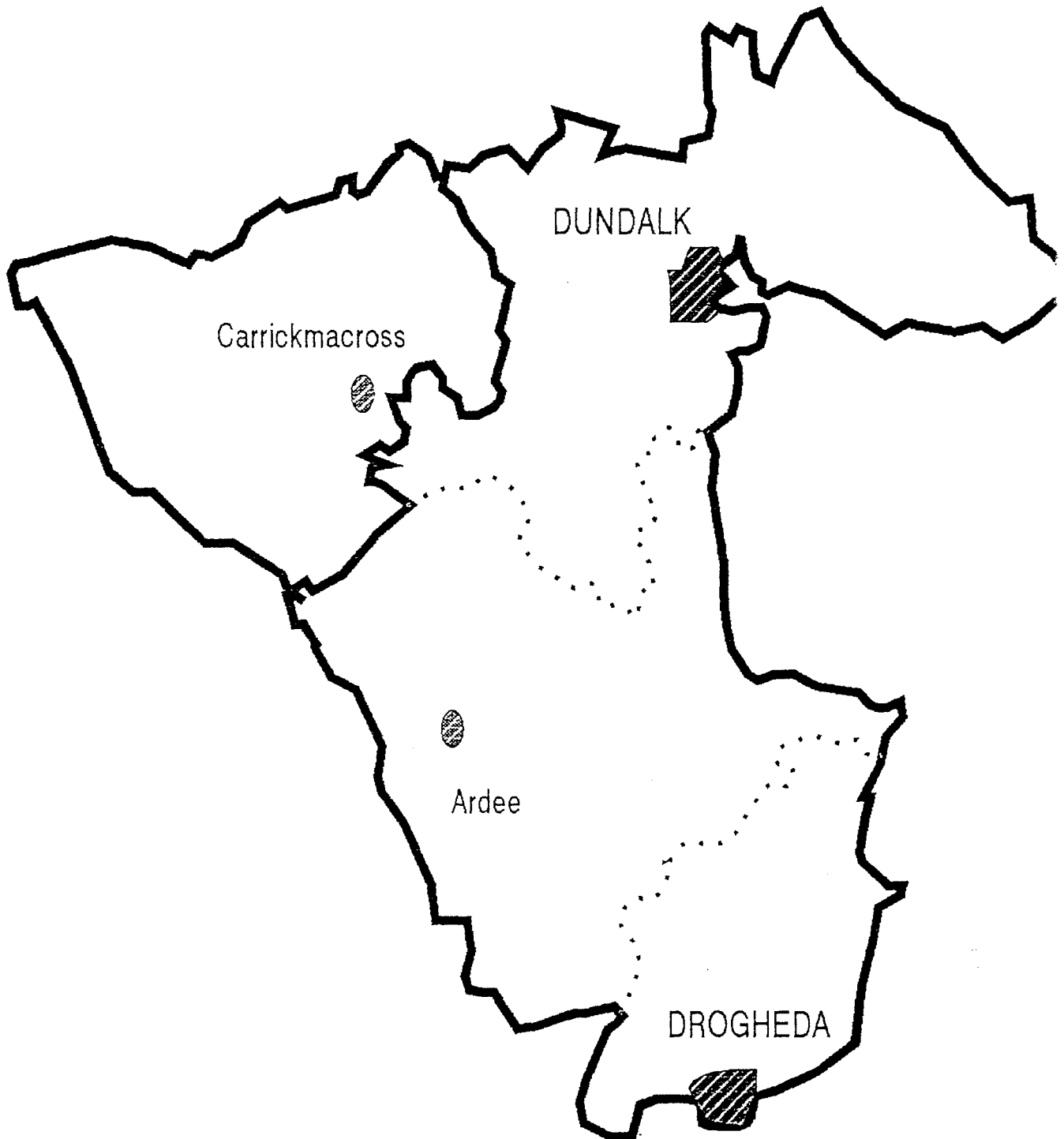




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An Integrated Plan for Development of Services



LOUTH/SOUTH MONAGHAN

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Drogheda, Co. Louth
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It is proposed that Health Services in Co. Louth be planned in an integrated way involving hospital, special hospital and community programmes. We have examined existing structures and population distributions and propose for this planning exercise to divide Co. Louth into 3 sectors.

- (1) Dundalk urban & rural
- (2) Mid Louth
- (3) Drogheda urban & rural

We acknowledge that consultation with our colleagues in Monaghan regarding integrated services in Carrickmacross is required. Also cognisance needs to be taken of the natural gravitation towards Drogheda from the East Meath area.

Introduction

The population of Co. Louth in 1991 was 90,724 decreasing from 1986 by 1.2%

The community care area includes south Monaghan (100,300 approx). This is not included in Louth County hospital and special hospital catchment area.

Significant demographic features include;

- a large concentration of the population in urban areas - 66%
- an elderly population representing 10.9%
- those under 20 representing 37%
- level of unemployment - 33%
- total number covered by medical card - 39%

Dundalk is the largest of two towns in Co. Louth. It has many of the problems associated with urban areas such as high unemployment (rate of unemployment is twice the national average) plus other social problems.

There is a good Health Board campus on the Dublin road consisting of Louth County Hospital, St. Oliver Plunketts Hospital, Ladywell Day Centre (mentally ill) and Community Care. There is potential for development on this site. The other principal building owned by the Health Board is Market Street. The significance of this property is not so much its size as its location. It is centrally located just off the main street and as such has potential for providing easily accessible clinics and an advice centre.

Services are also provided for in two large housing estates Muirhevnamore and Cox's Demesne.

The area known as the Cooley peninsula has a population of approximately 6,000. The main feature of this area is its geographic isolation from Health Services in general. Development of more localised Day Care & outreach services is currently under discussion.

Drogheda is the other large town in Co. Louth. It is more a densely populated area (3,500 acres as opposed to 6,400 acres of Dundalk). It has similar problems such as unemployment and other social problems.

