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Dormant Accounts Action Plan 2017

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Introduction

Background

The Dormant Accounts Act 2001 together with the Unclaimed Life Assurance Policies Act 2003 and the Dormant Accounts (Amendment) Acts 2005-2012 provide a framework for the administration of unclaimed accounts in credit institutions (i.e. banks, building societies and An Post) and unclaimed life assurance policies in insurance undertakings. The main purpose of the legislation is to reunite account holders/policy holders with their funds in credit institutions/insurance undertakings and in this regard, institutions/undertakings are required to take steps to identify and contact the owners of dormant accounts and unclaimed life assurance policies.

Dormant funds/unclaimed life assurance policies, which have not been reclaimed by the original account/policy holder or their beneficiaries, are transferred each year by the financial institution/insurance undertaking to the Dormant Accounts Fund which is managed by the National Treasury Management Agency (NTMA). The transfer of monies takes place on the basis that the beneficial owner will have a guaranteed right of reclaim to their property in the future.

The legislation also provides for a scheme for the disbursement of funds that are unlikely to be reclaimed. In each year monies may be disbursed in accordance with Part 6 of the 2012 Act, from the Account, but only for the purposes of programmes or projects to assist:

1. the personal and social development of persons who are economically or socially disadvantaged;
2. the educational development of persons who are educationally disadvantaged or
3. persons with a disability (within the meaning of the Equal Status Act 2000).

Statutory Remit

Disbursement Scheme/Action Plan

A new Disbursement Scheme 2017-2019 was approved by Government on 26 April 2017 in accordance with the Dormant Accounts (Amendment) Act 2012. The Disbursement Scheme specifies the objectives to be achieved by making disbursements from the Dormant Accounts Fund and the strategies for achieving those objectives.

The 2012 Act also provides that, following consultation with the Minister for Education and Skills, the Minister for Health, the Minister for Social Protection, and such other persons (including Ministers of the Government) as the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs considers appropriate, the Minister may prepare an Action Plan for the purposes of giving effect to the Disbursement Scheme.

The Act further provides that as soon as practicable after an Action Plan has been adopted, the Minister shall cause a copy of the Plan to be laid before each House of the Oireachtas and arrange for the Plan to be published in a form and manner that will enable members of the public to have access to it. If a resolution annulling the Plan is passed by either House within the next 21 days on which that House sits after the Plan is laid before it, the Plan shall be annulled accordingly, but without prejudice to the validity of anything previously done under the Plan.

Preparation of the Action Plan for 2017

In preparing the Action Plan for 2017, the Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs undertook a consultation process with relevant Government Departments. In the following sections, this Action Plan provides descriptions of measures planned by the following Departments for delivery under the 2017 Action Plan:

- Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs
- Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government
- Department of Justice and Equality and the Irish Prison Service
- Department of Social Protection
- Department of Children and Youth Affairs
- Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport
- Department of Education and Skills
- Department of Health

A summary table of the measures is shown in Appendix I.

The Dormant Accounts Action Plan comprises an allocation of €40,419,992 to be expended across the Departments and Agencies outlined above.

Accounting Procedures

Under the 2012 Act, disbursements will continue to be made from the Dormant Accounts Fund through the Votes of relevant Departments and will be Exchequer neutral. The Act provides that the cost of engaging service providers (such as Pobal) to administer/deliver the Action Plan (which will include monitoring and evaluation and impact assessment) will be met from the Fund, while normal administration costs incurred by relevant Departments will be met from within existing budgets.

Measures under the Dormant Accounts Action Plan 2017

Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs

1. Social Enterprise

A number of Government Departments are currently engaged with the Social Enterprise Sector through different initiatives and supports. The Sector has the capacity to grow and support communities right across the country – particularly in rural Ireland. The Department is currently developing a comprehensive National Policy on Social Enterprise, in partnership with the Social Enterprise Sector, which will encompass the full range of activity in this sector.

The aim of the Social Enterprise measure under the Dormant Accounts Action Plan is to support this new policy and increase the impact of social enterprises by enhancing their capacity to deliver services and generate traded income through the provision of small capital grants and capacity support funding, particularly in more isolated rural communities. It will build on the measure supported by Dormant Accounts Funding in 2016.

Allocation under DAF

An allocation of up to €2m will be made available from the DAF to support this measure.

2. Facilitating access to services and amenities in rural Ireland

The Action Plan for Rural Development aims to support rural communities as places where people can live, work and raise their families in a high quality environment. Some people in rural communities can feel isolated, vulnerable and can find services inaccessible – particularly older people and people with disabilities.

The aim of this measure under the Dormant Accounts Action Plan is to provide small capital grants and capacity support funding for community based organisations that support older people and people with disabilities in accessing services and/or amenities such as social activities and other activities in the community. This measure will also support community based organisations which provide outreach services and supports to people with limited mobility.

Allocation under DAF

An allocation of up to €2m will be made available from the DAF to support this measure.

Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government

3. Gateway Initiative

The Gateway initiative is a Department of Social Protection scheme that provides short-term quality working opportunities in local authorities for unemployed people on the Live Register for a minimum of two years. The scheme is supporting local authorities in fulfilling their commitments in respect of the labour market activation agenda and to undertake tasks complementary to their core activities. DAF funding will provide training and equipment for Gateway participants employed within participating local authorities and will contribute to material costs in respect of works undertaken.

Allocation under DAF

An allocation of up to €2.4m funding will be made available under DAF to support the Gateway initiative

4. Social Innovation Fund Ireland (SIFI)

The Social Innovation Fund Ireland (SIFI) was established in 2013 following recommendations of a 2012 report of the Forum on Philanthropy and Fundraising. Its mission is to provide growth capital to Ireland's best social innovations, investing in solutions to social problems in this country and creating jobs.

As a partnership between the private sector and Government, provision was previously made for SIFI to receive €5m in total from the Dormant Accounts Fund over the period 2014 to 2017 to support its set up and development. The partnership was based on a 50:50 matched funding arrangement with funding from private philanthropic sources.

The Programme for Government provides for a partnership with SIFI to “*seek to raise a minimum of €50 million to provide growth capital to Ireland's best social projects and innovators and target solutions to some of our most critical social issues*”

This measure will build on the work to date and provide further innovative solutions to social issues facing vulnerable communities.

Allocation under DAF

An allocation of up to €10m funding will be made available under DAF to support Social Innovation Fund Ireland.

5. Disadvantaged Youth Employment Initiative/Entrepreneurship

Funding will be provided from the Dormant Accounts Fund to deliver supports for young people who are disadvantaged, or at risk of disadvantage, by helping them to participate and succeed in education and training and thereby improving their employability, reducing their longer term dependency on welfare.

A portion of this allocation will be set aside for programmes and facilities aimed at vulnerable groups of young people and young people in disadvantaged areas that promote youth employment, employability and entrepreneurship, including social enterprise among the 18-25 year old cohort.

Allocation under DAF

An allocation of up to €1.25m funding will be made available from the DAF to support this measure.

6. Community Based Health and First Aid in Prisons Programme

The Community Based Health and First Aid in Prisons Programme is a partnership programme operated by the Irish Red Cross (IRC), Irish Prisons Service (IPS) and the Educational Training Board (ETB) utilising existing prison teachers and nurses to teach the course, assisted by prison management. It is operated by IPS and IRC Programme Managers in liaison with the Care and Rehabilitation Directorate of the IPS.

The purpose of the programme is to create a system for improving the health and wellbeing of prisoners as a vulnerable community group through the introduction of peer educators in the prison units. The programme is targeted at prisoners with a view to engendering in them a sense of community responsibility, self-governance using the principles of Red Cross, increasing self-esteem and empowering them to positively influence their own environment while in prison, in addition to being encouraged to take responsibility for their own health. It is believed that the learning achieved will also have a positive impact on recovery upon release.

Community based health and well-being projects, including violence reduction, overdose prevention and mental well-being have been developed and implemented by inmate special status Irish Red Cross volunteers.

Further funding from the Dormant Accounts Fund is required for a three year period to progress the programme further and work towards creating programme self-sustainability. Work in sustainability and institutionalisation of the programme for future years will be undertaken including training long-term sentenced prisoners as programme trained trainers. Relevant health and well-being projects will be developed, implemented and evaluated throughout all Irish Prisons by peer-led inmate Irish Red Cross Volunteer.

The extension of the programme will contribute to the promotion of non-violence and peace, a reduction in prison violence, suicide prevention, mental health well-being and the re-integration of offenders into society.

Allocation under DAF

An allocation of up to €626,455 funding will be made available from the DAF to support the measure.

7. Social Enterprise Seed Capital Fund

Social Enterprise is recognised as an alternative approach to reducing recidivism rates for offenders by providing supported employment opportunities on an on-going basis.

The Probation Service, in collaboration with the Irish Prison Service proposes to establish a seed capital fund in order to support the development of social enterprises operating within the criminal justice sector. This fund will be targeted at existing and new social enterprise initiatives offering sustainable employment for people with

previous criminal convictions. Only enterprises with the capacity to be sustainable will be supported.

As this cohort of people often experience multiple psycho-social issues, this fund may indirectly also address other key areas such as homelessness, substance misuse and suicide prevention. This fund will greatly assist in achieving the strategic objectives in the Joint Social Enterprise Strategy.

Allocation under DAF

An allocation of up to €300,000 funding will be made available from the DAF to support the social enterprise measure.

8. Victims of Trafficking and Persons/Groups at risk of Human Trafficking

The Anti-Human Trafficking Unit propose to invite community and voluntary groups working in this sector to make applications for funding for victim support or awareness raising projects that are innovative and additional to current measures addressing the needs of victims of human trafficking or persons vulnerable to human trafficking.

