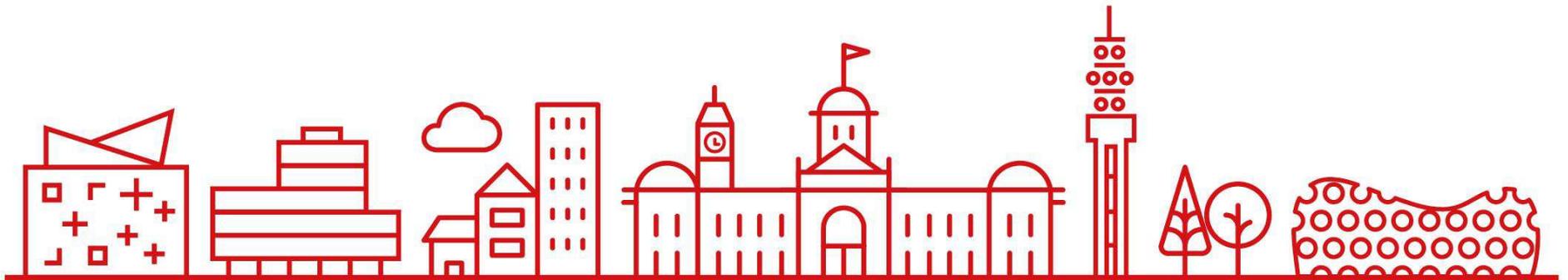


Homelessness Prevention: Social Care and Health Response

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Update to Overview and Scrutiny Committee

- Activity being undertaken to implement the priorities within the Homelessness Prevention Strategy.
- Set out the work being undertaken by Adult Social Care and Health and BSol CCG to specifically address the health implications of homelessness.

Impacts

- Health and well being of vulnerable families particularly children.
- Life expectancy: homeless people die on average 30 years earlier than the general population.
- 50% of people sleeping rough have mental health support needs.
- Vulnerable adults above and below thresholds of care with tri-morbidity of presenting needs (mental health, substance misuse and physical health).
- Health risks to people who become homeless after leaving institutional settings such as hospital, recovery or care.
- Increased presentations at GP surgeries and A&E by people with precarious housing circumstances.
- Extreme challenges of homelessness - safeguarding, self neglect, modern day slavery.

Our Ask

- Commitment to collaborate to prevent and relieve homelessness and consideration of what collaboration looks like at a strategic and operational level.
- Integrated or joint commissioning, with the alignment of resources between the local authority and health partners as a minimum starting point.
- Commitment to make organisational changes and contribution towards the development of clear pathways of prevention for the cohorts of population that are most likely to be at risk of homelessness (e.g. people leaving institutional settings).

Our Vision

We cannot fix a national housing crisis alone. What we can do is deploy our collective assets and capacities in a different way:

Putting prevention first and stopping people being made homeless in the first place.

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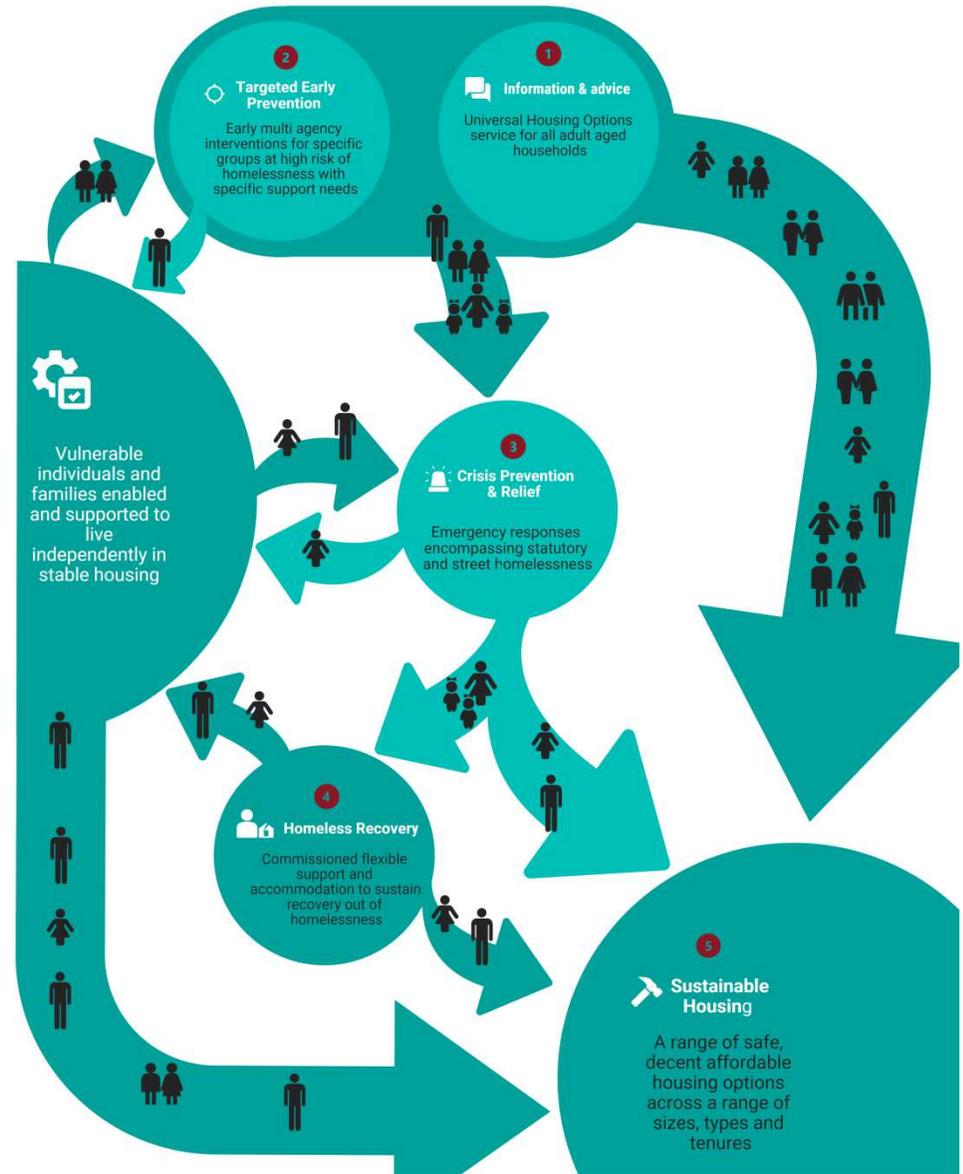


