

SICAP 2019 Plan Comments:

- The number of grants issued both under Goal 1 and Goal 2 appear quite high in terms of overall number client interventions. Unfortunately, we are unable to see a national average of grants issued for the reports as generated
- In Goal 2, the number of interventions per individual for the Lot is 2.62 whereas the National average is 3.79, this reading being below the national average is a cause for concern and the gap between Lot and National has widened since 2018, however, the average duration per intervention is 76 minutes versus the national average of 64 minutes which may indicate a more qualitative approach.
- The under spend for 2019 is €28,275.05 (which has reduced from €32,742.84 in 2018) representing approx. 2.5% of the annual budget.
- In Goal 2, within the breakdown of the figures, the Lot breakdown for Low Income Workers/Households is 18% whereas the national average is 23%. This is an improvement on 2018 but still a cause for concern. In addition, the breakdown for People with Disabilities for the Lot is 6% compared to a national average of 9% - this area will require addressing in 2020
- Within Goal 2, it appears progress into employment, self employment or referral into for other LLL activity/labour market supports appears to be well below national average
- Within Goal 2, supports to disadvantaged children and families appears to be well below national average apart from Welfare & Wellbeing, Additional Tuition and Information Technology
- Finally, in line with, and as highlighted to, the PI during the 2018 annual review, the commentary within the 2018 Annual Report was quite brief in certain parts and expansion in certain areas was requested. This appear to have been actioned and the 2019 Annual Report contains more detailed information than in previous years