

HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION AND ROUGH SLEEPER STRATEGY

2024 – 2029

DELIVERY PLAN



The Homelessness Prevention and Rough Sleeper Strategy Delivery Plan is a collective plan to tackle homelessness with partners that will be equally responsible for its delivery.

The focus, as part of the Newark and Sherwood Homelessness and Rough Sleeper Strategy 2024-29 has been designed as a result of the Homelessness Review 2023, with feedback from the participants and organisations that took part in the homelessness review consultation and the launch and workshop of the strategy in March 2024.

The following objectives, tasks and actions will be prioritised. We will report to the Mid Nottinghamshire Joint Homeless Prevention Strategic Group and the Newark and Sherwood District Council Policy and Performance Improvement Committee.

Objective 1 - Early intervention through effective partnership working, with a particular focus on those becoming homeless from a private rented sector tenancy, friends, and family no longer able to accommodate or as a result of domestic abuse.		
Task - Prevent as many residents as possible from becoming homeless from the privately rented sector		
Action	Lead and partners	Status
Prioritise training and development of key NSDC employees in line with current legislation - Review training needs annually and participate in regular development sessions for ongoing training	Senior Housing Options Officer	
1.Explore free legal advice to help those that are being served section 21 notice. 2.Referral pathway to the law centre to be developed and rolled out to teams.	1. Homelessness Strategy Officer and Nottingham Law Centre. 2. Senior Housing Options Officer	

Build a private sector offer that is safe, secure and attractive by reviewing the current PRS and developing joint-working relationships with local landlords. Including incentives available to secure offers of accommodation for our applicants.	Senior Housing Option Officer Landlord Liaison Officers	
Task - understand the reasons that friends, and family can no longer accommodate and find solutions, such as mediation or incentives to continue to accommodate.		
Action	Lead and partners	Status
Progress system change to ensure reasonable notice is given by friends and family before making an individual homeless (guidelines state 28 days' notice is reasonable)	Senior Housing Options Officer	
Agree a process and policy to utilise the internal mediation facility within housing (9 x trained officers)	Assistant Business Manager – Housing and Estates Management	
Gain greater understanding on the reasons that friends, and family can no longer accommodate and what could incentivise a stay in accommodation.	Senior Housing Options Officer	
Task - consider and tackle the rise in single homelessness and the complexities that can make it harder for services to prevent homelessness.		
Action	Lead and partners	Status
Influence or increase the housing options available for single people and couples. Consider the demand for one bed, the level of support required and access to commissioned and non-commissioned beds in the area.	Homelessness Strategy Officer	
Implement any changes to policies, procedures and practices as identified by the MEAM project – encourage and support others to do the same.	MEAM Network – Nottinghamshire Homelessness Strategy Officer Senior Housing Options Officer	
Wider strategic team support to increase capacity as we see more legislation, national, regional, and local policy changes and a greater level of need.	Business Manager – Housing, Health and Wellbeing	
Prioritise appropriate Institutionalised release/discharge for homelessness/SMD	Homelessness Strategy Officer (Development)	
1. Hospital discharge mapping	Senior Housing Options Officer	

2. Support the development of and implement the prison release protocol when launched.	(local implementation)	
Ministerial Recommendations for Safeguarding Adults Board: 1. Governance structure, accountability and system-wide change. 2. Named board member for rough sleeping. 3. Strategic plans, annual reports and procedures. 4. Safeguarding Adult Reviews.	Director of Housing	
Identify opportunities to improve the Duty to Refer process and encourage partners to implement changes. Ensuring partners such as Police, NHS, Charities etc have sufficient training around early intervention and signposting pathways at first contact.	RSI leads and steering group.	
Task – Contribute to enhancing services for those at risk of or fleeing domestic abuse (in line with the Domestic Abuse Act 2021)		
Contribute to the Domestic Abuse Housing Alliance (DAHA) accreditation.	DA Coordinator	
Accept Equations offer to provide a ‘drop in’ service for male and LGBTQ+ survivors of DA seeking housing.	Senior Housing Options Officer	
Support DA survivors with their choice of area - delivery through DAHA.	Senior Housing Options Officer	
Objective 2 - The provision of an accessible, agile, and responsive homelessness service		
Task - Provide or enable a high-quality service (this relates to the whole system) that customers are satisfied with and provide opportunities for customers to influence the design and delivery of services.		
Action	Lead and partners	Status
Ensure that the service is promoted and shaped by involving and listening to those with lived experience.	Senior Housing Options Officer	

