

Tameside Homelessness Prevention Strategy 2013 -18

First Year Action Plan 2014 -15

Key Theme 1: Early Intervention and Prevention				
Objective	Outputs/Outcomes	Resources	Date	Lead
To promote shared responsibility for preventing homelessness across all council departments	Improved knowledge of the key issues and the services available to tackle homelessness	Tameside Strategic partnership	December 2014	Assistant Executive Director Cabinet Deputy
Implement the pre-eviction protocol across all Registered Providers	Effective operation of referral pathway and a 18% increase in referrals to Debt Advice from Registered Providers. 157 Referrals in 2013/14	Debt Advice Service Tameside Housing Advice	July 2014	Senior Housing Strategy Officer Senior Debt Advisor THA Manager
To increase the level of overall awareness regarding the relationship between domestic abuse and homelessness and the preventative options available to tackle the issue	Deliver 2 publicity campaigns designed to promote a greater awareness of the role domestic abuse has in causing homelessness	Housing Strategy Officer TMBC Neighbourhood Services Tameside Housing Advice Bridges	February 2015	Senior Housing Strategy Officer Bridges Neighbourhood Services
Undertake a Gold Standard Peer Review in co-operation with two neighbouring local authorities.	Diagnostic Peer Review completed identifying areas of good practice and weaknesses Continuous Improvement Plan developed Application for Bronze/Silver/	Housing Officer time – Tameside, Stockport and Manchester AGMA Homelessness Prevention Co-ordinator	August 2014	Poverty and Prevention Manager Senior Housing Strategy Officer

	Gold Standard made to the NPSS			
Key Theme 2: Accommodation and Access				
Objective	Outputs/Outcomes	Resources	Date	Lead
To increase the use of the private rented sector for homelessness prevention cases, as a means to discharge the housing duty and as a move on option from supported housing.	Increase by 10% over the year the number of homelessness preventions achieved through access to a private rented tenancy	Homelessness Prevention fund TSIL Scheme	March 2015	Tameside Housing Advice Manager
	Achieve 150 successful move-on's into the private rented sector. Baseline from 2013 /14 is 110	Supporting People	March 2015	Supported housing providers
	Approach large letting agencies to gauge interest in developing a shared tenancy model	Officer time	October 2014	Tameside Housing Advice Manager
	Develop written policy outlining how the Council intend to use the private rented sector in discharging their section 193 housing duties into the private rented sector	Officer time	October 2014	Senior Housing Strategy Officer
To fully implement the No Second Night Out (NSNO) model in Tameside	Access to an emergency space(s) suitable for both male and female clients who fit the NSNO criteria.	Supported housing providers Housing Strategy	October 2014	Foundation Threshold

To fulfil the Gold Standard Challenges in relation to the use of bed and breakfast accommodation	To not place any young person aged 16 or 17 in Bed and Breakfast accommodation	Children's Area Social Work Teams Through-care team Tameside Housing Advice	April 2015	Service Manager, Children's Social Work
	To not place any families in Bed and Breakfast accommodation unless in an emergency and for no longer than 6 weeks	Tameside Housing Advice		THA Manager

Key Theme 3: Positive Move-on and Sustainability

Objective	Outputs/Outcomes	Resources	Date	Lead
To ensure that debt is not a barrier to households being resettled and that pathways into our existing services are clear and easy to access.	Achieve 450 referrals from registered providers to the Minted project for customers requiring money advice.	Minted Project RSL Forum	April 2015	Manager – Minted Project Registered Providers
To develop pathways into employment and vocational training through the provision of volunteering opportunities increase the numbers of people engaged with our services who take up volunteering opportunities.	Establish baseline for numbers of people currently pursuing structured volunteering opportunities. Increase by 10% the number of people taking up volunteering opportunities	Neighbourhood Services Great Lives CVAT/Volunteer Centre	April 2015	Senior Housing Strategy Officer Head of Customer Care & Advocacy Great Lives (Threshold)
To strengthen the partnership the local homelessness sector has with Jobcentre Plus and the other Work Programme providers	Key support staff to receive briefings from Jobcentre Plus on the claimant commitment and other key welfare reforms.	Job Coaches (Jobcentre Plus) Tameside Welfare Rights	November 2014	Partnership Manager – Jobcentre Plus

	Establish a specialist jobclub linked to the Great Lives Service	Great Lives		Co-ordinator – Great Lives
Increase our understanding of the barriers to successful transition to independence faced by young members of the LGBT community.	Make contact with the Albert Kennedy Trust via Threshold to explore the issue and make recommendations.	Officer Time Threshold Albert Kennedy Trust	October 2014	Senior Housing Strategy Officer
Key Theme 4: Improving Health and Wellbeing				
Objective	Outputs/Outcomes	Resources	Date	Lead
To increase awareness amongst health practitioners of the range of homelessness prevention interventions available and their access routes into them.	Develop a marketing strategy targeted at local GP'S to raise the profile of homelessness prevention and increase awareness of how services work.	Officer Time	Dec 2014	Senior Housing Strategy Officer Public Health Working Group
To re-launch a revised Hospital Discharge protocol and identify other strategic objectives that can be linked to the protocol	Prepare report and present at the Health and Wellbeing Implementation Group	Officer time Hospital Discharge Workers Protocol Steering Group	July 2015	Senior Housing Strategy Officer