

- Knockalisheen
General Information on Knockalisheen

Introduction

The accommodation centre at Knockalisheen is located in County Clare about 5 kilometres to the north of Limerick City. The nearest village, 2 kilometres to the north is known as Meelick. The accommodation centre at Knockalisheen is located in a rural, quiet and picturesque setting.

Knockalisheen is a large purpose built accommodation centre with its own catering and health facilities. Other services are available in Limerick City.

The climate in the Limerick area is mild and temperatures usually range between 2 and 18 degrees C from winter to summer. There is usually more rainfall in winter. Only on rare occasions is there snow, ice or fog.

Allocated Accommodation: Knockalisheen Accommodation Centre

Your manager will make every effort to ensure your stay is a pleasant one. Your co-operation and good behaviour will be expected. You will be provided with house rules which have been prepared to give you a safe and comfortable environment in which to live. You are expected to comply with these house rules.

Address: Knockalisheen Accommodation Centre, Meelick, Co. Clare

Mainstream Services

Below is a list of contacts, addresses and phone numbers for mainstream services available to asylum seekers in Knockalisheen and closeby.

Health

The **Mid Western Health Board** is responsible for health and medical issues in Knockalisheen. Health is obviously an important issue for asylum seekers and a system is in place within the Knockalisheen centre to deal with your health needs. The MWHB has its own office in the centre.

The MWHB will provide you with information relating to health services and they work closely with the medical team. The representative of the Health Board is the Community Welfare Officer (**CWO**). The CWO is assigned on a full time basis to the Knockalisheen centre.

Staff in the MWHB will provide you with the name of the CWO who works at the centre. The CWO assesses an asylum seekers need for health services.

A number of General Practitioners / Doctors attend the residents of Knockalisheen. The names of the doctors and the times of their surgery will be provided to you by the CWO or by the MWHB staff.

The full range of health services that are currently available to the indigenous population are also available to those residing in Knockalisheen.

Health services currently available on site:

GP (General practitioner / doctor) services.

Public Health Nurse services.

Medical screening.

General Hospitals

Limerick Regional General Hospital Phone: 061 301111

St. Camillus Hospital, Limerick Phone: 061 326677

Regional Orthopaedic Hospital, Croom, Limerick

Phone: 061 397276

Maternity Hospitals

Regional Maternity Hospital,

Ennis Road, Limerick

Phone: 061 327455

Security

Local **Garda** (police) stations in Mayorstone & Ardnacrusha.

Phone Number: 061 456981 (Mayorstone)

061 345136 (Ardnacrusha)

The **Gardaí** (police) aim to serve the local community and protect the rights of refugees, asylum seekers and Irish citizens.

You, like all Irish citizens, must abide by the laws of the land during your stay in this country. Any breach of the laws will be dealt with accordingly.

For example the following are offences under Irish law:

- ◆ Begging
- ◆ Carrying a weapon.
- ◆ Larceny (Stealing, Shoplifting).
- ◆ Creating a nuisance or disturbance.

- ◆ Driving without a licence or insurance.
- ◆ Assault.
- ◆ Domestic violence.
- ◆ Drunk and disorderly behaviour.

Garda Sgt. T. O'Carroll (Ardnacrusha) and Garda D. Mulcahy (Mayorstone) are the **Garda Ethnic Liaison Officers** in your area. Their role is to liaise with leaders of ethnic groups and to inform and assure asylum seekers, refugees and non-nationals of Garda services.

Phone number: 061 345136 (Ardnacrusha) 061 456980 (Mayorstone)

Education

Asylum seeker parents are provided with an information pack on primary and post-primary education in Ireland. This document is available in ten languages - Albanian, Arabic, Croat, Czech, English, French, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian and Russian.

Children who are four years of age on 1st September in an academic year may start primary school. It is the law that children from 6 - 16 years attend school.

Children in Knockalisheen accommodation centre are allocated to primary and post primary schools in the Meelick, Moyross, Parteen & Limerick City catchment area. Parents will be informed by letter of the name and address of the school to which their child/ children have been allocated. They will be provided with general information on the school, the name of the principal and a telephone contact number. The CWO will ensure that parents will be assisted with obtaining their school uniforms. Transport will be provided for each student to and from school. Pupils will be allocated to schools taking cognisance of family groups.

Primary Schools (4-12 year olds)

The schools used by children in the Knockalisheen accommodation centre are located in Meelick, Parteen and Limerick city.

Post-Primary Schools (12-18 year olds)

The schools used by young people in Knockalisheen accommodation centre are located in Limerick city.

Other Facilities

A list of groups that may be of assistance to you and who are located in the area is given below. Additional information may be available from your CWO.

Community Groups

Voluntary Agencies / Support Facilities

Groups which deal with refugee and asylum seeker issues, providing advocacy and support -

Doras Luimni

Mount St. Alphonsus, Sth Circular Road, Limerick

Tel: 061 310328

Doras consists of local people and representatives of local groups who aim to help with the integration of asylum seekers. Activities include social events, art and music workshops and general advice.

Irish Refugee Council

1 Bank Place, Ennis, Co. Clare

Tel: 065 326059

E-mail: irc.ennis@eircom.net

The IRC deals with promoting awareness of interculturalism, human rights and international law. The Ennis branch offers support to local asylum seekers and refugees.

Amnesty International

5 Birch Avenue, Caherdavin, Limerick

Tel: 061 326059

Watchdog and International campaign for victims of torture.

3rd World Development - 99 O'Connell Street, Limerick Tel: 061 414142

Gingerbread

Glenworth Street, Limerick

Tel: 061 413822

Provides a self-help service for lone parents including legal information.