Join the Andy Gale academy and share with other agencies – includes Part 6, Part 7 and PRS	Senior Housing Options Officer	
Ensure the NSDC website continues to be relevant and updated.	Senior Housing Options Officer	
Adopt a more data-driven and evidence-based approach to tackling homelessness.	Homelessness Strategy Officer – Analysis Senior Housing Options Officer - Collation	
Making services accessible to non-UK nationals (NUKN) – language barrier, understanding UK system	Homelessness Strategy Officer and Nottinghamshire Law Centre Senior Housing Options Officer	
Participate in the Youth Homelessness Forum – implement any updates or changes as a result of the Ministerial recommendations for Care leavers	Senior Housing Options Officer Senior Housing Choice Officer	
Objective 3 - Access to affordable and quality accommodation across all sectors		
Task - help as many residents as possible to move from one home to another without the need for emergency and temporary accommodation - influence where accommodation is needed, what type and that it is of good quality.		
Action	Lead and partners	Status
Implement or contribute to the responsibilities in the Supported Housing Regulatory Oversight Act.	Homelessness Strategy Officer	
Contribute to a solution to ease the silting up of supported housing move on – continue to work with providers in relation to those that are ready to move on, assess and award points, fund or assist into private rented accommodation.	Assistant Business Manager – Housing and Estates	
Task - To understand and contribute towards a robust private rented sector in Newark and Sherwood. PRS is our biggest reason for homelessness, but also our second main type of accommodation secured for homeless households after social housing.		
Action	Lead and partners	Status
Reduce the number of allocations, that have been awarded a homelessness banding moving from the Private Rented Sector or no longer able to stay with friends and family. Priority to be given to the prevention of homelessness from this type of accommodation.	Senior Housing Options Officer Senior Housing Choice Officer	

Objective 4 - Tackle rough sleeping by developing and improving pathways		
Task - No fixed abode is high but a cohort that we know little about. Proactively contact residents who are “hidden homeless”.		
Action	Lead and partners	Status
Implement learning from the Safeguarding Adults Review – Subgroup in relation to rough sleeper deaths.	Homelessness Strategy Officer SAR Subgroup – Rough Sleeper deaths	
Gain greater knowledge on where people are staying and how they secure a place to sleep which prevents rough sleeping.	Homelessness Strategy Officer	
Task - The Rough Sleeper Initiative may come to an end before the end of this strategy, create a contingency plan if RSI funding ends and there are no further rounds of funding available.		
Action	Lead and partners	Status
Work with the RSI Programme Leads and County Districts and Boroughs to continue county-wide services under the Rough Sleeping Initiative (RSI)	Homelessness Strategy Officer	
Evaluate and explore avenues of funding to continue the core services if funding is lost or ceases.	Assistant Business Manager – Housing and Estates	
Adopt/implement/engage in the Nottinghamshire Ending Rough Sleeper Plan	Homelessness Strategy Officer	
Facilitate the annual National Rough Sleeper Count	Homelessness Strategy Officer Senior Housing Options Officer	
Participate in the National Homeless Women’s Census 2024	Homelessness Strategy Officer Senior Housing Options Officer	
Participate in the Homeless Women’s Group or actions as a result.		
Continually improve, develop services and align goals by working closely with partners across Mid Notts.	Homelessness Strategy Officer	
Objective 5 - Linking health, well-being, and housing together to improve the life chances and aspirations of those affected		
Task - To ensure Psychologically Informed Environments (day to day running of services are designed to take the psychological and emotional		

needs of people with these experiences into account) and Trauma informed Care (opportunity for individuals to engage more fully in their health care, to develop a trusting relationship with their provider) are indicated in the shaping and progression of the strategy and delivery plan.		
Action	Lead and partners	Status
Launch and build the Online Skills and Training needs assessment for tenants and residents. Link with children’s services in the area for children’s projects in temporary accommodation.	Homelessness Strategy Officer (Design) Senior Housing Options Officer (Development)	
Complete and embed the learning from the RSI trauma informed approach training courses. Provide staff with reflective practice opportunities. Sign up to the countywide Trauma Informed Charter.	Public Health - countywide Senior Housing Options Officer Assistant Business Manager – Housing and Estates	
Task - Better understand the projections of core homelessness levels, the housing market needs and the anticipation that there may be a rise in homelessness in Newark and Sherwood between 2024 – 2029		
Action	Lead and partners	Status
Strengthen the links between health, housing and homelessness strategies.	Homelessness Strategy Officer Health and Wellbeing Officer Housing Strategy Officer	
Objective 6 - Delivering holistic support solutions to sustain long term tenancies and prevent homelessness and rough sleeping.		
Task - Encourage and support leaders of key organisations to do more to prioritise Homelessness and Severe Multiple Disadvantage		
Action	Lead and partners	Status
Support, monitor and engage with partners that can assist and enhance homelessness prevention.	Homelessness Strategy Officer Senior Housing Options Officer	
Build and maintain relationships with faith groups, ensuring the provision provided is supported and included within pathway plans as appropriate.	Landlord Liaison Officer	

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