

Response to: FOI_101 September 2023 For further information contact: foi@nihe.co.uk

Information on the service your authority provides for vulnerable people in need of housing related support, aimed at helping them live independently (a service similar to the Supporting People Programme - known as Floating Support in some areas);

| | Example | Response | | | Notes |
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| | | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | |
| Do you continue to provide a service similar to the Supporting People Programme - known as Floating Support in some areas - a service for vulnerable people in need of housing related support, aimed at helping them live independently? (Yes or No) | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | The Housing Executive Administers the Supporting People programme in Northern Ireland on behalf of the Department for Communities. The Supporting People Programme grant funds the provision of housing support services, to enable vulnerable people to live as independently as possible in the community. The programme funds various provider types including Charity and Voluntary sector, Housing Associations, Health and Social Care Trusts and Private. Support is provided through short-term and long-term accommodation-based services, short-term floating support and long-term peripatetic support. |
| If yes - What is your annual budget for this service? (£/year) | 500,000 | 12,012,000 | 12,701,940 | 13,277,900 | FS budget for y.e. 31 March 2021, 2022 and 2023. |
| What is the contract length for the existing program? (years) | 5 years | 1 | | | Housing Executive Supporting People Funding Agreements are in place between the Housing Executive and Service Provider Organisations and are renewed annually (52 weeks). |
| When does your current commissioning contract end? (month/year) | 31/12/2023 | 10/03/2024 | | | As detailed above Funding Agreements are renewed annually. |

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| Who is your priority cohort? | Ex-offenders, people with mental health issues etc | No priority cohort | Primary Client Groups supported by Floating Support include: People with Drug Problems Families experiencing homelessness People with Learning Disabilities People with convictions or People at risk of Offending People with Mental Health Problems People with a diagnosis of Dementia People experiencing homelessness with support needs Older people with support needs Travellers People with a Physical or Sensory Disability Women at Risk of Domestic Abuse People with Alcohol Problems Young People |
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| How many referrals does the current service receive per month? (#/month) | 30 referrals/ month | | Supporting People do not hold this information. |
| How many re-referrals (individuals having previously used the same service in the last 3 years) do you receive per month? (#/month) | 3 re-referrals per month | | Supporting People do not hold this information. |
| How many FTEs do you have working exclusively on this service? (#) | 10 FTEs | | Supporting People provides grant funding to provider organisations who deliver services. Housing Executive Supporting People staff do not provide the Housing Support. |
| How many external providers do you procure to deliver the service? (#) | 2 Providers | 43 | There are currently 43 Provider organsations funded through the Supporting People Programme to provide Floating Support. Supporting People do not procure service providers. Supporting People provide grant funding. New services may be appointed through a competitive selection process. |
| What is the average length of the interventions or time on programme? (months per individual) | 18 months per individual | | Supporting People do not hold this information. |



| Do you measure success in the program? If yes, what is the KPI measured? | E.g., number of individuals accessing accommodat ion, number of individuals sustaining accommodat ion after 12 months | | KPI - RSPI 3.2.1 | | RSPI 3.2.1 By 31st March 2021 ensure a minimum spend of 16.0% for Floating Support as part of the Supporting People Programme. RSPI 3.2.1 By 31st March 2022 ensure a minimum spend of 16.5% for Floating Support as part of the Supporting People Programme. RSPI 3.2.1 By 31st March 2023 ensure a minimum spend of 17.5% for Floating Support as part of the Supporting People Programme. |
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| If yes to question 11 - what has been the performance over the last 3 years? | - | Actual 16.7% | Actual 17.4% | Actual 17.8% | |