identified, this model will be costed and rolled out through the local authorities.

Action 13: Review the availability of mental health supports for young people in emergency accommodation and implement any recommendations.

- ✓ The HSE is currently preparing a document setting out existing services and further services developments in the area of homelessness and mental health which will be progressed under *Sharing the Vision*. Consideration will then be given to how these developments can best support the needs of young people in emergency accommodation.

Action 14: Provide adult guidance services to identify suitable Further Education and Training (FET) courses for people experiencing homelessness.

- ✓ FET Guidance staff are engaging with and taking referrals from various groups including, but not limited to, Focus Ireland, St Vincent de Paul and the Simon Community. These referrals vary depending on location and need. Clients can also self-refer.

Action 16: Design and deliver training sessions for homeless service providers, to ensure that they have the knowledge base to provide support and relevant information to disabled people.

- ✓ A Steering Group, chaired by HSE Disability Team and National Social Inclusion Office, is now in place. Training on 'Understanding disability and homelessness' is currently in development with a focus on learning disabilities, autism, ADHD and acquired brain injury.

Action 18: Review different types of parenting support services that are currently available for young parents experiencing or exiting homelessness and seek to identify gaps in the national and local provision of services for young parents who are experiencing or exiting homelessness.

- ✓ It was agreed that mapping current supports should be the first step under this action and this is underway between DCEDIY and Tusla. Tusla is piloting the data gathering for existing services in two areas; the North East Inner City and Sligo/Leitrim (expected completion end Q2). Once these pilots are complete, Tusla will request that all areas provide data on existing parenting support services. DCEDIY will begin to build a geospatial map using the pilot data which is expected to begin in Q3 2024. Once the mapping has been complete, a review of the available supports will be undertaken.

Action 19: Offer LGBTI+ Youth Homelessness Training Workshops for service providers, to ensure that they have a better understanding of LGBTI+ issues and the various forms of discrimination faced by members of this community.

- ✓ The Dublin Region Homeless Executive DRHE and the HSE Community Healthcare Organisations 6 and 9 have agreed to fund the LGBTQ+ homelessness training developed by Focus Ireland and BelongTo. It is anticipated that this training will commence in the coming months.

Action 20: Develop privacy and safety strategies for young LGBTI+ people using emergency accommodation, informed directly by LGBTI+ youth, to be implemented by the homeless service providers.

- ✓ DHLGH and DCEDIY are engaging with the National Participation Office to organise a consultation with young members of the LGBTI+ community. Findings from this consultation will inform the development of this action.

Action 21: Include specific actions in future Traveller Accommodation Programmes (TAPs), to address youth homelessness.

- ✓ Guidelines for the preparation, adoption and implementation of local authority TAPs for the period 2025-2029 were issued from DHLGH to all LAs in December 2023. The Guidelines include specific reference to the YHS and the need for local authorities to be well positioned to work with young Travellers at risk of homelessness.



5. Strategic Aim 3: To assist young people in exiting homelessness

Achievements to date

✓ **Publication of a Supports Guide for Young People**

In September 2023, The Housing Agency published a guide setting out supports for young people exiting homelessness. The ‘Supports Guide for Young People’⁷ (Action 27) was developed throughout 2023 with input from key stakeholders working to address youth homelessness. The Guide brings together information, in an easily accessible format, on accessing a range of supports and services including:

- Social welfare and financial supports
- Housing supports
- Employment and education supports
- Health and childcare supports

The Guide is now available on the Housing Agency’s website.

✓ **Development of Supported Housing for Youth (SHY) pilot**

Action 22 in the Youth Homelessness Strategy is to develop a pilot model of a housing-led intervention for young people: Supported Housing for Youth (SHY). To inform the development of the pilot, DHLGH held a series of online discussions on topics including eligibility criteria, assessment of supports, proposed conditions and supported transitioning.

An in-person consultation event was then held in June 2023 to further explore topics relating to the development of the SHY pilot. This event provided invaluable insights and recommendations for its successful implementation. Overall, it highlighted the complex nature of supporting vulnerable cohorts, and the importance of a holistic approach to addressing young people’s individual needs.