A particular feature of Drogheda is the range of services provided by other agencies, the most significant being Our Lady of Lourdes. Another feature is the multilocation nature of Health Board services which are spread over four sites. A factor which must also be acknowledged is the natural gravitation towards Drogheda of people from the East Meath area.

Carrickmacross & rural area. This area is served by Louth Community Care and there is also a natural gravitation towards acute services in Dundalk. The Health Centre in Emmet Street is inaccessible with limited potential. There is potential to develop services in a co-ordinated way on the grounds of the monastery and St. Mary's site.

Ardee, this has an urban population of 3,253. It has a range of services including extended care for the elderly and mentally ill.

There is already a physical infrastructure in Ardee consisting of St. Brigid's Hospital campus, St. Joseph's and Ardee Day Centre all which have potential for development. There is also a below standard Health Centre which has no potential for development. The challenge in Ardee is for an appraisal of existing estate and an appropriate plan for the utilization of same.

A particular feature of Co. Louth is the high level of services delivered by other agencies at both local and regional level. The most significant being;

- Our Lady of Lourdes, Drogheda
- St. John of Gods, Drumcar
- Daughters of Charity, Drogheda
- Order of Malta
- Rehab industries
- Ardee Day Centre
- I.S.P.C.C., Drogheda & Dundalk.

The planning and development of services in Louth must therefore take account of the services being provided and co-ordinate with these agencies to ensure duplication does not occur.

SUMMARY OF EXISTING SERVICES DUNDALK & COOLEY PENINSULA

Dundalk

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    Dundalk((Dundalk)) --- Louth[Louth Hospital]
    Dundalk --- Community[Community Care Campus Muirhevnamore]
    Dundalk --- Market[Market St]
    Dundalk --- StOlivers[St. Olivers hospital]
    Dundalk --- Mental[Services for the mentally ill]
    Dundalk --- Rehab[Rehab industries (non N.E.H.B.)]
    Louth --- LouthServices[Acute & Out-patient Services  
- surgical  
- medical  
- obstetrics]
    Community --- CommunityServices[Full Community Care Services  
- Dental  
- administration  
- paramedical  
- P.H.N.'s  
- medical officers  
- out-patient clinics]
    Market --- MarketServices[Community Welfare Officers  
Public Health Nurses]
    StOlivers --- StOliversServices[Services for the Elderly  
- extended care beds  
- respite  
- day care]
    Mental --- MentalServices[Ladywell Day Care Centre  
The Moorings Hostel  
Seafield Lawns  
Cox's Demesne  
Out-patient clinics]
    Rehab --- RehabServices[Vocational Training]
  
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Louth Hospital

Acute & Out-patient Services

- surgical
- medical
- obstetrics

Community
Care Campus
Muirhevnamore

Full Community Care Services

- Dental
- administration
- paramedical
- P.H.N.'s
- medical officers
- out-patient clinics

Market St

Community Welfare Officers
Public Health Nurses

St. Olivers hospital

Services for the Elderly

- extended care beds
- respite
- day care

Services for the mentally ill

Ladywell Day Care Centre

The Moorings Hostel

Seafield Lawns

Cox's Demesne

Out-patient clinics

Rehab industries
(non N.E.H.B.)

Vocational Training

Dundalk

Carlingford Health Centre

Nursing & Medical Services
C.W.O.
Psychiatric clinic

Nursing Homes
Carlingford/Dundalk

Nursing Home accommodation

Drogheda

Our Lady of Lourdes
Hospital (non NEHB)

Full Acute Services
Full out-patient dept.

Community Care
- Peter Street
- Ballsgrove

Outreach administration services
Paramedical
Nursing
Medical
Dental
Services for the mentally ill

St. Mary's Site

Services for the Elderly
- extended care
- respite care
Services for Children
Regional Child & Family Centre
Hostel for the mentally ill

Cottage Hospital

Services for the Elderly
- extended care
- day care
- G.P. beds

Day Centre for the
mentally ill.
(Donore Industrial Est.)

Day Centre
45 places

Order of Malta (Vol)

