Oxfordshire Homelessness Prevention Trailblazer Programme

Aims of the programme
- An opportunity to develop improved multi-agency homelessness prevention across the county
- Funding to address identified unmet needs & make lasting improvements to multi-agency co-operation
- Develop innovative plans and approaches ahead of the new homeless prevention duty

What the programme is seeking to achieve
- Reductions in homeless approaches to Councils & others focusing on non-statutory/ non-priority clients
- Improved options and advice to vulnerable clients, as far ahead of any crisis points as possible
- Holistic approaches to homelessness from all relevant services dealing with vulnerable customers
- Understanding peoples journeys and triggers, to fully inform upstream prevention, and what prevention services are needed, and which approaches work best

How this will be delivered
- This is expected to be a dynamic & learning project, based around three main work streams, impacting on operational delivery at local level, and Countywide strategic change

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Project Development & Oversight

- ➢ System Change
- ➢ Project Management
- ➢ Enabling/ Commissioning

- ➢ Data Capture & Analysis
- ➢ Multi-agency information sharing
- ➢ Research

- ➢ Project costs, travel, communications
- ➢ Service user involvement
- ➢ Steering group of stakeholders

Operational Delivery

Strategic Change

Targeted Upstream Prevention

- ➢ Local outreach workers across all Oxon district council areas delivering enhanced prevention
- ➢ Actively seeking out those who may be/ become at risk
- ➢ Finding out more about triggers for homelessness, e.g. evictions, family breakdown
- ➢ Find out where people seek help and 'target' - health/ prisons or elsewhere?

Resilience Services

- ➢ Commissioned 'hub' services including a range of offers
- ➢ Personal asset based mentoring to give longer term resilience to homelessness triggers
- ➢ Social Networking
- ➢ Financial Resilience
- ➢ Employability & Purpose
- ➢ Behavioural change

Homeless Champions Network

- ➢ Added value from co-operation across key services esp health and criminal justice
- ➢ Homeless liaison to support key partner agencies in case assessments and discharge planning
- ➢ Legacy of a trained network of homeless champions, supported by housing teams
- ➢ Strategic Discharge Policy

District Level Services

Countywide Work

Active Learning and Sharing Good Practice

- ➢ On-going evaluation of outcomes & learning
- ➢ Testing and evaluating approaches & V4M
- ➢ Outcome based commissioned services

- ➢ Flexibility & contingency to address emerging service 'gaps'
- ➢ Shared learning to inform national best practice
- ➢ Improved & informed action planning & future commissioning

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Who this programme is expected to target
- Non-statutory singles – with an initial focus on persons 18 to 35 years old and vulnerable
- Targeted households identified as at risk of homelessness (whole household or/and members within it)
- Other groups identified following evaluation and data collection throughout the project

Key partners in the programme include:
- Local Authority Housing Needs/ Homeless Teams from the five Oxfordshire District Councils
- Health (Mental Health Partnership (inc acute services & pathway; A&E; Hospital Trusts; OCCG; GPs;)
- Social Care (Adult Care; Early Intervention/ Troubled Families; Safeguarding; Leaving Care teams)
- Criminal Justice (CRC; Probation; Prisons; ASB/ Community Safety teams; Domestic Abuse work)
- Day centres, employment, training and education organisations, substance misuse services, housing associations and less conventional services where people may first seek help (community groups, etc.)