⁷ <https://www.housingagency.ie/supports-guide-young-people>

It was agreed that the pilot would run in Dublin and aim to support up to 20 young people. In October 2023, the DRHE published an Expression of Interest, the objective of which was to identify NGOs to provide accommodation and/or supports to participants of the SHY pilot. A number of NGOs have now been identified to provide these supports. It is anticipated that the pilot will launch in the Summer of 2024 with the first young people moving from emergency accommodation to their own accommodation with wraparound supports.

The Housing Agency has recruited an independent evaluator to carry out an evaluation of the SHY pilot. An Oversight Group, comprising representatives from DHLGH, two Dublin local authorities, the Housing Agency and the HSE, will monitor the progress of the pilot.

Following the evaluation of the pilot, it is intended to roll SHY out on a national basis.

Progress made on other actions under this Strategic Aim

Action 23: Establish Youth Tenancy Support Programmes.

- ✓ Work is underway to analyse data on those in the 18-24-year cohort who are exiting emergency accommodation into social housing and HAP tenancies. Consideration will be given to how existing supports can be tailored to suit young people.

Action 24: Pilot the use of social housing as shared accommodation for young people.

- ✓ Discussions have been held at Department level and with local authorities on this action. Work has commenced on developing a pilot.

Action 25: Review work experience, placements, training opportunities etc. run by the DSP that are currently available to ensure that they are serving young people experiencing homelessness. Promote awareness of same among homeless service providers. Identify any gaps in provision and make recommendations to address.

- ✓ DSP is carrying out a desk review of current schemes and eligibility criteria to identify any structural barriers to the participation of young homeless people in these schemes. A paper will then be shared with the YHS Steering Group to include recommendations.

Action 26: Engage with the Equity of Access Subcommittee of the National Apprenticeship Alliance, in order to provide timely and informed input regarding the type and level of supports required to ensure that young people experiencing or exiting homelessness can participate in apprenticeships.

- ✓ Learners who participate in an Access to Apprenticeship⁸ programme from September 2023 are eligible to apply to the National Apprenticeship Office for an

⁸ The Access to Apprenticeship programme aims to support the transition of young people (16-24 years of age) from under-represented groups into national apprenticeships. The programme is 12-weeks full-time duration and is delivered in two locations currently, Technological University Dublin and Technological University of the Shannon. Over 80% of learners who have participated to-date in these access programmes continue on to become apprentices.

access and inclusion bursary. The bursary provides financial support of up to €3,000 to eligible learners to support living costs including travel, accommodation and materials.

6. Conclusion

Over the last 18 months, the focus has centred around laying the groundwork for the Strategy's 27 actions, many of which have multiple owners. The next 18 months will see a strong focus on full implementation of all actions. A key action in the Strategy is the development of a housing-led intervention for young people. Summer 2024 will see the launch of the Supported Housing for Youth (SHY) pilot programme in Dublin. Over the course of the 12-month pilot, 20 young people will be moved from emergency accommodation into their own accommodation with wraparound supports. A key aim of SHY – and of the Strategy – is to break a cycle of longer-term homelessness among young people who access emergency accommodation.

The progress made so far indicates that we are well on track to achieving the ambitions of the Strategy. This can only happen with a Cross-Departmental approach and ongoing co-operation and engagement with key stakeholders. The Steering Group will continue to drive delivery and monitor progress of actions within the Strategy in order to achieve the best possible outcomes for our young people and their futures.