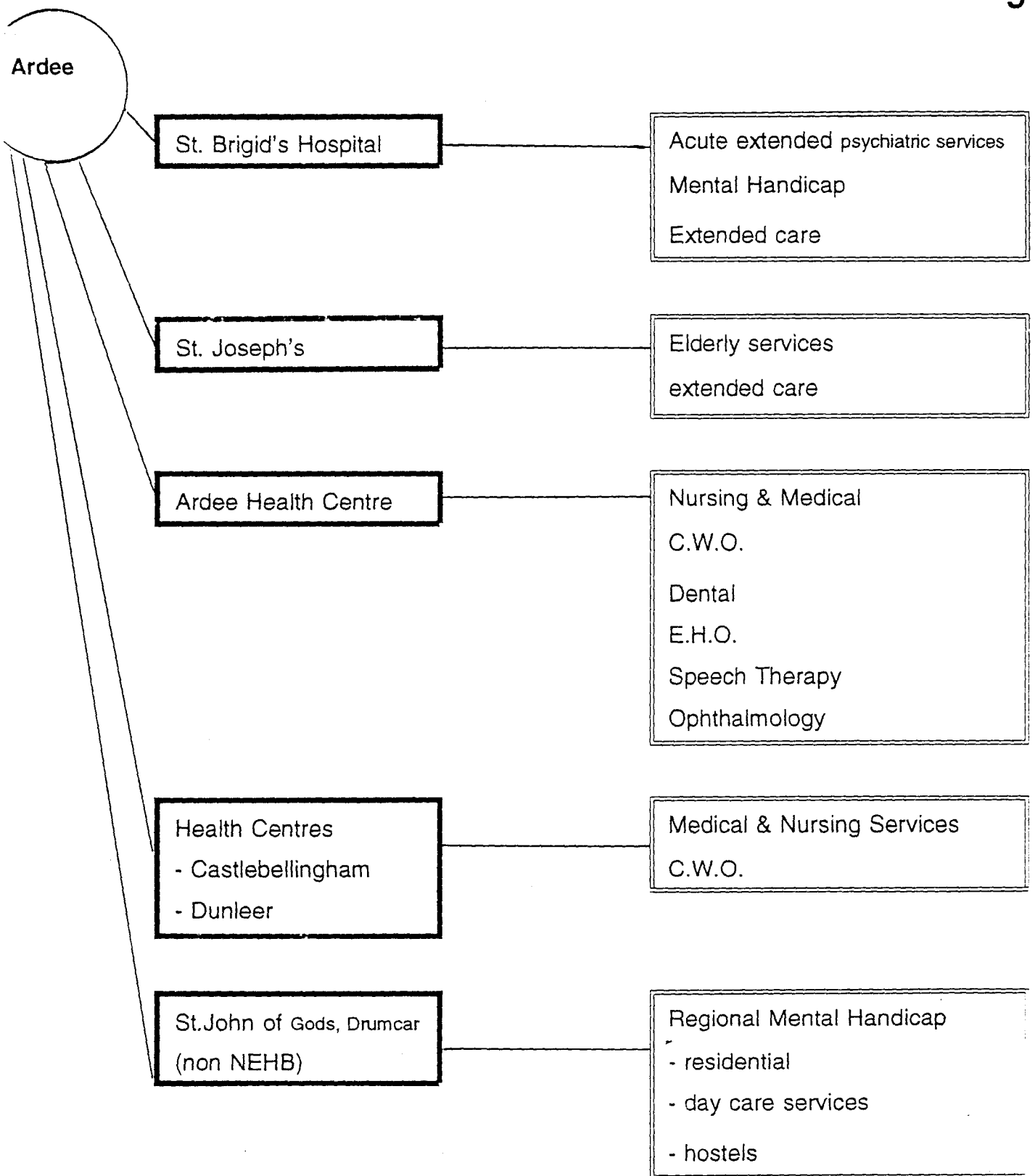
Vocational training

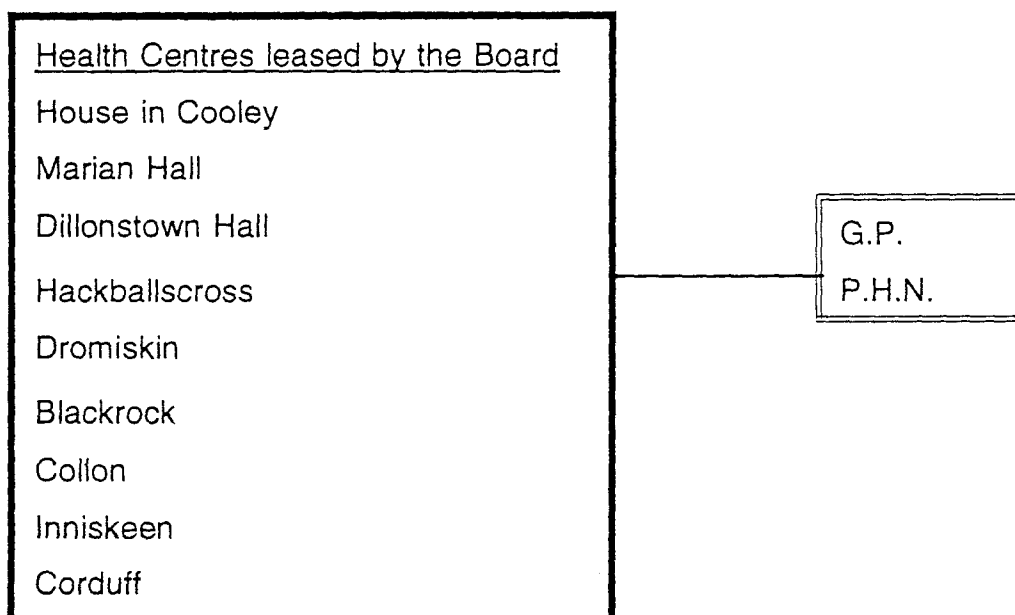
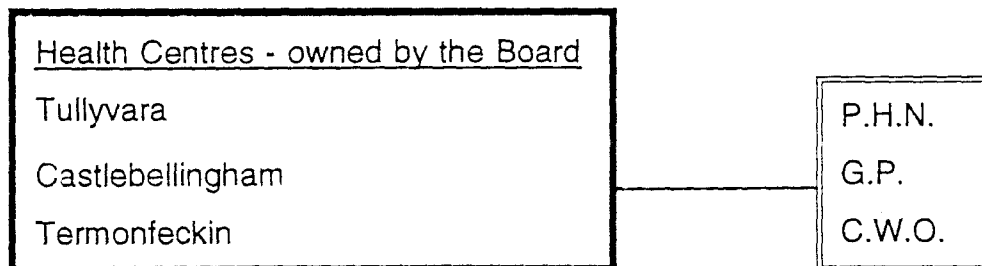
Drogheda Community
Services

