

## English

### **Location for Resettlement - Mosney** **General Information on Mosney**

#### **Introduction**

**Mosney** is located in County Meath in the East of Ireland. It is situated approximately 30 miles / 48 kilometres from Dublin City, the capital of the Republic of Ireland. The largest towns in the vicinity are Drogheda in County Louth to the north and Balbriggan in County Dublin to the south.

The centre does not have a settled town population or the usual services associated with a town or village. In effect, Mosney is a large accommodation centre with its own catering and health provisions. The Mosney accommodation centre is close to bus and rail transport and to other services. Mosney is located off the N1 motorway which links Dublin and Belfast. There is a regular bus service between Drogheda and Dublin which take about 50 minutes. The bus stops at the top of the road which links Mosney to the N1 motorway. There are train stations at Drogheda and Laytown with regular services north and southbound. The Mosney centre has its own railway station on a main Irish railway line that connects Dublin to Belfast. Some trains stop at the Mosney station.

Some services are to be found in local villages such as Laytown and Julianstown. A wider range of services are available in Drogheda and Balbriggan.

The climate on the east coast is mild for most of the year. Temperatures tend to range normally between 2 - 18 degrees C from winter to summer. There is usually more rainfall in winter than in summer. Only on rare occasions is there snow, ice or fog.

Mosney is located beside the sea. There are a number of beaches, the closest being at Mosney itself and also at the villages of Laytown and Bettystown. The beaches of this part of the coast are popular but it has to be stressed that the sea only really heats up after prolonged periods of good weather in the summer. The locality is quiet, picturesque and relaxing.

#### **Allocated Accommodation:** **Mosney Accommodation Centre, Co. Meath**

Your proprietor, Mr Patrick McKenna, will make every effort to ensure your stay is a pleasant one. Your cooperation and good behaviour will be expected.

Address: Mosney Accommodation Centre, Mosney, Co. Meath

Phone: 041 9829200

#### **Mainstream Services**

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

#### **Health**

The **North Eastern Health Board** (NEHB) is responsible for health and medical issues in Mosney. Health is

obviously an important issue for asylum seekers and a system is in place within the Mosney centre to deal with most of your health needs. The NEHB has its own office in the centre. It is located in the reception building. The phone number of the NEHB office in Mosney is 041-9829780.

The NEHB staff in the office 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 Mosney centre. Staff in the NEHB office 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 Mosney. The names of the doctors and the times of their surgery will be provided to you by the CWO or by the NEHB staff.



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

Health services currently available on site:

GP services are backed up by a practice nurse. In addition, an AMO (Area Medical Officer) and a PHN (Public Health Nurse) are currently assigned.

Medical screening is carried out with the help of the Lourdes Hospital and immunisations are being carried out in the Mosney site.

In addition to the above the Community Welfare Regional support team is actively involved in the liaison role between voluntary services and the three bodies concerned.

 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>General Hospitals</b></p> <p>Our Lady of Lourdes International Missionary Training Hospital, Drogheda Tel: 041 9837601. Our Lady's General Hospital, Navan      Tel: 046 21210</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Maternity Hospitals</b></p> <p>Our Lady of Lourdes International Missionary Training Hospital, Drogheda Tel: 041 9837601. □</p>
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 **Reception and Integration Agency**



Staff from the Reception and Integration Agency will be in Mosney, usually on a Tuesday and Thursday.




 **Education**

When leaving the reception centres in Dublin all asylum seeker parents are provided with an information pack on primary and post-primary education in Ireland.

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 - 15 years attend school.

Children in Mosney accommodation centre are allocated to primary and post primary schools in the Balbriggan, Drogheda, Duleek and the Mosney 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.