Appendix

Strategic Aim 1: To prevent young people from entering homelessness				
No.	Action	Owners	Timeline	Status
1.	Develop information and awareness campaigns on housing rights and available supports specifically targeting young people.	DHLGH, DCEDIY, Tusla	Ongoing	On Track
2.	Develop and implement homelessness prevention programmes for young people.	LAs	Q4 2023, Q2 2024	On Track
3.	Strengthen support structures for young people and families who are experiencing domestic conflict and breakdown.	Tusla	Q3 2023	On Track
4.	Enhance connectivity between local authorities and Tusla, to ensure that appropriate supports can be provided.	LAs, Tusla	Ongoing	On Track
5.	Consider and implement, as appropriate, the recommendations by NHAC Subgroup C on enhancing family support and prevention and early intervention services for children and their families, particularly those recommendations relating to teenage children.	DHLGH, DCEDIY, Tusla, LAs	Q1 2023, Q1 2024	On Track
6.	Tusla to finalise its Strategic Plan for Aftercare 2023- 2025, which should align with this Strategy, as well as including a commitment to an integrated approach to implementing key recommendations providing an appropriate continuum of accommodation for young people with care experience.	DCEDIY, Tusla	Q3 2023 Ongoing	Complete
7.	Review and update Housing Circular 46/2014 on the Protocol on Young People Leaving State Care.	DHLGH, DCEDIY	Q1 2024	On Track
8.	Work with the LTACCs to consider and put in place any additional supports that are required at a local level to assist young Travellers who are at risk of experiencing homelessness.	DHLGH, LAs	Ongoing	On Track
9.	Consider measures to be implemented as recommended by NHAC Subgroup B in the context of young people leaving prison.	DCEDIY	Q2 2024	On Track

Strategic Aim 2: Improve the Experiences of Young People in Emergency Accommodation				
No.	Action	Owners	Timeline	Status
10.	Examine the establishment of a framework for specific assessments for young people presenting to services in order to identify supports required.	DCEDIY, Tusla, LAs	Q2 2024	On Track
11.	Establish further dedicated emergency accommodation for young people that promotes an inclusive ethos, including for LGBTI+ and Traveller communities, and which has designated spaces allowing for visits from family members of residents.	DHLGH, LAs	Q1 2024, Ongoing	On Track
12.	Ensure that service providers are trained in developmentally informed approaches, including trauma-informed care.	DHLGH, LAs	Ongoing	On Track
13.	Review the availability of mental health supports for young people in emergency accommodation and implement any recommendations.	HSE	Q2 2024	On Track
14.	Provide adult guidance services to identify suitable Further Education and Training (FET) courses for people experiencing homelessness.	DFHERIS, ETBs	Ongoing	On Track
15.	Ensure the specific inclusion of young people in Regional Homelessness Action Plans, with consideration given to those who have been identified in the Strategy as vulnerable cohorts.	DHLGH, LAs	Ongoing	Complete
16.	Design and deliver training sessions for homeless service providers, to ensure that they have the knowledge base to provide support and relevant information to disabled people.	HSE	Q3 2023, Ongoing	On Track
17.	Review existing supports and identify any additional supports that could be made available to young pregnant women in homelessness from an early stage that follows through with postnatal care.	HSE, Tusla	Q1 2024	Complete

18.	Review different types of parenting support services that are currently available for young parents experiencing or exiting homelessness and seek to identify gaps in the national and local provision of services for young parents who are experiencing or exiting homelessness. Following the completion of the review/s, an agreed approach should be developed to facilitate a more consistent provision of these services.	DCEDIY, Tusla	Q3 2023	On Track
19.	Offer LGBTI+ Youth Homelessness Training Workshops for service providers, to ensure that they have a better understanding of LGBTI+ issues and the various forms of discrimination faced by members of this community.	DCEDIY, LAs	Q4 2023	On Track
20.	Develop privacy and safety strategies for young LGBTI+ people using emergency accommodation, informed directly by LGBTI+ youth, to be implemented by the homeless service providers.	DCEDIY, LAs	Q1 2024	On Track
21.	Include specific actions in future Traveller Accommodation Programmes (TAPs), to address youth homelessness.	LAs	Q4 2025	On Track

