

Focus Housing Association: Overview

Focus Ireland has committed to doubling the number of homes we directly provide over the period 2016–2020.

This increased housing delivery is a core part of our strategy and is playing a key part in our work, challenging homelessness and changing lives.

We continued our good work in 2017 by delivering 184 new homes compared with 135 new homes the previous year and 35 in 2015. This means we have now delivered 354 homes in the three years from 2015 to 2017. This work has changed the lives of many who now have a place to call home.

We carry out this vital work through the Focus Housing Association. The new homes delivered in 2017 came through a combination of long-term leasing, acquisitions, short-term leases and tenancies managed by Focus Ireland.

By the end of 2017 our existing stock of homes was 981. Focus Ireland lease and manage tenancies in the following areas nationally: Dublin City Council, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, South Dublin County Council, Fingal County Council and in counties Kildare, Carlow, Wexford, Kilkenny, Waterford, Cork, Limerick, Clare and Sligo.

The work in these 13 areas requires significant property management from Focus Ireland to prevent men, women and children from entering homelessness, and to ensure that those impacted by the housing crisis can access stable housing.

Harold's Cross

Another great success story during 2017 saw the launch of our new development at Harold's Cross in Dublin. The day was the culmination of one of Focus Ireland's most ambitious housing development projects. The project was launched by Minister of Housing, Planning and Local Government Eoghan Murphy and we also launched our Annual Report 2016 as part of this event.

The day captured the vision of Focus Ireland that 'everyone has a right to a place to call home' as the new housing development provided 28 homes for families and people who were formerly homeless or at risk of homelessness.

We must once again pay tribute to the Sisters of Charity who so kindly donated the land to Focus Ireland for social housing. The support of Dublin City Council, Our Lady's Hospice and the local community was vital in turning



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John's Lane West

In 2017 we also commenced construction of our site at John's Lane West in Dublin 8 which will deliver 31 units towards the end of 2018.

Focus Housing Association agreed a partnership arrangement with Tusla for the Capital Assistance Scheme 2017 and are actively acquiring units for young people coming out of care.

Focus Ireland are achieving our goals in a multi-pronged approach and utilising funds via a variety of mechanisms, including the Housing Finance Agency, Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government and donors. Our work continues apace across Ireland and we look forward to playing an integral part in helping to deliver homes to help tackle the housing and homelessness crisis nationwide.