Health Improvement Board

28 November 2013

Performance Report – Appendix 1

Gold Standard for Homelessness 10 Challenges

- 1. To adopt a corporate commitment to prevent homelessness which has buy in across all local authority services
- 2. To actively work in partnership with voluntary sector and other local partners to address support, education, employment and training needs
- 3. Offer a housing options prevention service, including written advice to all clients
- 4. To adopt a No Second Night Out model or an effective local alternative
- 5. To have housing pathways agreed or in development with each key partner and client group that include appropriate accommodation and support
- 6. To develop a suitable private rented sector offer for all client groups, including advice and support to both client and landlord
- 7. To actively engage in preventing mortgage repossessions including through the Mortgage Rescue Scheme
- 8. To have a homelessness strategy which sets out a proactive approach to preventing homelessness, reviewed annually to be responsive to emerging needs
- 9. To not place any young person aged 16 or 17 in Bed and Breakfast accommodation
- 10. To not place any families in Bed and Breakfast accommodation unless in an emergency and for no longer than 6 weeks