

FOI 3950

Homelessness Strategy

Under Article 6A5 of the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1988 (as amended by the Housing (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland), various agencies shall take the homelessness strategy into account in the exercise of their functions. As a named agency under the 1988 Order, provide any information held which relates to how the homelessness strategy is taken into account in the exercise of the Northern Health and Social Care Trusts functions.

Include any information held during the period of the current Homelessness Strategy, which began in 2022.

The homeless strategy mentioned above, beginning in 2022, is not a health strategy, it's a housing strategy, written by NIHE to focus on preventing homelessness, supporting homeless people and sustaining people in new accommodation.

Our Homeless Health Nurse (HHN) has excellent links with NIHE and attend Multiagency homeless support meeting in 4 locality areas, facilitated by NIHE.

Our HHN provides direct clinical services to 8 homeless hostels within the Northern Trust area and signposting etc for other professionals.

In regards to other services within the Northern Trust, our Community Health and Wellbeing colleagues are also part of the above meetings.