

Men's Advisory Project

My understanding is that The Men's Advisory Project (MAP) have been funded via Housing Executive Ending Homelessness Strategy to pilot floating support services to support men who have faced domestic abuse and, as a result, have additional needs.

Can you please advise me on the following:

1. The range of support services provided during this pilot.

The Homelessness Prevention Fund has supported the delivery of the following projects:

- The Housing Support Service Pilot Programme which was supported by the 2020/21 Homelessness Prevention Fund;
- The Housing focused support to male victims of domestic abuse project which was supported by the 2021/22 Homelessness Prevention Fund.

2. The number of male victims who have received support through this initiative.

The Housing Support Service Pilot Programme supported 41 vulnerable men who required floating support due to domestic abuse during 2020/21. The Housing focused support to male victims of domestic abuse project supported 101 service users who required support due to domestic abuse during 2021/22.

3. Outcomes of the pilot, including relevant evaluations.

The Housing Support Service Pilot Programme supported delivery of the following outcomes:

- Emotional and practical support in the form of weekly check in calls, on average 21 times per service user. (No face-to-face was provided due to lockdown).
- Advocacy services and/or signposting to support services.
- Additional training courses for the Outreach and Floating Support Workers.
- Rental deposit element which provided three service users with a rental deposit and first month's rent for their new housing tenancies (this included liaison with landlords).

The Housing focused support to male victims of domestic abuse project supported delivery of the following outcomes:

- Ad-hoc support, risk assessment and safety planning was provided to 89 service users.
- Emotional and practical support in the form of weekly check in calls, on average 26 contacts per service user.
- Counselling and CBT therapy
- The rent and deposit scheme was available however no service users availed of this service.
- Advocacy services and/or signposting

It should be noted that funding to The Men's Advisory Project has been delivered via the Homelessness Prevention Fund which, subject to available funding, is delivered on an annual basis and subject to an application process.

4. NIHE's current assessment on the objective need for government funded floating support for male victims.

We do not hold information to meet this request.

5. NIHE's current assessment on the objective need for government funded emergency refuge accommodation for male victims.

We do not hold information to meet this request.

6. NIHE's current provision / funding of floating support and emergency refuge accommodation for male victims.

We do not hold information to meet this request.

7. NIHE's current provision / funding of emergency refuge accommodation for male children over the age of 12 fleeing violence with their mother.

We do not hold information to meet this request.