



Merchants Quay Ireland
Homeless & Drugs Services

ANNUAL REVIEW SUMMARY 2018

Merchants Quay Ireland helps people who are homeless and those caught in addiction. We provide frontline services, practical supports, pathways towards recovery, and innovative responses to the issues of homelessness and drug use in Ireland

In 2018 alone, MQI helped 11,301 people with needs spanning homelessness, addiction, and mental health.

By providing these frontline services, MQI supports people through their difficult circumstances, often when they have nowhere else to turn.



**102,658
Meals**

Our Riverbank Centre provided 102,658 meals to people who are homeless.



**17,612
Safe Sleeps**

Our Night Café staff rolled out sleeping mats 17,612 times, providing emergency shelter for 2,129 people with nowhere else to turn.



**Young Person's
Support for 207**

207 people aged 18-25 were supported by our Young Person's Support Worker to move on from crisis and onto a positive pathway in life.



**Mental Health
Support for 389**

389 people were supported by our mental health team, who provided 2,625 mental health interventions to this client group.



3,329 Nursing Visits

Our nurses carried out 3,329 interventions in 2018, helping with wound care, blood testing, medication management and much more.



4,868 GP Visits

The GP service had 4,868 appointments, helping people with a variety of acute and chronic illnesses.



44 East Coast Clients

Following its launch in September 2018, our East Coast Community Recovery & Integration Supports Project helped 44 people.



Hairdressing for 521

521 people had the opportunity to rebuild their self-esteem by visiting our hairdresser on Friday mornings in 2018.



**Basic Health
Promotion for 2,742**

2,742 people attended our Health Promotion Unit in 2018 where they learned how to minimise the risks of drug use and were provided the option of a pathway into treatment.



**In-Prison Counselling
Sessions for 2,149**

2,149 prisoners accessed the National Prison-Based Addiction Counselling Service in 2018.



**Help in the
Midlands for 706**

In the Midlands, we provided drug and alcohol treatment support to 706 people.



**Detox and Rehab
Treatment for 169**

Through our detox and rehabilitation services, we provided accessible treatment for 169 people who wished to become drug-free.