Support projects will be expected to address the personal and social development needs of this group. These projects will be expected to have a significant impact on the lives of the participants equipping them to overcome significant economic and educational disadvantage and allowing them to either access mainstream educational and training opportunities or obtain suitable employment depending on their individual circumstances.

This initiative will provide additional support to non-governmental actors in this field who are recognised as being well placed to develop new and innovative on-the-ground interventions, which otherwise would not be undertaken and which will greatly assist this most disadvantaged group.

Allocation under DAF

An allocation of up to €250,000 funding will be made available from the DAF to support this social enterprise measure.

9. Promotion of National Helpline Services to victims of crime

The Crime Victims Helpline (CVH) provides services by phone, e-mail and text support. The Helpline's volunteers are trained to understand the effects of crime and provide emotional support to people struggling to cope and recover after being victimised.

Volunteers are trained to understand the effects of crime and provide practical and emotional support to people struggling to cope and recover after being victimized and to navigate the criminal justice system. The Helpline also serves as a gateway for victims to the large number of face-to-face and specialised services available to crime victims in Ireland.

Additional funding will make the services and supports of the Helpline more accessible to a wider demographic of people. Currently the Helpline offers information and direct support via telephone, email and the use of text messages. The Helpline wishes to expand this service to include a live chat feature on its website and raise awareness of the Helpline services with vulnerable or marginalised populations and the rights of victims of crime.

Allocation under DAF

An allocation of up to €50,000 funding will be made available from the DAF to support this measure.

10. Awareness-raising of domestic and sexual violence

Cosc, the National Office for the Prevention of Domestic, Sexual and Gender-based Violence is an Executive Office based in the Department of Justice and Equality, has responsibility for overseeing a whole-of-government response to addressing these crimes against society.

What Would You do? is a high impact media campaign which aims to reach a national audience and features TV, cinema, radio, outdoor, social and digital advertising. The call to action directs people to search the comprehensive campaign website whatwouldyoudo.ie for information on how you can help and provide advice on domestic violence.

The main aim of the campaign is to reduce the very real and devastating suffering of those affected by domestic and sexual violence, through the help and support of bystanders (such as family members, friends and neighbours) who are empowered to take action because of the campaign. Dormant Accounts Funding will support and augment the achievement of this aim by optimising the reach of the national campaign at a local and grass roots level.

Allocation under DAF

An allocation of up to €300,000 funding will be made available from the DAF to support this measure.

11. Midlands Traveller Conflict Mediation Initiative (MTCMI)

The Midlands Traveller Conflict Mediation Initiative seeks to reduce feuding within the Traveller community and to provide support. The MTCMI works in partnership with agencies, Travellers and other relevant stakeholders to establish a peace-building infrastructure, develop and consolidate respectful and peaceful engagements/relationships, and to prevent and transform destructive conflicts with and between Travellers, other stakeholders, and wider society.

It aims to train groups of adults from the Traveller Community to an accredited level and to equip participants with conflict intervention qualifications and competencies, with the resulting outcome of the elimination of feuding in their communities. MTCMI aims to continue to support significant numbers of participants through the programme and to continue to offer support in their subsequent efforts to bring the

skills and experience they have gained from the programme back into their families, communities, and workplaces, thereby contributing to a peace-building culture.

Allocation under DAF

An allocation of up to €250,000 funding will be made available from the DAF to support this measure.

12. Employability and Inclusion Programme for Migrant Women

This measure will provide inclusion and employability supports to vulnerable migrant women, with a particular focus on beneficiaries of international protection (refugees) being resettled in communities across Ireland under the Irish Refugee Protection Programme. Supports will include inter-cultural and English language classes to be delivered locally, including in Emergency Reception and Orientation Centres (EROCs) in which the majority of refugees are temporarily accommodated on their arrival in Ireland. Labour market orientation and linking with local employers will form part of the programme for selected participants.

This project will provide inclusion and employability supports that are not currently available to a hard-to-reach group of vulnerable migrants. The linkage with community-based women's organisations and leveraging their networks with local employers, with a migrant integration objective, allows this project to demonstrate clear additionality.

Allocation under DAF

An allocation of up to €500,000 funding will be made available from the DAF to support this measure.

Youth Crime Policy and Programmes Division (YCPPD), Irish Youth Justice Service (IYJS) funds youth justice crime reduction / crime prevention projects which are specifically targeted at young offenders and those at serious risk of offending. The projects below are generally located in areas of high unemployment and social disadvantage.

13. Garda Youth Diversion Projects

Garda Youth Diversion Projects are local community based activities which work with children. These projects aim to help children move away from behaving in a way that might get them or their friends into trouble with the law. They can help children develop their sense of community and their social skills through different activities.

The projects offer opportunities for education, employment training, sport, art, music and other activities. Most projects operate outside of school hours. However, in areas with a high proportion of early school-leavers, activities may also be planned during the daytime.