<p> <b>Primary Schools (4-12 year olds)</b></p> <p>The schools used by children in the Mosney Accommodation centre are located in Drogheda, Balbriggan, Duleek &amp; the environs of Mosney.□</p>	<p> <b>Post-Primary Schools (12-18 year olds)</b></p> <p>The schools used by children in the Mosney Accommodation centre are located in Drogheda &amp; Balbriggan.□</p>
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<p> <b>English classes</b></p> <p>- contact your CWO for details. County Meath VEC provide English language classes in the centre.</p> <p> <b>Security</b></p> <p>Local <b>Garda</b> (police) station in Laytown. Phone Number: (041) 9827074 The Gardaí aim to serve everyone in the community and thereby protect the rights of Irish citizens, refugees &amp; asylum seekers.</p> <p>Garda D.Fitzpatrick is the <b>Garda Ethnic Liaison Officer</b> in your area. His role is to liaise with</p>	<p> <b>Mosney Support Group</b></p> <p>A number of people in the Mosney area have formed a local support group to coordinate provision of support activities to the residents in the Mosney accommodation centre. This support is provided on a voluntary basis. It would be hoped that you, the asylum seekers, would work with the members of the support group to arrange activities that interest you.</p> <p>Classes in English, computers and other areas can be arranged by asylum seekers who are skilled in these areas and you may obtain assistance with this from members of the local support group. It is important that any such classes and other activities be arranged</p>
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leaders of ethnic groups and to inform and assure asylum seekers, refugees and non-nationals of Garda services. Phone number: 041 9874200	through the management of □Mosney Accommodation Centre.□
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❖ **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**

<p><b>Drogheda Community Services Centre, 57 Fair Street Tel: 041 9836084</b> Services: social work, bereavement counseling, adult literacy, psychologist / mental health.</p> <p>also: <b>Citizens Information Centre</b> (info on all areas of public concern - same address &amp; telephone number as Drogheda Community Services Centre)</p> <p><b>Drogheda Youth Development (DYD), Westgate, Drogheda Tel: 041 9839916</b> (funded by FÁS, Drogheda Corporation &amp; Combat Poverty) Projects: Multimedia for young people from disadvantaged backgrounds, Young Women's Project, Youth Social Action Group. Youth Information Centre: regarding education &amp; training, community services Young Women's Project: meetings on self-development, volunteer work</p> <p><b>Irish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (Family Centre), Drogheda Tel: 041 983 3406</b></p> <p><b>Society of St. Vincent de Paul, 2 Magdalene Street, Drogheda Tel: 041 9835914</b> Services: clothing etc.</p> <p><b>Samaritans, Drogheda Tel: 041 984 3888</b> (caters for people suffering from stress and depression - offers advice and counseling)</p> <p><b>Drogheda Resource Centre for the Unemployed, 7 North Quay, Drogheda Tel: 041 983 5754</b> Services: Adult Education classes, Women's Support Group</p> <p><b>V.E.C. - Vocational Education Committee, King Street, Drogheda Tel: 041 983 8214</b></p> <p><b>Association For Children &amp; Adults with Learning Disabilities (ACLD), The Round House, Shop Street,</b></p> <p><b>Drogheda Tel: 041 9845474</b> Resource Centre aims to assist children and adults with learning</p>	<p><b>Irish Red Cross, Red Cross Hall, Thomas Street, Drogheda Tel: 041 9837721</b> C. Dominic Nugent</p> <p><b>Irish Red Cross, Balbriggan</b> Dublin (Head Office) number: 01 6765135 - will put you in contact with a local representative.</p> <p><b>Irish Country Women's Association (ICA)</b> Contact: Molly Wherity <b>Tel: 01 841 2973</b></p> <p><b>Lifestyle Development Group, Ballsgrrove, Drogheda Tel: 041 9843209</b> Activities: personal development, music, arts, education</p> <p><b>Rape Crisis freephone: Tel: 1800 212122</b></p> <p><b>STEPS, Youth Advice &amp; Drop-in centre, Unit 12a Trade Centre, Railway Street, Balbriggan. Tel: 01 8413475.</b></p> <p><b>Drogheda Area Women's Network (DAWN), 97 George's Street, Drogheda Tel: 041 9844131</b> Projects: women's education, counseling, parenting course, IT training.</p> <p><b>Cryptic Youth Service, Balbriggan Youth Development Tel: 01 8415135</b> Caters for 12 - 18 year olds</p> <p><b>Scouting Ireland CSI (Balbriggan Scouts) Tel: 8412754</b> C: Eddie Darcy</p> <p><b>Droichead Arts Centre, Stockwell Street, Drogheda Tel: 041 33946</b> <b>(open Mon - Sat, Admission free)</b> The Arts Centre promotes an interest in the arts and cultural values among the local &amp; wider population. There are classes, workshops and exhibitions on a regular basis. <b>Includes:</b> Calipo Theatre Company / Ceol Batucada / Droichead Youth Theatre</p> <p><b>Southside Community Development Programme, St. Paul's National School, Rathmullen, Drogheda Tel: 041 9845184 - Director: Ms Mary McClorey</b></p>
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<p>difficulties.</p> <p><b>Youth Reach Enterprise, Mayoralty Street, Drogheda Tel: 041 983 9917</b> (aimed at early school-leavers) Activities: work experience, art, drama, IT, personal development</p> <p><b>Boyne Musical &amp; Dramatic Society, 4 Highfield, Drogheda Tel: 041 9838807</b></p> <p><b>Drogheda Samba School, The Crock, Ballykenny Road, Drogheda Tel: 041 9822944</b></p> <p><b>Breakaway Festival, Balbriggan Tel: 01 8423516</b></p> <p><b>Heritage Centre, Balbriggan Tel: 01 8412983</b></p>	<p><b>Drogheda Partnership at 12 North Quay, Drogheda Tel: 041 9842088 - Director: Ms. Mary Ann Mc Glynn</b></p> <p><b>Irish Country Women's Association, Val Halla, Magdalene Street, Drogheda Tel: 041 9831724</b></p> <p><b>Kada Ka Boom Arts, Drogheda Tel: 041 9830486</b> (promotes community music &amp; arts)</p> <p><b>St. Peter's Male Voice Choir, Parochial Centre, Peter Street, Drogheda Tel: 041 9833413</b></p> <p><b>Augustinians Ladies Choir, 11 Cord Terrace, Drogheda Tel: 041 9835408</b></p>
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**Public Amenities**