Day Care
Counselling

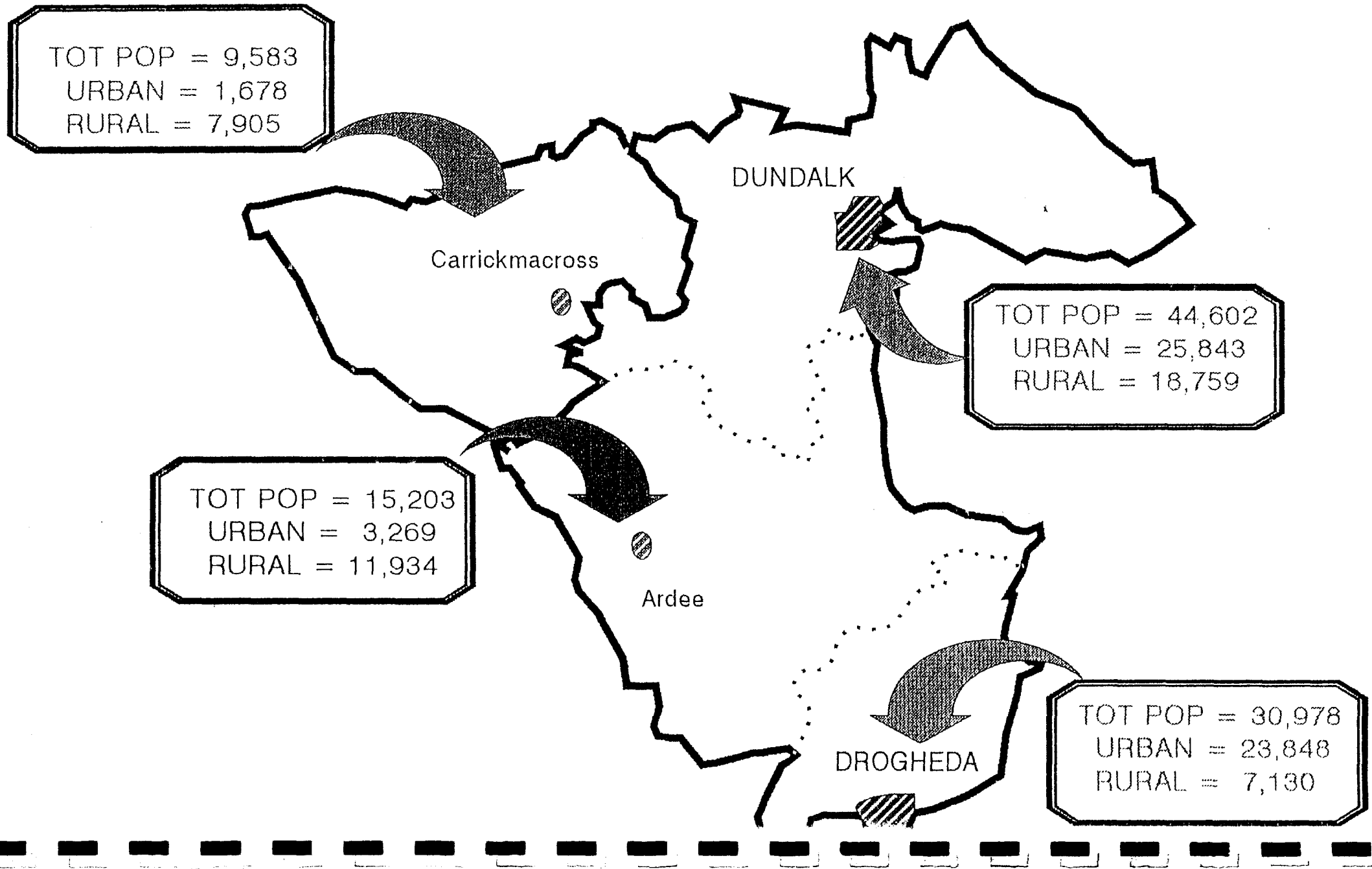
St. John of Gods

Hostels
School



Other rural areasExisting

Population distribution



Level I Services - Dundalk

Louth Hospital Campus

Existing

Full acute hospital services
Out-patients department

Proposed

Develop physical structure
(see appendix)

St. Oliver Plunkett's Hospital

- services for the elderly
- extended care
- respite care

Ladywell Day Centre

Increase assessment & rehabilitation
Day hospital
Increase respite
Services for the physically disabled
Sheltered housing

Community Care

Improve information technology
Absorb B.D.M.
Increase child care services

Market Street

- C.W.O.'s
- P.H.N.'s
- B.D.M.

Child Care Services
P.H.N. & Medical
Psychiatric services
Administration
Customer services

Level I - Drogheda

Existing

Proposed

St. Mary's site

- extended care beds
- respite
- Regional Child & Family Centre
- hostel for the mentally ill

Day Hospital (with medical input)

- Increased respite
- Substantive Child & Family Centre
- Sheltered housing
- Ambulance base
- P.H.N. base

Cottage Hospital

- Extended care beds
- G.P. beds
- X-ray & theatre
- Paramedical services
- Day care
- Administration

Increase assessment & rehabilitation

- Day hospital
- Increase respite
- Community services
(clinics, paramedical services, child
care services & P.H.N. base)
- Increase access by local G.P.'s to
services

Peter Street

- Community medical, nursing and
paramedical services
- C.W.O.'s
- Dental
- B.D.M.
- Out-reach administration

Increase administration

- Customer services
- Improve physical access

Level 2 - Ardee Town

Existing

Proposed

St. Brigid's Hospital

(Services for the mentally ill)
Mental handicapped extended
care beds
Administration

As patients continue to move to the
community the potential of the St.
Brigid's campus must be evaluated with
a view to developing elderly and
community services on site.

St. Joseph's

Elderly extended care

Development of Day Hospital and
respite services

Community Services

Nursing
Medical
C.W.O.
Dental
Ophthalmic
Speech Therapy
E.H.O.

Health centre is in poor condition and
limited in space.

Options:

- (1) extend adjacent Ardee Day Centre
- (2) relocate

Level 3

Existing

Dunleer Health Centre

C.W.O.

P.H.N. & medical

Carlingford Health Centre

P.H.N. & Medical

C.W.O.

Out-patient clinic for mentally ill

Proposed

Develop Day Care services for the elderly with voluntary bodies.

Develop Day Hospital & Day Care services for the older person.
Increase outreach services

Level 4

Existing

Health Centres - owned by the Board

Tullyvara

Castlebellingham

Termonfeckin

P.H.N.

C.W.O.

Health Centres leased by the Board

House in Cooley

Marian Hall

Dillonstown Hall

Hackballscross

Dromiskin

Blackrock

Collon

Inniskeen

Corduff

G.P.