The projects seek to encourage a better quality of life for everyone in the community and to support good relations between the Gardaí and the community.

Funding from the DAF will continue to support projects and provide additional supports to projects in the areas of need that they service.

Allocation under DAF

An allocation of up to €4,030,000 funding will be made available from the DAF to support this measure.

14. Mentoring Programme

A significant number of young people are without a stable and supportive adult in the home. In some cases the only positive relationship the young person has with an adult is with the Youth Justice workers. Youth Crime Policy and Programme Division (YCPPD) proposes to continue to support the roll out of a mentoring programme to all projects nationally whereby suitable adults can be matched with project participants. There are a number of successful evidenced based programmes operated by community based organisations which provide significant one to one supports for young people. The mentoring service will be available to participants in Garda Youth Diversion Projects and to young people coming to the attention of Juvenile Liaison Officers who may not be in or have access to a Garda Youth Diversion Project.

Allocation under DAF

An allocation of up to €1m funding will be made available from the DAF to support this measure.

15. Additional Intervention Training for Youth Justice Workers

Each participant in a Garda Youth Diversion Project is risk assessed through a licensed risk assessment tool currently in use across the projects. The tool, which is the Youth Level Service/Case Management Inventory (YLS/CMI), is designed to identify each young person's individual risks and to enable the project to design interventions that provide the best possible outcome for the participant. The YLS/CMI identifies a number of issues, which research has shown to be directly linked with increased risk of offending or reoffending. These include the young person's history of antisocial or criminal behaviour, negative peers, substance use, behaviour problems, family problems such as poor parental supervision and problems with school engagement.

The allocation of further funding will continue to support the roll-out of a suite of evidence based intervention supports for youth justice workers to address each of the risk categories.

In addition to the €60,000 per annum for the provision of intervention training, which was approved in the 2014 – 2016 Action plans, an additional €40,000 per annum is being sought by YCPPD. The additional €40,000 will enable YCCPD to augment the

delivery of training and will be of significant benefit in supporting the on-going training in core need areas.

Allocation under DAF

An allocation of up to €200,000 funding will be made available from the DAF to support this measure.

16. Expansion of the Youth Work Initiative in the HSE Mid-West Area

Dormant Accounts funding will support the expansion of the Limerick City youth work team to work towards engaging hard to reach young people referred from the National Education Welfare Board, the Young Persons Probation Service and the HSE. This cross-Agency initiative will enable Extern (the service provider) to expand the service within the existing infrastructure to enable Extern to grow its team and reach more young people.

Allocation under DAF

An allocation of up to €420,000 funding will be made available from the DAF to support this measure.

17. Midlands Regional Youth Service

Midlands Regional Youth Service wishes to further develop a needs based accredited youth training service that responds to the needs of young people and of the employment market.

The organisation wishes to improve and enhance their existing youth work provision in the Midlands and continue to develop an innovative and needs based model of youth work practice that is youth centred, integrated and professionally delivered in line with National Quality Standards Framework and the Five National Outcomes for Children & Young People.

Midlands Regional Youth Service plans to continue the delivery of a FETAC QQI quality assured bespoke programme that will be offered to ‘the most at risk’ young people within their four catchment areas of Athlone, Mullingar, Tullamore, and Edenderry. Training provision will continue to be offered to young people in areas that will ensure their acquisition of a broad education that will increase their employability through the provision of certified courses in areas where the labour market has vacancies. It will also provide participants with the necessary confidence, social skills and inter-personal abilities to demonstrate their merit to their community and future employers.

The proposal will support the aim of the current ESF Programme for Employment, Inclusion and Learning 2014 – 2020 as well as complimenting the Dormant Accounts programme aim under Social Inclusion.

Allocation under DAF

An allocation of up to €133,853 funding will be made available from the DAF to support this measure.

18. Candle Community Trust Campus

Candle Community Trust is a Young Persons Probation (YPP) project / Community Based Organisation based in Ballyfermot. The project works mainly with young offenders from Ballyfermot, Crumlin, Walkinstown and surrounding areas.

The Project provides a number of structured educational/training based programmes to young offenders leading to FETAC or other accreditations, including adult literacy courses. It also provides other programmes such as offending behaviour modules/interventions, Drug Education modules, Anger Management modules, Alcohol Education Programmes, and a Sexual Health Programme.

The Candle Community Trust Campus also includes a Therapeutic Space initiative which endeavours to meet the needs of its young clients, some of whom are presenting with poor self- esteem, anxiety, depression and grief.

This proposal will enable the completion of a redevelopment project for the campus. The completion of the redevelopment of the campus will enable the project to deliver therapeutic services and other programmes in an appropriate manner and in a more suitable environment.

Allocation under DAF

An allocation of up to €140,000 funding will be made available from the DAF to support this measure.

