

ANALYSIS OF SUPPORT SERVICES IN THE LIBERTIES

A list and map of emergency accommodation facilities and other services within a 500 metre radius of the subject site as of July, 2020 has been prepared.

In addition a table outlining the concentration of emergency accommodation in the Dublin 8 area, and for comparison, the other central areas of Dublin City (Dublin 1, 2 and 7), is included.

Since Carman's Hall came into use as an emergency accommodation facility there has been a significant increase in the number of single households experiencing homelessness and requiring emergency accommodation. In January 2018 there were 2,261 single households in emergency accommodation in the Dublin region, and by June 2020 this number reached 2,855. There are huge challenges in securing exits to tenancy for single people in emergency accommodation due to an extreme shortage of supply of one bed units. During this period the DRHE has been required to continuously increase the number of single emergency accommodation facilities to ensure that people who are at risk of sleeping rough are protected and provided with shelter. In contrast, over the same period, the number of family households in emergency accommodation decreased from 1,191 families in January 2018, to 893 families in May 2020. This means that over three quarters (76%) of the households in emergency accommodation are single person households.

Carman's Hall 500m Catchment Area – Analysis of Services

In order to establish if there is an undue overconcentration of homeless accommodation and support services within the 500m catchment area of Carman's Hall, what is considered a 'support service' must be clarified. There is no definition in the Dublin City Development Plan 2016-2022 outlining what a support service is, however it might be acceptable to consider that this term should be applied to all services funded under Section 10 of the Housing Act, 1988.

The Dublin Region Homeless Executive has statutory responsibility for responding to homelessness across the four Dublin Local Authorities, with Dublin City Council as the lead statutory Local Authority. Along with the provision of emergency accommodation, the DRHE is responsible for funding and oversight of other supports to people experiencing homelessness, including day services and outreach services, through Section 10.

A map with all emergency accommodation and support services within a 500m radius of Carman's Hall has been provided by the DRHE. The map includes two recently closed services (Bru Aimsir and MQI – Night Café), in addition 7 other (non Section 10 funded) long established facilities providing emergency accommodation and support services have been included. The services operating within 500m of Carman's Hall as illustrated on the map are as follows:

Support Services within 500m	Service Type	Operator
Carman's Hall	Supported Temporary Accommodation (51 Adults, currently 32 adults)	Dublin Simon

Closed Services

Number	Support Services within 500m	Service type	Capacity
1	Bru, 10-13 Thomas Street, Dublin 8	Single Accommodation	101 adults
2	Merchants Quay Ireland, 13 Merchant's Quay	Night Café – mat and blanket service	60 adults

Bru Aimsir closed in 2019 and MQI night Café closed in March, 2020, leading to a reduction in the number of bed spaces in the Dublin 8 area.

Accommodation Services - Funded by the DRHE (Section 10)

Number	Support Services within 500m	Service Type	Capacity
3	Watergate, 11/14 Ushers Quay, Dublin 8	Single Accommodation	125 adults
4	Viking Lodge Hub, 36 Francis Street, Dublin 8	Family Accommodation	25 Families
5	DePaul Back Lane, Dublin 8	Single Accommodation	50 adults

Funding associated with the provision of services within the premises above are recouped via the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage under Section 10 funding arrangements. Resources for homeless services are derived from two sources, Section 10 funding from Central Government to Local Authorities under the 1988 Housing Act, combined with a contribution (at 10 percent) of funding directly from each Local Authorities revenue streams and the Health Service Executive, a central funder of homeless services provision in addition to its own direct service provision of care and support programmes. In addition fundraising by voluntary sector service providers and donations received by them are expended on services. The total bed capacity for adults and families, including Carman's Hall (32 spaces) is 207 single adults and 25 families.

Social Support Institutions

The list below (numbers 6 to 12) are not specific to people in homeless emergency accommodation or at risk of homelessness, they are not funded under Section 10 of the 1988 Housing Act.

Social Support Institutions within 500m (Non Section 10)

No.	Support Services within 500m	Service Type
6	Casadh, Unit 13 IDA Centre Newmarket Square, Cork Street, D8.	Daytime support for people recovering from substance misuse.
7	Guild of the Little Flower, Meath Street, Dublin 8.	Day Centre - (9am -2pm) providing meals on wheels, laundry service, AA meetings.
8	Community Response, 14 Carman's Court, Carman's Hall, Dublin 8.	Day Centre - Community Advisory Service (9am -5pm)
9	RADE, OLV Building, Cathedral View Court, Off New Street, Dublin 8	Day Centre - Recovery through Art, Drama and Education (10-2pm)
10	Iveagh Hostel, The Iveagh Trust, Bride Road, Dublin 8.	Single, emergency /transitional and long term Accommodation (195 single rooms)
11	Caretakers Hostel, Focus Ireland, Back lane, Christchurch, Dublin	For young adults at risk of homelessness

In addition to the facilities listed within a 500m radius of Carman’s Hall, the total numbers of single adults and families in emergency accommodation in the Dublin 8 area are listed in the table below. For the purposes of comparison the totals for Dublin 1, Dublin 2 and Dublin 7 are also included.

	Dublin 1	Dublin 2	Dublin 7	Dublin 8	Total
Overall Population (2016 census)	42,754	24,513	58,050	60,841	186,158
Approx. no. of singles / families in emergency Accommodation	500 Singles 250 Families	300 Singles	600 Singles 70 Families	500 Singles 80 Families	1,900 Singles 400 Families

The Dublin 8 area has 33% of the total population across the 4 areas, however it has 26% of the single adults in emergency accommodation and 20% of the families in emergency accommodation across the 4 areas.

In response to the substantial increase in homelessness, Dublin City Council is providing emergency accommodation and services across the city to address locational needs. In seeking to provide the level of services where demand is highest and close to the city centre, Dublin City Council must seek to distribute services across the city on a basis that is both feasible and achievable. The use of Carman’s Hall for emergency homeless accommodation is consistent with the appropriate distribution and geographic spread of services.