P.H.N.

Appendix I - Acute Services - Louth County Hospital

Total number of beds - 141

Medical -	54
Surgical -	32
Gynae -	9
Obstetrics -	13
5 day ward -	26
ICU -	6
Palliative care -	1

Out-patient clinics - Louth County Hospital & Community Care.

Medical	1 per week
Surgical	2 "
Obstetrics	1 "
Gynaecology	1 "
Orthopaedic	1 "
Ophthalmology	2 "
Audiology	1 "
Dental	15 "
Orthodontic	3 - 5 "

Paediatric -	1 per month
Fitters -	1 "
Hearing-aid -	2 "
E.N.T.	3 "
Dermatology	1 "
Chest	2 "

Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Radiology, Dental.

Appendix 2 - Acute Services - Drogheda (Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital)

Speciality	<u>Number of beds</u>			Total
	Public	Private	Non-designated	
Medical	73		4	77
Surgical	36	6	3	45
Obstetrics	36	32		68
Gynae.	17	6		23
Paediatrics	37	7	20	64
Orthopaedic	18	7		25
E.N.T.	3			3
Tropical		2		2
Others (Private)		46		46
Total	220	106	27	353
Day beds	8	6		14
<u>Total</u>	<u>228</u>	<u>112</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>367</u>

Out-patients clinics

Medical -	6 per week
Surgical -	4 " (1 breast clinic)
Paediatrics -	4 per week
E.N.T. -	1 "
Orthopaedics -	2 "
Plastics -	1 per month
Dental -	1 "
Gynae. -	4 "
Obstetrics -	Ante-natal - 4 per month
	Post-natal - 4 per month
Dermatology -	2 per month
Ophthalmology -	1 per month

APPENDIX 3 - Acute Services Proposals

Planned improvements

It is envisaged that the planned extension to Louth County Hospital will be approved by the Board at their October meeting. The extension will include the following;

- new medical records department
- new pharmacy
- new physiotherapy & occupational therapy departments
- extension to x-ray department
- increase number of available clinic rooms
- extend out-patients to enhance existing facilities
- extend accident and emergency to include separate ambulance entrance and provision of resuscitation room.

It is also intended to improve access to Community Care and St. Olivers via roundabout system and also relocate ambulance base.

Further development of acute services in general will be in accordance with agreement reached by the Board.

Services for the Mentally Ill

Acute beds (Ardee) - 64
Extended care - 121
Hostels - 9
Day Centres - 2
Out-patient clinics - 17 per month

Services for the Physically Handicapped

Access to - occupational therapy
" physiotherapy
" speech therapy
" psychology
" home nursing
" acute and extended
care beds

Appendix 4 - Other services

Services for Children

Developmental monitoring
Immunizations - 20 clinics per month
Social Work Service
Access to - occupational therapy
" physiotherapy
" psychology
" speech therapy
" multidisciplinary child abuse teams

Services for Older Persons

St. Oliver Plunketts Hosptial

Extended care 140 beds
Assessment 6 beds
Respite 6 beds
Day Care 20 places

St. Joseph's

Extended care 46 beds

Cottage Hospital & St. Mary's

Extended care 91 beds
Respite care 9 beds
Welfare 29 beds
Day Centre 20 places

St. Mary's, Castelblayney

Access to extended care beds 200
Respite 4 beds
Day Care 122 places

Community Services

Continence clinic - 3 per month
Home nursing
Home help
Access to community occupational therapist.
Access to community physiotherapist.
Housing aid scheme for the elderly

