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## Ministerial Directive Regarding Housing Allocations

Dear Minister,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Chief Executives of the 4 Dublin local authorities in relation to the above Directive and in particular the requirement to allocate 50% of all housing allocations in the Dublin Region to homeless and other vulnerable households.

It is our view that this requirement is now having the effect of encouraging some households who are in housing need and who are awaiting social housing to enter the 'homeless' system in the mistaken belief that this will hasten the allocation to them of a social housing unit. In some cases the accommodation being exited by these households is superior to the emergency accommodation that can be made available.

It is our view that the Directive should not be extended beyond the April end date and that we should revert to the position where homeless and vulnerable households are prioritised under out respective Allocation Schemes.

Should the Directive not be extended we will of course continue to report on allocations to homeless and vulnerable households and to keep the matter under review.

Yours sincerely,

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