19. Expansion of the Garda Youth Diversion Project (GYDP) service by Cloyne Diocesan Youth Service (CDYS)

Cloyne Diocesan Youth Services have a long history of managing GYDPs in Cobh town and Mallow town which are two of the districts in Cork North Garda Division. An Garda Síochána has identified a large number of high risk young people across the division's catchment area that currently do not have access to a GYDP and will benefit from the type of interventions and support that the new mobile GYDP service can provide.

CDYS will run a mobile Garda Youth Diversion type project across Garda Districts. The project will use the referral, assessment and current reporting and management structures that exist for GYDPs. They will provide intense support and intervention to high risk young people in the Cork North Garda Division.

The mobile workers will offer a contact, assessment and support to at-risk and socially isolated young people as identified and referred by An Garda Síochána. In addition, this support will be of enormous benefit to the JLO's, community Gardaí and the Gardaí in general in the Cork North Garda Division. As CDYS are already

established in these areas (Cobh and Mallow) they state that the ‘Diversion Contact, Assessment and Support’ workers will easily locate across the Division, using existing CDYS infrastructure, and meet with the referrals and at risk young people that otherwise will not be able to avail of this type of support.

The CDYS and Garda Síochána mobile Garda Youth Diversion service will allow Gardaí to refer individual at risk young people into an appropriately focussed and available support. One of the challenges in rural areas is the lack of options for JLO’s in referring at risk young people. This project will have the ability to respond to a high level of need across a large geographical and often socially isolated area.

A review of the operation of the mobile Garda Youth Diversion Project service in County Cork will be carried out and consideration will be given to whether this model of service delivery could be expanded to other areas.

Allocation under DAF

An allocation of up to €420,000 funding will be made available from the DAF to support this measure.

Department of Social Protection

20. Training and Support Services for Carers

The provision of structured training programmes on relevant subjects for family carers continues to support the strategic priorities identified in the National Carers Strategy 2007. In addition, the development of support networks contributes to a reduction in social isolation experienced by family carers.

This measure is intended to provide funding for national and locally based training programmes and information provision/support services for family carers. The purpose of this measure will be to assist carers to provide the best care possible to the care recipient; to reduce the risk of injury to the carer and care recipient and to help family carers cope with the emotional and psychological aspects of their role. Funding will also be made available to provide for the dissemination of resource information for carers, the development of support networks, development of support groups to assist with transition at the end of the caring role, and measures that assist in promoting carer self-identification.

The measure will prioritise training programmes and activities designed to support family carers to deliver the best care possible to care recipients. Types of training may include patient movement and handling, equipment handling, health and safety, healthy lifestyle, first aid, stress management, bereavement transition planning and training for trainers. It will be mandatory for training of a specialised nature to be recognised and accredited. Funding for respite supports to allow carers to attend training will be eligible under this measure.

Allocation under DAF

An allocation of up to €1m funding will be made available from the DAF to support this measure.

Department of Children and Youth Affairs

21. Provision of youth and community programmes and other initiatives

The Youth Affairs Unit of the Department of Children and Youth Affairs proposes to support programmes with the key strategic objective of assisting innovative projects and programmes which are designed to counter economic and social disadvantage.

Projects intended for support include a mentoring programme that will target young people in need of one-to-one support, i.e. those experiencing economic difficulty, poor social skills, and underachieving in school, and/or schemes which provide young people with both soft and hard skills to improve their employability. Programmes will also focus on youth work, work experience and other initiatives which promote youth employment, employability and entrepreneurship.

Allocation under DAF

An allocation of up to €2m funding will be made available from the DAF to support this measure.

22. Peer support initiatives for children who were the subject of an inter country adoption (ICA)

This programme will provide a secure and confidential setting for children who were the subject of an inter country adoption (ICA) to meet with a view to build positive self-esteem rooted in cultural and ethnic identity and to highlight the importance of cultural socialisation for ICA adoptees. The aim of the initiative is to address issues young adoptees face related to being adopted, race and ethnicity and to prepare adoptees for commencing information and tracing about their birth parents where feasible, and to deal with the expectations around information and tracing.

The desired impact of this programme is that this cohort of young people will be better able to deal with issues that arise in their day to day life due to their having been the subject of an inter country adoption.

The administrative process will be two fold in that the programmes will be developed and overseen by Tusla and the programme providers will be agencies accredited under the Adoption Act 2010 for the provision of services to persons affected by adoption and their activities are monitored by the Adoption Authority of Ireland.

The target group is children adopted between 2003 and 2011 which is over 2700 children. The two target groups of children who are aged 11 yrs to 14 yrs and children aged 15 yrs to 18 yrs and costings are based on reaching 700 children in total.

Allocation under DAF

An allocation of up to €568,000 funding will be made available from the DAF to support this measure.

23. Interventions to protect young people from the influence of organized crime in communities affected by criminal networks

The DCYA are proposing to design a programme to demonstrate the types of interventions and partnerships necessary to improve outcomes for children engaged in crime networks. This is part of a larger trial programme aimed at disrupting criminal networks engaging children in criminal activity. The programme design will take place over 2017 and involves a selected panel of national and international group of experts in the areas of child welfare and disrupting organised crime.