Services for the Mentally Handicapped

Extended care beds - 41

Counselling Services

Multidisciplinary team with access to -

occupational therapy

physiotherapy

speech therapy

psychology

home nursing

acute, extended and respite beds

Services for the Terminally Ill

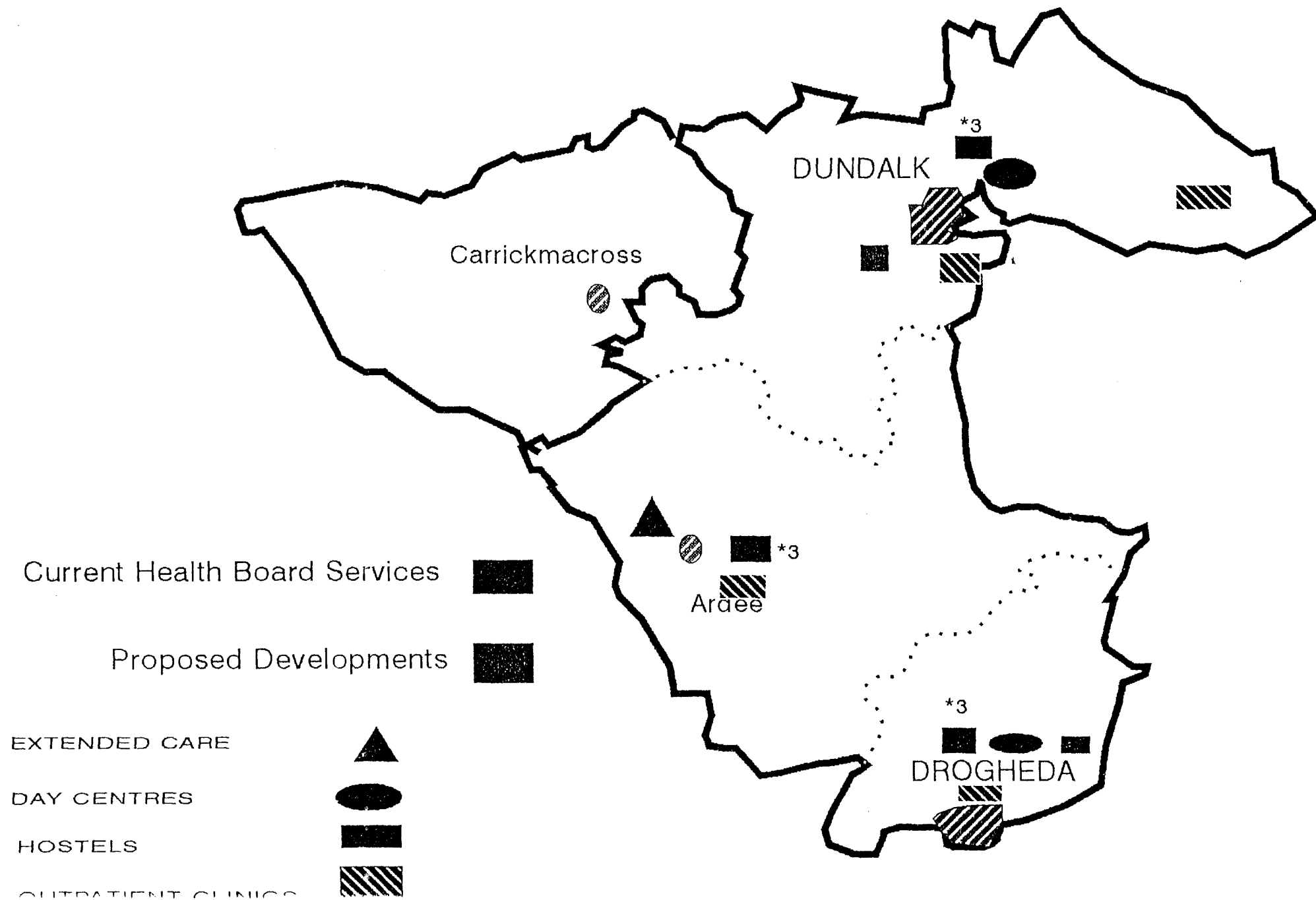