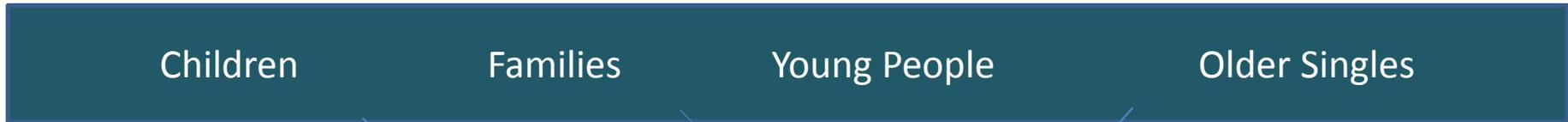
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Our Approach

- Whole system, collaborative approach based on:-
 - Best practice – Positive Pathway model for tackling youth homelessness in city
 - Integrated service provision –
 - Based on adopting this model will enable consistent approach across the life course
- Implementing this will require radical changes needed to shift responses from crisis to:-
 - preventing crises
 - Inclusive for all affected groups and households and circumstances





Mainstream Strategies, Services, Systems, Supply

Education, Health, Skills, Employment, Housing, Information and Advice, Support, Social Care, Community, Welfare Benefits, Transport, Protection and Justice

Our Assets

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- Vision for Social Care and Health: includes the prevention of homelessness through the provision of good quality housing and housing support.
- Co design work led by CCG on the universal services element of the positive pathway.
- Input from the BSMHT at an operational level within the multi agency activity in relation to street intervention team support.
- Health Exchange.
- Dialogue commenced in relation to the alignment of existing resources across both health and social care to help address some of the immediate pressures facing the City.
- Strengths in partnership and experience of wider partner agencies.
- 1,759 commissioned bed spaces in supported housing assisting around 2,600 vulnerable adults, families and young people aged 16 – 25 each year.

Our Assets

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- Established youth housing pathways service providing a range of prevention, accommodation and support accessed by over 3228 young people. 91% prevented from becoming homeless (2017-2018).
- A strong multi agency Homelessness Partnership Board driving the Homelessness Prevention Strategy.
- Housing First – Birmingham is the accountable body for the £9.6m WMCA pilot.
- Learning from local best practice models.
- Strong linkages with the Regional Homelessness Taskforce.
- Voluntary commitment to collaborate to prevent and relieve homelessness by BSHP and Housing Birmingham Partnership.

Activity

- Co - design with partners and citizens with lived experience.
- Development of a vulnerable adults and housing vision for adult social care and health.
- Influencing the Long Term Plan for the NHS to include a response to homelessness and rough sleeping.
- Dialogue with Government departments MHCLG , DHSC and DWP to inform and influence an integrated response.
- Dialogue with City Board and Birmingham Independent Improvement Panel.
- Pathway excellence modelling.
- Quality Standards for Supported Housing to include exempt accommodation.

Activity

- Commissioning of £16m vulnerable adults and housing support.
- Housing First Pilot delivery includes provision of health interventions.
- Rough Sleeper Initiative includes provision of mental health and substance misuse support.
- Redesign of street outreach services.
- Work between Adult Social Care, Children's Trust, Mental Health Trust and the CCG to bring in resources and expertise to address the tri-morbidity of presenting health needs for vulnerable adults.
- Domestic Abuse Prevention Strategy Action Plan.

Questions

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