

FRONTLINE PREVENTION SHAPING THE PRESENT LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

In 2025, homelessness level records were again broken - by the end of the year 16,734 people across the island of Ireland were experiencing homelessness. Despite these challenges, Depaul continued to provide solutions, services and care to people across the island of Ireland. We continued to advocate for a universal prevention approach which prioritises housing stability as a core social good, supported by effective policies.

We achieved record-breaking successes in moving people out of emergency accommodation and into long-term homes - with 914 households moved out of homelessness and 1452 individuals - this is our mission in action and something we are very proud of. The scale of the housing crisis continued to drive unprecedented demand across our services which expanded to 44 specialised accommodations and outreach services. We also saw growth in our staffing numbers which grew by 14% across the island. In 2025, we also marked two decades of work in frontline homelessness prevention in Northern Ireland, and 23 years of work in the Republic.

In 2025, Depaul supported a total of 8,204 people—including 5,630 adults and 2,574 children in the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland. These figures include individuals and families living in Direct Provision who we support through our Cosán

2025 IN NUMBERS

8,204
PEOPLE

5,630 adults and 2,574 children supported in 2025, a 12% increase from 2024

1,456
FAMILIES

helped through Depaul's services, a 28% increase from 2024 (1,138)

217
VOLUNTEERS

dedicated over 21,181.50 hours to making a difference to the lives of our service users (231 - 2024, 20,192 hours)

273 incidents of suicidal ideation (135 - 2024)
129 incidents of self-harm (257 - 2024)
44 services (42 - 2024)

914
HOUSEHOLDS

moved out of homelessness and 1,452 individual service users moved out of homelessness and into suitable long-term accommodation, compared to 2024 (1,012 households, 1,235 individuals)

75,254
KEYWORKING SESSIONS

were delivered, a 50% increase from 2024

5
BABIES

were born in Depaul services (16 - 2024)

811 emergency beds (799 - 2024)
140 Overdoses
80 lives saved (Naloxone Administered)

HEALTH INITIATIVES PRIORITISING HEALTH IN 2025

Throughout 2025, Depaul continued to activate our Health Initiatives across our services. Kicked off with the launch of Headstrong, our mental health framework in 2024, followed by the launch of Mindset in 2025 to provide mental health support to service users through one-to-one recovery planning sessions, group work, and referral support.

In 2025, Depaul's Health Initiatives served as a vital bridge for individuals with complex needs, focusing heavily on integrating mental health support with physical healthcare and addiction services. We saw huge demand for mental health supports - with nearly a 50% rise in (1,361) service users reporting concerns or support needs related to their mental health, 273 incidents of suicidal ideation and 129 incidents of self-harm.

Throughout 2025, the Health Initiative remained a cornerstone of support across our services. Providing harm reduction, healthcare advocacy, and direct mental health coordination to ensure that the most vulnerable individuals were not left behind by mainstream services.

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Homelessness has no place

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PROVIDING FAMILIES A LIFELINE IN A DIFFICULT YEAR

Depaul's commitment to support the needs of families was tested in 2025 - as housing stock in the private rental market continued to dry up - more and more families and children found their way to our services across the island of Ireland.

2025 was a particularly tough year for the families in our care and we saw tangible increases in the number of children coming into our services. In 2025, we saw an increase in families and children needing our services across the island of Ireland. Our services saw an increase of

28% → →

of families (1,456) including 2,574 children supported in 2025 being helped through Depaul's services compared to 2024 (1,138). Largely due to a lack of suitable housing more and more are ending up in emergency services such as ours. Five babies were also born in Depaul services in 2025.

HOUSING-LED AND HOUSING FIRST FIRST PROVIDING A HOME PROVIDING A SOLUTION

With record numbers of people continuing to access emergency accommodation throughout 2025, Depaul's Approved Housing Body - Depaul Housing continued to serve as a critical subsidiary of Depaul Ireland providing permanent move-on solutions for those ready to leave temporary homeless services.

We firmly believe we can transform lives through our housing-led work - working with those who have the greatest and most complex needs. In 2025 - Depaul Housing substantially increased the total number of households supported. The number of families and individuals housed by the association grew from 51 at the end of 2024 to 87 by the close of 2025.

Our Housing First offering also continued to grow in 2025, Depaul marked a significant milestone in its expansion of the Housing First initiative in the Republic of Ireland. Following its launch in Meath in July 2024, the service successfully expanded into Dublin in January 2025. While in Northern Ireland, Depaul's Housing First offering saw significant growth in 2025 through services in Belfast and Derry, reinforcing housing as a fundamental human right.

20 YEARS OF DEPAUL NORTHERN IRELAND

TWO DECADES OF COMPASSION,
COMMITMENT AND CHANGE

In 2025, Depaul was proud to mark 20 years of service in Northern Ireland, supporting those who are experiencing homelessness or at risk of losing their homes. From the opening of Stella Maris in 2005—a first-of-its-kind service offering refuge and hope to people sleeping rough and street drinking — to a network of eleven services in 2025, our journey has been driven by an unshakable commitment to those most in need.

By 2025, Depaul had grown to seven community / outreach services across Northern Ireland. Offering not only residential services but a day centre, floating support services, Housing First services and services for vulnerable families. Also in 2025, Depaul opened its first transition service for women leaving the criminal justice system in Northern Ireland.

MIGRANT SERVICES BUILDING COMMUNITITES

Depaul strongly believes that integrated communities are the future. In 2025 our Cosán Nua service worked to make acceptance and integration a reality for thousands of people living in Direct Provision. Since 2019, this service has evolved into a critical support system for individuals living in Direct Provision Centres across Ireland spanning 15 counties in both the East and West, covering a total of 220 centres.

As of 2025, our Cosán Nua service comprised a dedicated team of 17 caseworkers, providing assistance to over 600 people at any given time. In 2025, Cosán Nua's impact was substantial, engaging with 3,727 individuals, including 831 families. While the core focus is housing guidance, the service adopts a holistic approach by signposting clients toward essential wrap-around services such as mental health support, addiction services, education, and employment.