Palliative care unit

Access to acute and extended care beds

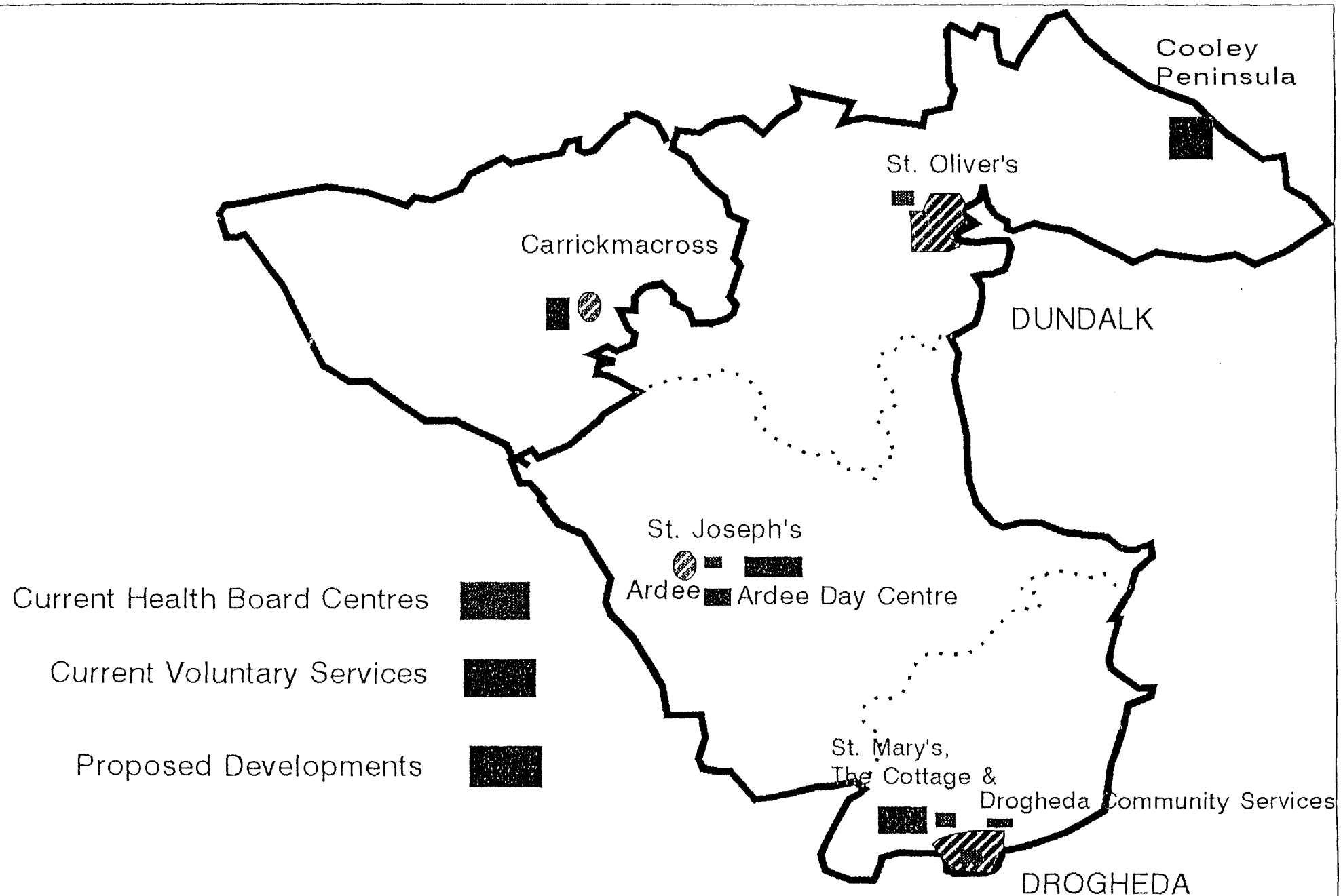
Palliative care nursing service

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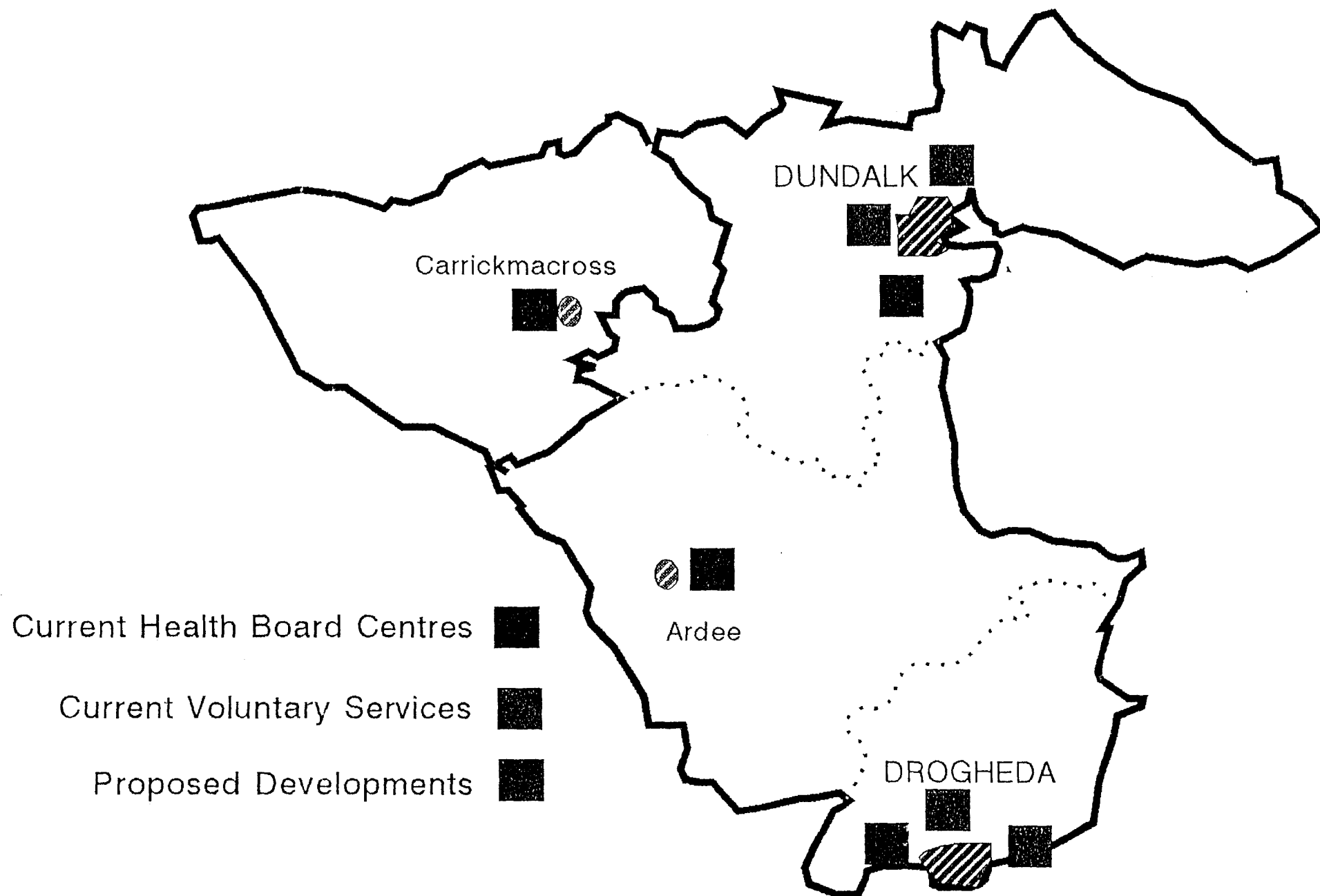
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Louth Community Care- Services for the Older Person