This proposal will fund the commissioning of a programme to operate in an identified locality to improve outcomes for children and families targeted by crime networks. The programme will operate within a newly designed cooperative framework where local statutory agencies work to disrupt network activity and will identify localities where statutory agencies are most willing and competent to act collectively to disrupt network activity.

Allocation under DAF

An allocation of up to €1.2m funding will be made available from the DAF to support this measure.

Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport

In the context of the development of a new sports policy framework, currently in preparation, it is envisaged that there will be a heightened emphasis on the need to secure an increased participation in sport and physical activity by all population cohorts, including those with disabilities and those experiencing disadvantage of an economic, educational and social nature. The practical implementation of this policy objective will require increased public funding.

The continued provision of Dormant Account funding is an essential precursor to the indicated budget mainstreaming. The following measures will be supported under the Dormant Accounts Action Plan 2017:

24. Community Sport and Physical Activity Hubs

A Community Sport and Physical Activity Hub (CSPAH) is a collective of progressive sports clubs and other local organisations that want to work together to improve the sport and physical activity offering in their local community. Each hub has unique characteristics but all work in accordance with certain principles - namely the need to grow participation, to engage with local communities, to promote community leadership, to offer a range of sporting opportunities and to bring all appropriate (key) partners/groups/people together. The hubs will provide information, support and advice on a wide range of sports and physical activities to make it easier for people in disadvantaged areas to get involved and to engage in a more active and healthier lifestyle.

Based on the success of the programme to date, it is proposed to further develop the work of the CSPAHs throughout Ireland, in 2017, by providing support to the existing 15 hubs and also providing support to a further 6 new hubs. The core objective of the CSPAH measure is to focus on disadvantaged areas, bring local people together and provide a home for local clubs and sports organisations in order to generate a positive local impact on sustainable sports participation and community integration. It responds to Action 41 of the National Physical Activity Plan (NPAP) which commits to 'continue to support the Community Sport and Physical Activity Hubs in disadvantaged areas'.

25. National Sport Education and Training Hub

In line with the Government's 'Pathways to Work' Policy, Sport Ireland is seeking to empower individuals at local and national level by providing a clear education pathway for those interested in working in sports development. In 2017, Sport Ireland plans to deliver a range of innovative programmes and projects under this measure. Envisaged activities in this area include training and capacity-building for job seekers in the sports sector (including job placements), youth leadership training with a focus on early school dropout in disadvantaged areas and dropout rates from sport, as well as implementing a 'train the trainers' programme aimed at engagement methods with young people in sport. Other activities relating to coaching children, Physical Literacy Initiatives and a support employment programme for qualified sports physical activity graduates who are jobseekers, are also planned.

26. Sports measures for disadvantaged communities to support the National Physical Activity Plan (NPAP)

The NPAP, launched in January 2016, includes actions across a range of sectors, including sport, to promote increased levels of physical activity. The overarching target of the NPAP is to increase the proportion of the population, across each life stage, undertaking regular physical activity by 1% per annum in the period up to 2020 and thereby generating health, economic and social benefits.

In addition to supporting the Community Sport and Physical Activity Hubs, which is a priority action in the NPAP, Sport Ireland will under this particular measure, deliver a range of targeted programmes for persons who are economically, educationally or socially disadvantaged, or persons with a disability, in order to support the progressive achievement of the aims of the NPAP.

27. Provision of sports equipment in disadvantaged areas

Equipment will be provided as required to support the development of sports and physical activity in disadvantaged areas. This will provide increased and more varied opportunities for participation sport for persons who are economically or socially disadvantaged, persons who are educationally disadvantaged or persons with a disability.

Allocation under DAF

An allocation of up to €5m funding will be made available from the DAF to support these measures.

Department of Education and Skills

28. Young Social Innovators (YSI)

This measure aims to provide additional supports, training and resources to engage 400 students at junior level in 20 DEIS post-primary schools, in a new social innovation action programme. Students will be invited to select and work on local issues such as the environment, mental and physical health, facilities, flooding, conservation, farm and water safety, and equality.

The project aims to empower and engage young people (13-15 year olds) from areas of socio-economic disadvantage in civic and social innovation in their local schools and communities by providing opportunities to develop their understanding, thinking and actions for a fairer, more equal and just society.

The project will target students within the junior cycle in 20 participating DEIS Schools (13-15 year olds). YSI has confirmed the project will be aligned with actions contained in the new DEIS Plan and that there will be engagement with the Department of Education and Skills (Social Inclusion Unit) in relation to choice of schools.

Allocation under DAF

An allocation of up to €25,000 funding will be made available from the DAF to support this measure.

29. The Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship (NFTE) Programme

The project aims to engage young people (15-18 year olds) who are experiencing adversity and disadvantage to develop core skills in business and enterprise by providing them with opportunities to develop and apply entrepreneurial skills in both a school and non-school environment.