<p> <b>Public Library</b></p> <p><b>Drogheda Library - Stockwell Street Tel: (041) 9836649</b></p> <p><b>Balbriggan Library - Tel: 01 8411128</b></p> <p>Libraries provide you with access to the Internet. Most libraries have tapes that can be used for learning English. They also</p>	<p>provide access to a wide range of newspapers in a warm and friendly atmosphere. As a member of the library you may hire books.</p> <p> <b>Post Office</b></p> <p><b>Laytown P.O. Drogheda Telephone: (041) 9827498.</b></p> <p><b>Julianstown P.O. Tel: (041) 9829252</b></p>
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**Churches - Religious Groups:**

<p>Your Proprietor will make every effort to facilitate and help arrange for your religious needs.</p> <p><b>Roman Catholic churches are located in</b></p> <p><b>- Stamullen &amp; Julianstown Tel: 01 8412647</b></p> <p><b>Laytown Presbytery Tel: 041 982 7258</b></p> <p><b>Drogheda St. Peters Tel: 041 983 8239</b></p> <p><b>St. Marys Tel: 041 983 8347</b></p> <p><b>Lourdes Tel: 041 983 1899</b></p> <p><b>Church of Ireland - Drogheda Tel: 041 982 7345</b></p>	<p><b>Representative of Methodist Church - Rev. Eric Duncan Tel: 048302 620 78</b></p> <p><b>Presbyterian - Drogheda, Colpe Road Tel: 041 983 5083</b></p> <p><b>Jehovah's Witnesses (Drogheda Congregation) Tel: 041 983 7994.</b></p> <p><b>The Solid Rock Fellowship, Drogheda Christian Fellowship, Drogheda 041 9826281</b></p>
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**Sporting Groups:**

<p><b>Drogheda United Football Club, Windmill Road, Drogheda.</b></p> <p><b>Abbey Celtic FC, Mell Park, Drogheda</b></p> <p><b>Boyne Rovers FC, Park View, Drogheda</b></p> <p><b>Boyne Rugby Club, Ballykenny Road, Drogheda</b></p> <p><b>Laytown &amp; Bettystown Tennis Club, Bettystown</b></p> <p><b>Wolfe Tone Gaelic Football Club (GAA) - Drogheda</b></p>	<p><b>Paralympic Council of Ireland, Donore, Drogheda</b></p> <p><b>Tel: 041 988 0371</b></p> <p>(organisation catering for sports people affected by disability)</p> <p><b>Drogheda Swimming Pool, Rathmullen Road,</b></p> <p><b>Drogheda</b></p> <p><b>Balacadden Blues Football Club, Flemington Lane,</b></p>
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<p><b>Basketball Club, St. Oliver's Gym, Rathmullen Road,Drogheda</b> □</p>	<p><b>Balbriggan Tel: 01 8413604</b> Contact: Ned Pyne. Caters for under 12 year</p> <p>olds.□</p>
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