

Rough Sleeper Grant 2018 Derby City Proposal

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Descriptions of the key initiatives

- Rough Sleeper Coordinator – will provide coordination and management of the other initiatives in this proposal. Will have responsibility for ensuring the aims and targets of this proposal are met. Will have responsibility for all reporting and monitoring of initiatives to the Strategic Homeless Board and MHCLG. Will manage and coordinate the Inreach and Outreach workers through a co-located team.
- 4 x FTE Outreach Provision – Outreach workers will try to engage with existing rough sleepers or attempt to upstream through initiatives such as prison outreach to engage and support individuals likely to become homeless. Activity will principally be in accordance with Relief Duties. The team will be closely linked with our existing NSNO service and future Safe Spaces project to provide intense wrap-around support.
- 5 x FTE Inreach Provision – Inreach workers will seek to support former rough sleepers to maintain tenancies and move on into independence. Support will enhance existing provision (supported accommodation in Derby is funded only by enhanced housing benefit) to meet complex needs. Many of the clients will be those who have been supported into accommodation by the Inreach team. Other proactive, upstreaming work will be undertaken to identify other former rough sleepers whose tenancies may be at risk or who may benefit from health or life skills support to move towards independence.
- Nightshelter – The Derby City Churches Nightshelter run by Derby City Mission currently operates between 1st December and 1st April around a collection of churches in the city centre supported by over 400 volunteers. This initiative will see the nightshelter open from 1st October.
- Dreams & Aspirations Fund – Personal budgets for the provision of small grants to individuals that have taken positive steps into engagement to help them achieve realistic dreams and aspirations based on taking an asset based approach to their recovery and/or stabilisation.

Geographic area to be covered - *If the proposal includes interventions that cross local authority boundaries indicate which these are and the areas covered.*

Rough sleeper services in Derby attract people from across Derbyshire and surrounding areas due to a lack of services elsewhere. Derby Homes holds partnership working groups with these authorities. Additionally Derby does not restrict access to these services from people arriving from other authorities although does attempt relocation where possible and appropriate.

Partners supporting the proposal - *Identify partners involved and their role. This may include multi-agency partners who will oversee implementation, or who will directly contribute interventions (e.g. health provider, police), and service delivery partners (e.g. outreach/support/accommodation providers)*

Reporting and oversight will be given to the Derbyshire Strategic Homeless Board consisting of key statutory agencies:

Derby Homes
Derby City Strategic Housing
Derby City Public Health
Derbyshire Police & Crime Commissioner
Probation
Health
Social Care

Delivery will be given through a consortium of local providers of accommodation and support with management and accountability rested with Derby City Council, delegated to Derby Homes.

Derby City's Safe Spaces project, due to launch in September 2018, will provide additional clinical support to individuals rough sleeping including mental health, physical health and wellbeing, and support with substance misuse. Opportunities for co-location will be sought through the tendering process.

Strategic Fit and Sustainability

- *Describe how these interventions contribute to your local homelessness strategy, and existing activity to prevent and reduce single homelessness and rough sleeping.*
- *Set out your plans for sustainability once funding ends*
- *Please outline any additional funding or resources (including an estimate of their financial value) that you and/or your partners will bring to the intervention.*

In June 2017 Derby City refreshed its Homeless Strategy Action Plan adopting themes along a pathway model. The pathway model provides strategic alignment and support for tackling rough sleeping by addressing barriers at various stages which a person may come into contact with services. The action plan contains a number of actions directly addressing rough sleeping. The action plan also includes

a key action around using the voice of former rough sleepers, through a reference group called Voices 4 Action, to shape services.

Additionally, significant work has also been undertaken in Derby over the past 12 months through the Proactive Engagement & Enforcement Partnership (PEEP) which offers further strategic support and alignment. This partnership, consisting of Police, Health, Public Health, NSNO, Housing Options and supported accommodation providers, seeks to engage entrenched rough sleepers through support, accommodation and enforcement.

Furthermore a partnership of Derby Homes, Derby City Public Health and The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) have recently been developing a 'Safe Spaces' initiative. This will provide a safe space for rough sleepers in or near Derby City Centre and provide a personalised programme of support including mental health services, nursing and substance misuse. The project is valued at £240,000 per annum.

All grant funds received by Derby City including the flexible homeless support grant, prevention grant and new burdens funding have been transferred in full to direct delivery of a range of initiatives to tackle homelessness, support our housing pathway and reinvigorate our access to private sector accommodation.

With regard to sustainability it is hoped that a period of sustained intervention will help reduce rough sleeping and that the Safe Spaces Project (currently being put out to tender) will be sufficient to manage demand in future years.

Count estimate without the intervention(s) proposed - *What is your best estimate of 2018 count figures in the absence of the interventions proposed for this funding? Note that the national trend would suggest a 15% increase from your 2017 number but you may have information about needs, issues or interventions you have in place that would lead you to a different estimate for your area).*

We believe the 15% increase to be a reasonable assumption. The 2017 count was 37. A 15% increase would give an estimate of 43 (rounded up from 42.55).

Count estimate with Intervention - *What is your best estimate of 2018 count figures with these interventions in place? Please include any information about assumptions or levels of certainty of this estimate*

We believe we can achieve the governments aim of halving rough sleeping from its projected figure and achieving a figure of 21. This is based on our knowledge of our current cohort, the availability of supported accommodation across the City and of what we hope the support elements of this proposal might achieve in engaging and supporting clients.