The programme will primarily target 15 to 18 year olds but will also be available to schools that wish to engage young people from 10 upwards, and young people attending further education and training. It will also provide opportunities for people looking to continue their business through an Alumni Programme.

Allocation under DAF

An allocation of up to €900,000 funding will be made available from the DAF to support this measure.

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30. Dementia post-diagnostic supports

This innovative measure will provide post-diagnostic supports in 19 sites across Ireland reaching approximately 20% of the 4,000 people diagnosed with dementia each year.

Allocation under DAF

An allocation of up to €640,000 funding will be made available from the DAF to support this measure.

31. National Dementia Registry

The National Dementia Strategy calls for better collection of data and use of evidence to inform health and social system responses to the needs of people with dementia and their carers.

The establishment of a National Dementia Registry has significant potential to drive improvements in care for people with dementia as well as enhancing policy formulation and facilitating research. In relation to **care**, a registry has the potential to provide evidence on the diagnosis rate and stage of dementia at diagnosis, dementia subtypes, the usefulness of certain medications, the management of challenging behaviours, the provision of post-diagnostic support and availability of home care for people with dementia, etc.

This funding is not available within current resources which are focused on direct care provision for people with dementia as well as training for healthcare professionals and awareness raising.

This measure will enable the National Dementia Office in the HSE to develop a business plan for a fully functional national dementia registry by providing funding for a project manager, research assistant and specialist expertise as required.

Allocation under DAF

An allocation of up to €200,000 funding will be made available from the DAF to support this measure.

32. Dementia Friendly Community Groups

This measure will enable the establishment or continuation of one Dementia Friendly Community Group (DFCG) in each of the nine Community Health Organisations (CHOs) to a value of €10,000 per CHO.

Allocation under DAF

An allocation of up to €90,000 funding will be made available from the DAF to support this measure.

33. Assistive Technology Libraries

Funding is required to further expand the network of Assistive Technology Libraries, provide new and replacement equipment and train staff in the use of the equipment.

Allocation under DAF

An allocation of up to €300,000 funding will be made available from the DAF to support this measure.

34. 'Pathways to Participation' Mapping Project to develop a cross-departmental report to highlight the participation programmes currently run or funded by public sector agencies

This aim of this measure is to conduct a Mapping Project/Cross-Departmental Report to identify the services and programmes for older people currently available throughout Ireland and to consolidate and provide access to these services in a user-friendly format.

There is currently no similar comprehensive resource available for older people across Ireland that provides them with a single source of information on the services, facilities and assistance available to them in their communities. This will be of particular assistance to those older people who are isolated and vulnerable.

This is a specific project that has resulted from the inaugural National Positive Ageing Stakeholder Forum, and has been deemed to be a priority area for action by the stakeholder groups throughout the country who represent the needs, views and voice of older people.

The impact of this project on older people would be on-going and sustainable, with benefits for older people's health and wellbeing, both physical and mental, resulting from active engagement with society, social prescribing and early access to local assistance and intervention.

This project is compatible with the principles and goals of the National Positive Ageing Strategy which recognises the importance of a whole of Government approach to promote older people's health and address a range of economic and environmental factors that affect the health and wellbeing of older people in Ireland.

Allocation under DAF

An allocation of up to €40,000 funding will be made available from the DAF to support this measure.

35. Intercultural Healthcare In-Reach Project for Refugees in European Reception and Orientation Centres (EROC)

The aim of this project is to provide health supports to Refugees arriving and settling under the Irish Refugee Protection Programme (IRPP) and to health and social care staff working with these Refugees. This project will help provide person centred

health services for Refugees resident in EROCs to ensure that equitable health services and supports are provided.

Allocation under DAF

An allocation of up to €1,150,000 funding will be made available from the DAF to support this measure.

36. Roma Primary Healthcare Training Programme

The aim of the project is to empower Roma leaders to work to improve Roma health outcomes in their communities in response to issues of poor health, lack of trust and lack of access to health services in the Roma community in Ireland. Over a two year period 20 Roma leaders will be trained as community health workers in the Dublin/Kildare area.

Allocation under DAF

An allocation of up to €220,464 funding will be made available from the DAF to support this measure.

37. Development of an Interactive Mobile App to Support Migrants in accessing Health Services

The aim of this project is the development of an educational mobile interactive App that will offer an innovative, accessible means of assisting Migrants, Refugees, Asylum Seekers and foreign students in Ireland to access relevant information about health and related services in their locality.

Allocation under DAF

An allocation of up to €45,000 funding will be made available from the DAF to support this measure.

38. Long-term Prescribing of Opioids, Benzodiazepines and Pregabalin in General Practice

This proposal plans to address the issue of long term prescribing of opioids, benzodiazepines and pregabalin in General Practice. This has particular resonance in light of the new legislation that was introduced around the prescribing and dispensing of benzodiazepines and 'z' drugs recently. The proposal has a number of benefits including, quantification of the problem in a GP training scheme, practical training for Primary care staff particularly GPs (delivered by GPs) and a reduction of the problem into the future. This pilot, if successful, could have far reaching benefits nationally.

