

National Programme Priorities

As the programme has been extended for an additional year, this is an opportune time to take stock of where SICAP is at, reflect on where the emphasis should be in the future and consider priorities for the remainder of the programme.

Therefore, LCDC /LDCs should collectively complete a mid-programme review at lot level. Part of this process will be facilitated by Pobal at the annual engagement meetings in September and October.

As part of this review, there are a number of national priorities that have been signaled by Minister O'Brien and DRCD, which we would like both LCDCs and LDCs to consider in conjunction with your own local priorities, when undertaking this mid-programme review. These programme priorities, outlined below, reflect current national policy, learning from the programme to date, low representation of certain target groups on the caseload and acute needs highlighted by the COVID 19 pandemic:

1. New Communities with particular focus on those living in Direct Provision
2. Mental Health (including youth)
3. Long Term Unemployed
4. Travellers /Roma
5. Older People and isolation

The priorities are to be reviewed within the context of SICAP and consider which priorities dovetail comfortably with programme while others may be more appropriate under other local programmes, initiatives, or organisations etc.

Further details on the national priorities are explored in the Evidence of Selection of Programme Priorities for 2022/2023 which accompanies this guidance note.