

Published Local Authority Rough Sleeping Delivery Plan

Local Authority:	North West Leicestershire District Council
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Total NSAP Funding Allocated (short-term immediate move on)	£ 329,943 allocated to Leicestershire and Rutland although only £25,617 Cold Weather funding not ring fenced to specific authorities
Total RSI Funding Allocated	£ 344,591 between Blaby DC, Charnwood BC, Harborough DC, Hinckley and Bosworth BC, Melton BC, North West Leicestershire DC, Oadby and Wigston BC, Rutland CC.
Total Cold Weather Funding Allocated	£ 6,400
Total RSAP Funding Allocated (long-term capital and/or revenue for homes)	£ 0
Total Rough Sleeping Funding Allocated 2020/21	£ 376,608 (£6,400 not jointly awarded)

Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy

What is your local area target for reducing rough sleeping during this year, and subsequent years?
NWLDC sustains incredibly low levels of rough sleeping within the district with no long term cases and very few reports throughout the year. Our target is to maintain these levels and to be in a position to respond effectively to incidences when they occur
Do you have a published Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy? If so, please provide a link
yes https://www.nwleics.gov.uk/files/documents/homeless_prevention_and_rough_sleeping_strategy_2019_2024/FINAL%20Homelessness%20Strategy%20web.docx.pdf

Key Objectives

End rough sleeping

What is the overall plan for ending rough sleeping in your local authority?

Please provide a brief strategic overview of your ambitions for achieving a reduction in rough sleeping in your local authority and demonstrate how the NSAP work links to this.

This may include, but is not limited to:

- *Plans for continued delivery of other rough sleeping programmes (e.g. RSI, Housing First etc.),*
- *Specific measures to target key vulnerable groups (care leavers, young people, those with substance misuse problems).*
- *Efforts to combat flow to the streets*
- *The issue of wider rough sleeping in your area*

As explained above rough sleeping is low within the district and so the ambition is to maintain this low level and ensure that resources are in place to respond effectively and rapidly when people do find themselves on the street

Entrenched Rough Sleeping Cohort (Target Priority Group/Target Thousand Group)

How do you plan to move your long-term and repeat rough sleepers into sustainable accommodation with support?

We are in the fortunate position to not have any current cases within this cohort. However we are aware that we can only maintain this situation with adequate specialist resources available and so we continue to support our colleagues and neighbouring districts to develop, maintain and enhance sub-regional resources to meet need where it arises.

Shorter-term/Interim Accommodation & Immediate Support Plan

How do you plan to move people currently in Emergency Accommodation into longer term provision to prevent a return to rough sleeping?

we do not currently have any cases in emergency accommodation under the Everybody In initiative

Longer-term Move-on Accommodation Plan

How do you plan to deliver and design longer term accommodation and support options to tackle rough sleeping?

We are the lead authority in the RSI partnership and the project is funding specialist workers within the social lettings agency CBC lettings whose role is to identify and facilitate accommodation for rough sleepers who are excluded from the housing register through the private rented sector and direct lettings of social housing units.

Winter Planning

What are the current winter plans for your local authority?

This may include

- *How you will bring forward Covid secure accommodation this winter and what is the possible role of night shelters in your plans?*
- *How do you plan to utilise your Cold Weather Fund Allocation (if applicable)?*

We are in discussions with partner agencies to identify whether any accommodation could be provided that is Covid secure although existing provision will not be available this year. In reality there is likely to be a greater reliance on hotel style accommodation this year.

As a result we are looking at opportunities to enhance our outreach and engagement offer to allow intensive support to those on the street and an opportunity for an outreach service that can directly book short term B&B placements whilst the client is encouraged to engage with the LA and exercise their HRA rights.

Protecting and improving the health of people sleeping rough

The health-led response for people experiencing rough sleeping during the COVID-19 pandemic has seen unprecedented levels of new and multi-disciplinary working between health care, local government (public health, social care and housing), and homelessness service providers, including the voluntary and community sector. We want to ensure that this continues and that the health and care needs of your population are central in your plans for additional provision.

As part of your delivery plans you will want to consider the need for alternatives to hospital care for people with health and care needs who are rough sleeping, especially those who are considered clinically vulnerable.

Please describe how will you use this funding to ensure the health and care needs of people experiencing rough sleeping (including physical and mental ill-health, drug and alcohol needs) and are understood and met?

This may include

- *Proactive clinical and/or social care assessments to understand vulnerability to serious illness from Covid-19, and to inform housing, care and support decisions*
- *(Alongside accommodation) health, care and support*
 - *To enable people to protect themselves from Covid-19 (including those who are clinically vulnerable/clinically extremely vulnerable), wherever they are currently living eg, in emergency accommodation*

- *For individuals who are symptomatic/test positive for Covid-19 and/or are recovering from Covid-19 (Covid-Care)*
- *To enable individuals to be safely discharged from hospital, provide continuity of care and safeguard (eg, specialist discharge co-ordination, 'step-down'/'intermediate care', 'patient in-reach housing support/social work' or 'out-reach' health care professionals etc)*
- *To prevent inappropriate attendance/admission to hospital ('step up'/'intermediate care' or other community based model eg, social care/primary care in emergency or other temporary accommodation)*
- *To otherwise improve outcomes for individuals whilst reducing pressures on NHS services during winter/the pandemic*

On the back of the original "everyone in" initiative we have improved communication with our public health colleagues and are currently in discussions around enhancing our health offer to rough sleepers and the vulnerably housed. We are currently planning a health needs audit to gain a strategic understanding of the needs gap.

The current Rapid Rehousing Pathway has supported a number of clients to take more pro-active control of their health outcomes. A number of residents of Mill House have reduced their drug and alcohol intake and begun to engage with services. A number have explored rehab options. The provision also provides stability to allow residents to begin engaging with their GPs to address other issues such as Mental Health.

We are currently discussing with Public Health how to maximise our impact on health outcomes as we develop our plans for the winter.

One barrier we have identified to accessing health services is homeless clients having no charge on their phone when receiving telephone consultations from GPs etc. and we are exploring the possibility of purchasing power banks with some of the funding

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