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Response to Lucan Area Committee Meeting of South Dublin County Council held on 24th April 2012.

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Dear Ms. Colgan

Thank you for your letter received on the 30th April 2012 explaining the Committees commitment to the provision of job seeker facilities for the residents of Lucan. The live register figure for the Lucan area is currently at 3,241 with around 500 of that figure being under 25 which is an ongoing concern for the CPLN Area Local Employment Service. Of the 2,412 clients that registered with the service in 2011, 768 live in the Lucan area and we are very keen to do all we can to facilitate as many Lucan job seekers as possible.

To this end the LES has in the past operated a clinic from the Griffen Centre, but it became evident that the premises was not correct for the purpose and that the very limited resources that the service could provide were not being optimised. We have with the kind and generous assistance of Lucan Library, piloted a bespoke course, Future Options, tailored at job seekers we are now exploring ways that this can become a mainstreamed service within the LES and which we can promote to residence in the Lucan area.

CPLN Area LES would ideally like to operate a full time office in the Lucan area, staffed by professional and committed staff; however our current budgets do not allow the funding of a Lucan office. In addition, the current embargo on recruiting additional staff is another hindrance in operating an office in the Lucan area. I would welcome an opportunity to meet with the Committee to discuss this situation and to explore any ideas beneficial to the job seekers of Lucan.

Yours sincerely


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