Strategic Aim 3: Assist Young People in Exiting Homelessness				
No.	Action	Owners	Timeline	Status
22.	Develop a pilot model of a housing-led intervention for young people: Supported Housing for Youth (SHY).	DHLGH	Q3 2023	On Track
23.	Establish Youth Tenancy Support Programmes.	LAs	Q4 2023	On Track
24.	Pilot the use of social housing as shared accommodation for young people.	DHLGH, LAs	Q1 2024	On Track
25.	Review work experience, placements, training opportunities etc. run by the DSP that are currently available to ensure that they are serving young people experiencing homelessness. Promote awareness of same among homeless service providers. Identify any gaps in provision and make recommendations to address.	DSP	Q1 2024	On Track
26.	Engage with the Equity of Access Subcommittee of the National Apprenticeship Alliance, in order to provide timely and informed input regarding the type and level of supports required to ensure that young people experiencing or exiting homelessness can participate in apprenticeships.	DHLGH, DFHERIS	Q2 2023	On Track
27.	Produce a guide setting out supports for young people exiting homelessness.	Housing Agency	Q3 2023	Complete

Acronyms

DCEDIY	<p><i>Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth</i></p> <p>This Department's mission is to enhance the lives of children, young people, adults, families and communities, recognising diversity and promoting equality of opportunity.</p>
DFHERIS	<p><i>Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science</i></p> <p>This Department funds and creates policy for the higher and further education and research sectors. It also oversees the work of the state agencies and public institutions operating in these areas. This Department's role is to make sure that these sectors support and encourage Ireland's social and economic development. To make sure that public investment and policy in these areas give opportunities to everyone, including the most vulnerable in society.</p>
DHLGH	<p><i>Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage</i></p> <p>This Department's mission is to support the sustainable and efficient delivery of well-planned homes and effective local government.</p>
DoE	<p><i>Department of Education</i></p> <p>This Department's mission is to help children and young people, through learning, to achieve their full potential and contribute to Ireland's social, economic and cultural development.</p>
DoH	<p><i>Department of Health</i></p> <p>This Department's mission is to improve the health and wellbeing of people in Ireland by delivering high-quality health services and getting best value from health system resources.</p>
DoJ	<p><i>Department of Justice</i></p> <p>This Department works to advance community and national security, promote justice and equality, and safeguard human rights, in order to achieve a safe, fair and inclusive Ireland.</p>
DSP	<p><i>Department of Social Protection</i></p> <p>This Department's mission is to promote active participation and inclusion in society through providing income supports, employment services and other services.</p>
ETB	<p><i>Education and Training Boards</i></p> <p>In 2013, the former Vocational Educational Committees were dissolved and replaced by 16 Educational and Training Boards responsible for delivering primary, post-primary and further education in their regions, and developing appropriate further education and</p>

	training programmes in conjunction with SOLAS.
HAP	<p><i>Housing Assistance Payment Scheme</i></p> <p>This scheme is a form of social housing support provided by all Local Authorities. Under HAP, Local Authorities can provide housing assistance to households with a long-term housing need, including many long-term Rent Supplement recipients.</p>
LGBTI+	<p><i>Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex +</i></p> <p>This acronym refers to the spectrum of sexual orientations and identities.</p>
LTACC	<p><i>Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee</i></p> <p>These Committees were established under sections 21 and 22 of the Housing (Traveller Accommodation) Act 1998 to facilitate consultation between housing authorities and Travellers. Their role includes advising on Traveller accommodation matters, assisting in the preparation and implementation of accommodation programmes, advising on the management of Traveller accommodation and serving as a liaison between Travellers and officials of the appointing authority. LTACCs are based in every local authority and comprise of representatives from local authorities, elected members of the authority, and local Travellers and Traveller groups.</p>
NHAC	<p><i>National Homeless Action Committee</i></p> <p>Established in Q4 2021, and chaired by the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, NHAC includes representatives from key Government Departments, state bodies and NGOs. The purpose of NHAC is to ensure that a renewed emphasis is brought to cross-Government collaboration to implement actions in <i>Housing for All</i>, along with better coherence and coordination of homeless-related services in delivering policy measures and actions to address homelessness.</p>

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