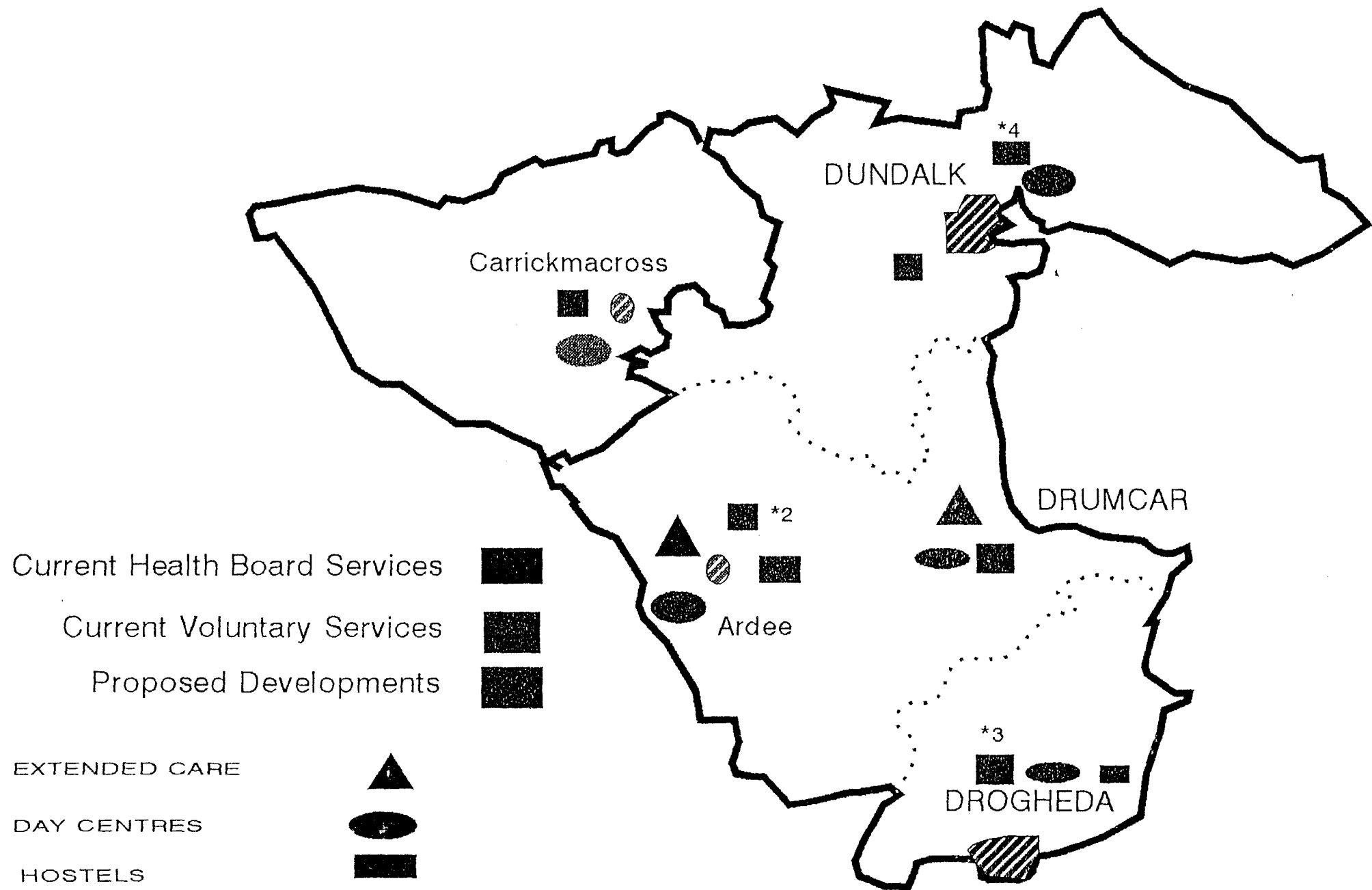


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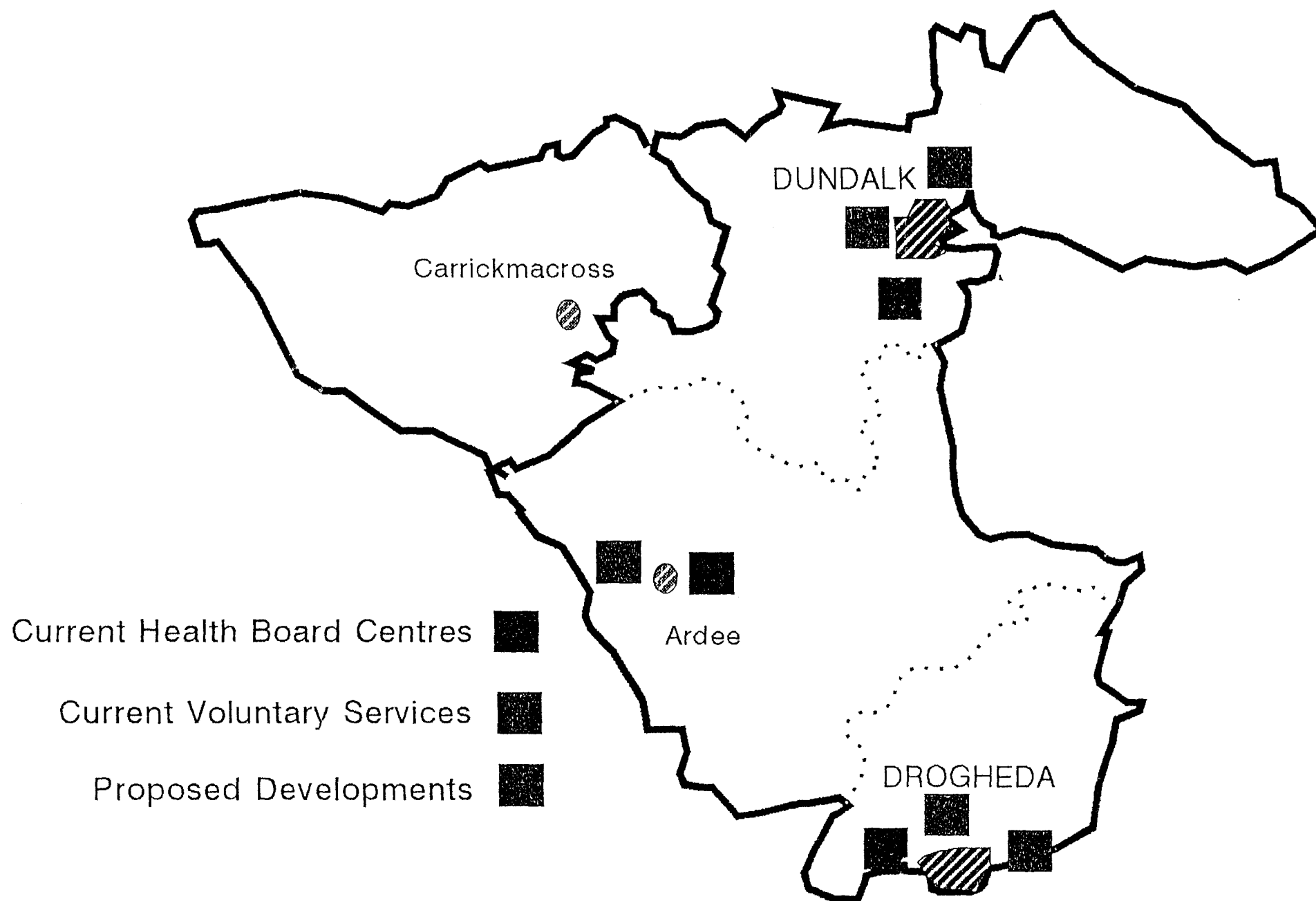


LOUTH COMMUNITY CARE

MENTALLY HANDICAPPED



LOUTH COMMUNITY CARE Physically Handicapped



LOUTH COMMUNITY CARE Palliative Care

