



BRÁITHREACHAS Phoblacht na hÉireann



Jim O'Callaghan
MINISTER JUSTICE, HOME AFFAIRS AND MIGRATION
51 St Stephen's Green, Dublin 2, D02 HK 52, Éire

13th June 2025

By Post & Email; info@justice.ie

Subject: IPAS Centres in Éire

A Chara,

I attach for your ease of reference copy of your Departments Acknowledgment of FOI Request (Reference Number: DOJ-FOI-2025-0717) on behalf of the Finglas, Oughterard, Donegal Town, Ballyshannon, Crossmolina, Westport, Inishowen North, Inishowen South, Ballybofey, Glenties, Sligo Town, Letterkenny, Moycullen, Blessington, and Castletroy Community Council's and Co-Op's – in relation to your proposed IPAS Centres in Éire.

It is noted that your Department confirms their expectation to deliver a decision letter for the FOI Request no later than 09/07/2025.

Following receipt of the requested information, each Community Council and Co-Op will have opportunity for Public Consultation through the medium of their Manifesto, and any Resolution passed by the Members of a Co-Op, in relation to any proposed IPAS Centre affecting their Community Area, will thereafter be Confirmed under Seal to Local and National Corporate Government.

If any Local or National Corporate Government Department requires a Court Order in relation to any Resolution passed, same can be provided through the Éire Courts, Community or County, as provided for under Article XXXVI, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 of the Constitution of the Republic of Ireland.

Chairman IRB Supreme Council
Chairman Éire Community Council
GPO Dublin, C/O The Mermaid House,
Liscannor, Clare, V95 DKF7, Éire.





Éire Community Councils

Freedom of Information Co-Ordination Unit
Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration,
51 St Stephen's Green, Stephen's Green, Dublin 2.

10th June 2025

Subject: Proposals for IPAS Centres in Éire

A Chara,

I wish to make a Request under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 for information and records on proposals made between 14th September 2024 and 10th June 2025, for IPAS Centres in Éire, for the following Community Areas:

1. Finglas, Dublin
2. Oughterard, Galway
3. Donegal Town, Donegal
4. Ballyshannon, Donegal
5. Crossmolina, Mayo
6. Westport, Mayo
7. Inishowen North, Donegal
8. Inishowen South, Donegal
9. Ballybofey, Donegal
10. Glenties, Donegal
11. Sligo Town, Sligo
12. Letterkenny, Donegal
13. Moycullen, Galway
14. Blessington, Wicklow
15. Catsletroy, Limerick

I am happy to receive the information and records in electronic form and/or hard copies, and I would be obliged if you would confirm by return if there is any applicable fee for the retrieval of the information and records.

Yours Sincerely

Chairman, Éire Community Council.



John Flanagan
idf@tmhl.ie

Our Reference Number: DOJ-FOI-2025-0717

Acknowledgement of FOI request

Dear Mr. Flanagan,

I refer to your request dated 11/06/2025 made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014, which was received in this office on 11/06/2025 for records held by this Department.

Your request sought

"I wish to make a request under Freedom of Information Act 2014 for information and records on proposals made between 14th September and June 2025, for IPAS centres in Éire, for the following community areas:

- 1. Finglas, Dublin*
- 2. Oughterard, Galway*
- 3. Donegal Town, Donegal*
- 4. Ballyshannon, Donegal*
- 5. Crossmolina, Mayo*
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- 12. Letterkenny, Donegal*
- 13. Moycullen, Galway*
- 14. Blessington, Wicklow*
- 15. Castletroy, Limerick"*

The decision maker handling your request is a Higher Executive Officer within this Department. A final decision on your request would normally be sent to you within 4 weeks, where a week is defined as 5 working days excluding the weekend and public holidays. This means that you can expect a decision letter to issue not later than 09/07/2025.

I wish to advise you that details of all non-personal FOI requests will be recorded on an FOI disclosure log which will be published on the Department of Justice website in due course.

There are some limited situations under the FOI Act, where a final decision may take longer than 4 weeks. If this occurs in the case of your request, we will advise you promptly in writing setting out the reason and the new decision date.



Section 27 of the Act, provides for the charging of fees in relation to costs associated with search, retrieval and copying of records. You will be advised shortly if any such fee applies in this case.

If you have not heard from us once the allotted time has expired, you are automatically entitled to appeal to this Department a review of the matter. This review proceeds on the legal basis that the initial request is considered to be refused once the specified time for responding to it has expired. The review is a full and new examination of the matter carried out by a more senior member of staff.

In the event that you need to request such a review, you can do so by writing to FOI Unit or alternatively by sending an e-mail to foi@justice.ie.

You should state that you are seeking this review because an initial decision was not sent to you within the time allowed for a response. You have 4 weeks (after the initial decision should have been sent to you) in which to make the appeal. Consideration will be given to late applications in appropriate circumstances.

The information and data you submit in making your request will be used for the purposes of processing your FOI request and will be retained for a period, which allows any (Internal/OIC) appeal to be made. The record of your request will be retained for reference and statistical purposes. We will treat all personal data and information you submit as confidential in accordance with the EU General Data Protection Regulation and the Data Protection Act 2018.

Yours sincerely,

Louise Keane

Louise Keane
Freedom of Information Officer
11 June 2025

John Flanagan (TMHL)

From: Ministers Office <noreplymo-justice@corr.cloud.gov.ie>
Sent: 13 June 2025 11:51
To: John Flanagan (TMHL)
Subject: Ref: DJE-MO-06796-2025

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Mr. John D. Flanagan

jdf@tmhl.ie

Minister's Reference: DJE-MO-06796-2025

Dear Mr. Flanagan,

I wish to acknowledge receipt and thank you for your correspondence dated 13th June 2025.

Yours sincerely,

Emma McHugh

Private Secretary to the

Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration

Please note that if the issue raised in your correspondence is deemed more appropriate to another organisation, such as another Government Department or Agency, your correspondence will be forwarded to that organisation for attention in accordance with the provisions of the Department of Justice Privacy Statement, which can be accessed [here](#).