**What if I am not sure if a person needs to be referred to a specialist services for their difficulties?**

A clinical assessment by a primary care service is the best first step.

This could be:

1. A GP
2. A psychiatric nurse attached to a homeless service provider (e.g. MQI, DubSimon, Ana Liffey, the PACT keyworking team, Homeless Healthlink)

They will be able to advise whether the Inclusion Mental Health Team can help.

They can also access liaison advice from our team about people that they see in the community.



Assertive Community Care Evaluation Service

(ACCES team)

Parkgate Hall, 6-9 Conyngham Road, Dublin 8

Tel: 01-7036158.



Inclusion Mental Health Team

Dublin (South City),

Rialto Primary Care Centre, 383 SCR, D08RY99

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**Dublin South City**

**Homeless Mental Health Services**

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**What is the Inclusion Mental Health Service (IMHT)?**

A new multi-disciplinary mental health team based in Dublin South City offering specialist community psychiatric care people who are homeless.

**Who can refer?**

* GPs incl SafetyNet, MQDoctors, Addictions services & any GP looking after homeless patients
* Voluntary sector nurses and keyworkers
* Staff of Inclusion Health teams at St. James’s & Mater Hospitals
* Homeless Healthlink Teams
* Keyworkers supporting people in homeless accommodation

**How can I refer?**

There is a standard referral form and single referral point into all HSE Dublin South City Homeless Mental Health Services (IMHT and ACCES), contact us for a digital copy.

Send the form to: [dschomelessmh.referrals@hse.ie](mailto:dschomelessmh.referrals@hse.ie) including any extra information that might be relevant.

If you think we will need to liaise with other services (e.g. other Psychiatry teams, Emergency Departments, Prison Services, Addiction services) for background information, please attach a signed consent from the person being referred.

For complex or urgent referrals please phone 01-7036158 or 087-0644547 to discuss the case with a clinician.

If the referred person is rough sleeping please provide contact details for someone who can assist the team in locating and identifying them for assessment.

**What happens when I refer?**

We may contact you for extra information to help make a plan for the person.

Once we have sufficient information, the referral will be discussed at a joint triage meeting between the two homeless mental health teams for the South City (ACCES/IMHT).

If the person is accepted we will contact you to let you know which team will be engaging the person.

If the person is not accepted, we will write to you to let you know why and provide some advice on alternative interventions or care pathways.

**Who do we look after?**

We provide care for people who are:

* ≥18yrs
* Habitually resident in or with longstanding connections to Dublin South City
* Presenting with severe and complex mental health needs, whether or not they have an addiction
* Experiencing social exclusion, specifically homelessness, defined as rough sleeping, residing in or eligible for ‘PASS’ accommodation i.e. accommodation not secure for >6 months e.g. rolling emergency beds, 6 month STA beds, PEAs.
* Unlikely/unable to have needs met by mainstream psychiatric care.

NOTE: This excludes International Protection Applicants or Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection residing in Direct Provision.

People in supported tenancies (e.g. Housing First, HAIL) and people in Long-term Accommodation (LTAs) should be referred to their local Community Mental Health Team.