

## Homelessness Regional Thematic Group (RTG) meeting - 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019 - Housing Centre, NIHE

### Present:

Anne Sweeney (Chair)	SP, NIHE	Richard Begley	SP, NIHE
Caroline Connor	Housing Services, NIHE	Jane Denvir	SP, NIHE
Bernie Crossan	SP, NIHE	Gareth Ferguson	SP, NIHE
Liam O'Hanlon	SP, NIHE	Jane Beattie	SP, NIHE
Mark Ingham	Housing Services, NIHE	<b>Apologies :</b>	
Sharron Burnett	CRISPP	Jane McMillan	HSCNI
Paul Thompson	Probation Board NI	Kevin Wright	CRISPP
Kelly McGrath	SP, NIHE	Colin McCloy	SP, NIHE
James Taylor	SP, NIHE	Peter Quinn	SP, NIHE

### Minute Summary

#### Homelessness Strategy Update

A presentation that had been given at the Homelessness Strategic Steering Group meeting relating to the Strategy and the Chronic Homeless Action Plan was talked through.

There was some discussion around the criteria for individuals to be identified as experiencing chronic homelessness.

There was discussion around the Rough Sleeper Count that took place at the end of last year.

The Chronic Homeless Action Plan (CHAP) had been well received by the NIHE Board and approved.

#### Overview of SP Draft Strategic Plan

The group was notified that the engagement on this piece of work had closed. This is planned to be presented at the Strategic Advisory Board prior to the NIHE Board.

It was advised the work relating to planning for the 3 year Strategic Intent 2020-2023 will begin soon and will involve all Regional Thematic Groups.

Feedback was referenced that highlighted a need for further elaboration on the roles and responsibilities of the SAB and the Thematic Groups amongst SP Providers. The next SP Bulletin would be drafted to include information relating to this and should be sent in the coming weeks.

The responsibility of CRISPP to share information from and to SP Providers through their role as representatives for the sector was highlighted.

#### SP Strategic Decision Making Process

This item was covered.

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### **Homeless Update on Trend Data**

The Housing Services Homelessness team have been looking at trends and comparing these across all geographical areas. The NIHE Research team has been engaged to look into options for gathering in depth data during the new financial year. Through the coming year the team will be working with all live data and a report on these trends would be shared once confirmed.

### **GIS Demonstration**

A demonstration on the GIS app was given, including the ability to layer multiple searches for provider schemes and the ability to connect with NISRA statistics.

### **DIME Proposal**

An update was given on DIME. It was now operational and was demonstrated to have been necessary following the increased numbers identified in the recent Street Count.

### **A.O.B.**

A new strategy being created by the Department of Justice relating to criminal justice and members within this group may be invited to comment.

An update on a number of engagements included:

- Standardised Regional Payment Rates – the engagement continues through consultation.
- Untoward Incident Policy – the work around this was being progressed and engagement would be within the coming weeks
- Termination of Funding – there had been a number of workshops on this prior to engagement. The engagement has now ceased and the outcome of this engagement will be shared.
- Quality Monitoring Tool – will be sent out for engagement in the coming weeks.
- Innovation Fund – the piece of work relating to this would be progressed pending finalisation of the budgetary position from the Department for Communities.
- Thanks to be passed to CRISPP for all their help with the recent SP engagements.

