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To Whom It May Concern,

Peter McVerry Trust is a national housing and homeless charity and **an essential service provider** committed to reducing homelessness and the harm caused by substance misuse and social disadvantage.

The charity operates within the community and voluntary sector and provides low-threshold entry services to vulnerable adults with complex needs, and offers pathways out of homelessness based on the principles of the Housing First model. It is the main provider of COVID-19 isolation units for the homeless sector.

As such, **Peter McVerry Trust qualifies as an essential service provider** in line with the public health guidelines updated on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/c9158-essential-services/>

**All Peter McVerry Trust employees are covered under this guidance and qualify as essential employees.**

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