

	<u>Appendix 7</u>
Report to:	Birmingham Health & Wellbeing Board
Date:	30th July 2019
TITLE:	SUPPORT PROVIDED FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE HOMELESS
Organisation	BIRMINGHAM COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE NHS FOUNDATION TRUST
Presenting Officer	

Report Type:	For Information
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1. Purpose:
To provide information regarding the services that are available to support people who are homeless, following a request from the Health and Wellbeing Board

2. Implications:		
BHWB Strategy Priorities	Health Inequalities	✓
	Childhood Obesity	
Joint Strategic Needs Assessment		
Joint Commissioning and Service Integration		✓
Maximising transfer of Public Health functions		✓
Financial		
Patient and Public Involvement		
Early Intervention		✓
Prevention		✓
Homelessness		

3. Recommendations

No recommendations are being made as this item is for information only

4. Background

4.1 Birmingham Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (BCHC) is a large specialist provider of community health care. Our 4,500 colleagues provide services to people across Birmingham and the West Midlands, including many of the most vulnerable in our communities, including children in care and children and adults with learning disabilities and autism spectrum disorders.

4.2 We operate from over 300 sites across the Birmingham & Solihull and Black Country & West Birmingham Sustainability and Transformation Partnership (STP) footprint, providing care for people of all ages, throughout their lives. Our services are diverse; from health education and promotion activities to support people to live well to the most complex healthcare for those with highly specialist needs. We provide care in people's homes, in clinics and inpatient units.

5. Discussion

5.1 In terms of the Birmingham City Council homelessness prevention strategy, BCHC will be involved in supporting local citizens in two of key areas set out in the Positive Pathway approach; targeted prevention and homeless recovery.

5.2 Our services support local people in 3 of the high risk groups identified in the homelessness prevention strategy:-

- Vulnerable children and young people;
- Young people leaving the care of the Local Authority, and;
- People with learning disabilities

Vulnerable Children and Young People

The Birmingham Forward Steps service, which is a partnership between BCHC, Spurgeons, Barnado's, The Springfield Project and St Paul's Community Development Trust, provides a range of services for all children

aged 0-5 and their families. This will include children and families who are at risk of becoming homeless or who are homeless with Health Visiting input to hostels and asylum refuges. The service identifies issues such as domestic violence, parental drug and alcohol misuse and parental mental illness that increase the risk of homelessness.

<https://bhamforwardsteps.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/BFS-Glossary-of-Services-FINAL-V3.pdf>

We also provide the school nursing service for Birmingham, a range of therapy services as well as a community paediatric service. These services support children whose parents may be homeless. This contact is particularly about safeguarding children through child in need and child protection plan processes.

Young People leaving the care of the Local Authority

BCHC provides a health assessment service to children in care with medical assessments of 'new to care' children and nurses providing review health assessments. The Clinical Commissioning Group has invested in the nursing team so that by the start of 2020 there will be one nurse for every 100 children in care.

The roles of the expanded team are developing but should be an important service to young people at the point of leaving care and this is a group at high risk of homelessness.

People with Learning Disabilities

The route into our services for people with learning disabilities who arrive from outside Birmingham and who are homeless, is usually via a GP referral, referral by Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health Foundation Trust (BSMHFT) or referral from an acute Trust following attendance at A&E.

Other Services

Community Dental Services within BCHC offer a drop-in service on a Thursday afternoon at Attwood Green Health Centre, on Bath Row. One of our Dental Nurses from this service spends time visiting local hostels, of which there are a number in the area, and needle exchange centres in the city centre to promote the service, identify people who may require this service and encourages them to attend.

6. Future development
We will continue to work closely with BSMHFT and acute providers to ensure that vulnerable people who are homeless and are not known to our services are able to rapidly access care
7. Compliance Issues
7.1 Strategy Implications
None identified
7.2 Homelessness Implications
No negative implications have been identified. Bringing together different service providers to tackle these problems is a positive step forward
7.3 Governance & Delivery
All services provided by BCHC are governed by the Board of Directors
7.4 Management Responsibility
7.5 Diversity & Inclusion
These services are available to everyone who needs them