Bernardos - 27 Castle Park, Moyross, Limerick Tel: 061 328420.

Organisation aimed at the rights and entitlements of marginalised children.

Oxfam Shop - 57 William Street Limerick

Phone (061) 413244.

Services: clothing etc.

Paul Partnership

Tait Centre, Dominic Street, Limerick
Tel: 061 419388
Social, economic and educational programmes for marginalised groups within the local community.

Rape Crisis Centre,
17 Upper Mallow Street, Limerick
Tel: 061 311511
Freephone: 1800 311511
provides a confidential service for women who have suffered rape and sexual assault.

Samaritans
20 Barrington's Street, Limerick
Limerick Tel: 061 412 111
Callsave: 1850 609 090
Provides a confidential service for people suffering from stress and / or depression - offers advocacy and counselling.

Society of **St. Vincent de Paul**
Regional Office Ozanam House Hartstonge Street Limerick ; Phone (061) 317327.
Moyross branch: 129 Cosgrove Park, Moyross
Help for disadvantaged members of the local community.

Irish **Red Cross**, Society
36 Cecil Street Limerick
Phone (061) 318580.

Limerick Social Service Centre
Henry Street, Limerick
Tel: 061 314111
Helps with development of voluntary groups and local services

GROW mental health organisation
27 Mallow Street, Limerick
Tel: 061 318 813
Provides service for people with mental health problems.
Open Mon - Fri.

Belltable Arts Centre, 69 O'Connell Street Tel: 061 319709
Belltable@iol.ie / www.commerce.ie/belltable
The Arts Centre promotes an interest in the arts and cultural values among the local & wider population. There are classes, workshops and exhibitions on a regular basis.
Youth Service, 5 Lr. Glentworth Street, Limerick

Limerick **Citizens Information Centre** 54 Catherine Street, Limerick
Tel: 061 311444
E-mail: limerick.cic@comhairle.ie
-Info on all areas of public concern including financial and consumer affairs.
Monday - Friday 9.00am - 4.30pm.

Russian Group, c/o St. Munchins Church, Clancy Strand, Limerick.
Support network for members of the Russian speaking communities.

STEPS, Youth Advice & Drop-in centre, 22 Thomas Street, Limerick. Tel: 061 400088.
Limerick Youth Information Bureau - 35 O'Connell Street, Limerick
Tel: 061 416963
Projects aimed at young people in the local community.

Limerick Vocational Education Committee
Cecil Street, Limerick
Tel: 061 417688
Educational services including adult literacy, night and day courses, and vocational training.

Limerick Centre for the Unemployed
33 Thomas Street, Limerick
Tel: 061 416056
E-mail: limejccu@iol.ie
Provides information on rights and entitlements to refugees and asylum seekers. If information is not available, refugees and asylum seekers will be referred to the appropriate bodies.

Public Amenities

Public Library

Libraries provide you with access to the Internet. Most libraries have tapes that can be used for learning English. They also provide access to a wide range of newspapers in a warm and friendly atmosphere. As a member of the library you may hire books.

58, O'Connell Street, Limerick
Tel: 061 31 84 77

Post Office - Limerick Head Office
Tel: 061 314636

English classes

Vocational Education Committee (VEC) provide classes. There is a full time teacher on site. English, Computer, needle and aerobics classes are provided.

Churches (as per notice board)

Parteen Catholic Presbytery
Moyross Catholic Presbytery

Limerick City

Roman Catholic - St. John's Cathedral, Cathedral House, Cathedral Place, Limerick
Very Rev. Denis Mullane Adm
Rev. Joseph Cussen CC
Tel: 061-414624.

- St. Mary's, Athlunkard Street, Limerick.
Very Rev. Brendan Canon Connellan PP
Tel: 061-414092.

Church of Ireland - St. Mary's Cathedral, Bridge Street, Limerick
Rev. Alan Matchett is the curate.
Tel: 061-416238.

Baptist Church - Old Cratloe road Limerick
Tel: 061-328199.

Evangelical Church - Mallow Street Christian Fellowship, Mallow Street, Limerick. Tel: 061 377392.
Jehovah's Witnesses - Limerick Tel: 061-416710.

Islamic Cultural Centre - Old Doradoyle Road, Doradoyle, Limerick
Contact: Moosa Isbismilla - Tel: 061-227054.
(Quiblah - 118 Degrees South East)

Sporting Groups

Moyross Youth & Sports Group

56 College Avenue, Moyross

Moyross Youth Clubs

Community Enterprise Centre, Moyross

Moyross Association Football Club

182 Pineview, Moyross

South Hill Boxing Club - 2 Donoughmore Cres South Hill Limerick ; Phone (061) 314733.

Amateur Boxing Association

15 Kilmurry Court, Garryowen, Limerick

Ballynanty Rovers Association Football Club

204 Balinacurra Gardens, Limerick

Limerick Swimming Club

Corbally

Tel: 061 340406

Ennis Road Swimming Pool

Ennis Road, Limerick

Tel: 061 325 322

Shannon Rugby Football Club

Thomond Park Limerick

Phone (061) 452350.

St. Patricks GAA (Gaelic Athletic Association) Football Club

Rhebogue Dublin Road Limerick

Phone (061) 319737.

Janesboro Sporting & Athletic Club

Stadium an Phiarsaigh Limerick ; Phone (061) 419649.

Roxboro Swimming Pool

Childers Road, Roxboro

Tel: 061 410303

Reception & Integration Agency

2nd Floor

94 St. Stephen's Green
Dublin 2

The Reception & Integration Agency (**RIA**) is responsible for co-ordinating the services provided to asylum seekers and refugees. These services include the provision of accommodation, health care, education and welfare to asylum seekers and refugees.