The proposal is also in keeping with the new draft National Drugs Strategy.

Allocation under DAF

An allocation of up to €30,720 funding will be made available from the DAF to support this measure.

39. Provision of Supports to Families of Transgender Persons

The main aim of this programme is to provide family support measures to transgender people and their families. Individuals and families of transgender persons suffer social isolation and mental health issues. The role of family support has an extremely beneficial impact on the mental health and wellbeing of young transgender people and offers a proven protective factor to negative mental health outcomes, suicidality and self-harm.

Allocation under DAF

An allocation of up to €240,500 funding will be made available from the DAF to support this measure.

40. Mental Health Initiative for Travellers

The aim of this programme is to develop Traveller mental health initiatives to reduce suicide and improve mental health outcomes for travellers. These initiatives include maintaining and promoting positive mental health and wellbeing and improving Traveller access to mainstream mental health services through the development of culturally appropriate services. This proposal is in line with the actions proposed in the National Traveller and Roma Inclusion Strategy (to be finalised shortly) and related policies such as 'Connecting for Life'.

Allocation under DAF

An allocation of up to €500,000 funding will be made available from the DAF to support this measure.

Appendix 1: Summary Table of Dormant Account Measures

The following table provides a summary of measures and maximum amount of moneys to be disbursed under the Dormant Accounts Action Plan 2017 under the relevant Government Department/Agency

Ref.	Lead Department/Agency responsible for measure under the 2017 Dormant Action Plan	Maximum funding	Description
1.	DAHRRGA	€2m	Social Enterprise
2.	DAHRRGA	€2m	Facilitating access to services and amenities in rural Ireland
3.	DHPCLG	€2.4m	Gateway Initiative
4.	DHPCLG	€10m	Social Innovation Fund Ireland (SIFI)
5.	DHPCLG	€1.25m	Disadvantaged Youth Employment Initiative/entrepreneurship
6.	Irish Prison Service	€626,455	Community Based Health and First Aid in Prisons
7.	Irish Prison Service	€300,000	Social Enterprise Seed Capital Fund
8.	DJE	€250,000	Victims of Trafficking and Persons/Groups at risk of Human Trafficking
9.	DJE	€50,000	Crime Victims Helpline

10.	DJE	€300,000	Awareness-raising of domestic and sexual violence
11.	DJE	€250,000	Midlands Traveller Conflict Mediation Initiative
12.	DJE	€500,000	Employability and Inclusion Programme for Migrant Women
13.	DJE	€4,030,000	Garda Youth Diversion Projects
14.	DJE	€1m	Mentoring Programme
15.	DJE	€200,000	Additional Intervention Training for Youth Justice Workers
16.	DJE	€420,000	Expansion of the Youth Work Initiative in the HSE Mid-West Area
17.	DJE	€133,853	Midlands Regional Youth Service
18.	DJE	€140,000	Candle Community Trust Campus
19.	DJE	€420,000	Expansion of the Garda Youth Diversions Project service by Cloyne Diocesan Youth Service (CDYS)
20.	DSP	€1m	Training and Support Service for Carers
21.	DCYA	€2m	Provision of youth and community programmes and other initiatives
22.	DCYA	€568,000	Peer support initiatives for children who were the subject of an inter country adoption

23.	DCYA	€1.2m	Interventions to protect young people from the influence or organised crime in communities affected by criminal networks
24.	DTTS	€5m (Total)	Community Sport and Physical Activity Hubs
25.			National Sport Education and Training Hub
26.			Sports measures for disadvantaged communities to support the National Physical Activity Plan
27.			Provision of sports equipment in disadvantaged areas
28.	DES	€25,000	Young Social Innovators
29.	DES	€900,000	The Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship (NFTE) Programme
30.	DH	€640,000	Dementia post-diagnostic supports
31.	DH	€200,000	National Dementia Registry
32.	DH	€90,000	Dementia Friendly Community Groups
33.	DH	€300,000	Assistive Technology Libraries
34.	DH	€40,000	'Pathways to Participation' Mapping Project to develop a cross-departmental report to highlight the participation programmes currently run or funded by public sector agencies
35.	DH	€1,150,000	Intercultural Healthcare In-Reach Project for Refugees in European Reception and Orientation Centres (EROC)

36.	DH	€220,464	Roma Primary Healthcare Training Programme
37.	DH	€45,000	Development of an Interactive Mobile App to Support Migrants in accessing Health Services
38.	DH	€30,720	Long-term Prescribing of Opioids, Benzodiazepines and Pregabalin in General Practice
39.	DH	€240,500	Provision of Supports to Families of Transgender Persons
40.	DH	€500,000	Mental Health Initiative for Travellers
	Total	€40,419,992	