



Although a formal committee of Brighton & Hove City Council, the Health & Wellbeing Board has a remit which includes matters relating to the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), the Local Safeguarding Board for Children and Adults and Healthwatch.

Title:	Additional Targeted Funding to Reduce Rough Sleeping	
Date of Meeting:	10 th July 2018	
Report of:	Executive Director, Health & Adult Social Care	
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Wards Affected:	All	

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Executive Summary

This paper is to inform the Health and Wellbeing Board about the new funding award from the MHCLG and seek authorisation to develop services in line with the proposal with the aim to reduce the number of people rough sleeping in the city by winter 2018/9.

Glossary of Terms

MHCLG Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
 HWBB Health & Wellbeing Board
 H&ASC Health & Adult Social Care

1. Decisions, recommendations and any options

It is recommended that the HWBB grants delegated authority to the Executive Director for Health and Adult Social Care to:

- 1.1 procure and award contracts in accordance with the requirements of the funding allocation from MHCLG for the provision of services for rough sleepers;
- 1.2 vary the terms of existing contracts for the provision of rough sleeper services where permitted to give effect to the terms of the funding allocation from MHCLG for the provision of services for rough sleepers;
- 1.3 to procure and award a contract for the provision of and management of a Rough Sleepers Hub and subject to satisfactory performance and available funds to agree extensions of that contract;
- 1.4 to take all steps necessary to establish and manage a night shelter over the winter of 2018/9 with funding from the H&ASC Commissioning Budget.

2. Relevant information

- 2.1 Health and Adult Social Care commission a wide range of services. This includes the rough sleeper outreach, high, medium and low supported accommodation, psychological support, floating support, peer support, specialist mental health supported accommodation services, services for young people (night stop, family mediation, floating support targeting Young Persons in emergency accommodation, teenage parents, the foyer and supported accommodation such as Stopover, which is for high need young women), basic skills and work and learning services. There are 40 contracts and the budget is approximately £5m.
- 2.2 At the end of 2016, the team submitted 2 successful bids to the DCLG for funding to provide services for rough sleepers and entrenched rough sleepers (Social Investment Bond model). This totalled £1.3m.
- 2.3 In May 2018 Brighton & Hove City Council were approached by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government to develop a proposal to reduce rough sleeping by enhancing existing services quickly in order to make an impact by the coming winter.
- 2.4 The proposal asked for funding of £554,494.00. The final award has been confirmed of £495,107.00 for 2018/19.

- 2.5 This will fund additional outreach staff (1 post to work specifically with women), expand the psychological support service, provide 20 units of temporary accommodation, a post to support the Churches night shelter, an Occupational Therapist post and a floating support post to support people in emergency accommodation at risk of rough sleeping. Match funding from BHCC of £165,000.00 has been committed to develop a rough sleeper hub which will be a space for outreach staff to take rough sleepers to move them off the streets quickly and assess their support and accommodation needs.
- 2.6 In addition the council intends to open a winter night shelter to ensure that rough sleepers remaining on the streets have access to shelter over the winter period October 2018 to March 2019. Funds have been identified as available for this service from the H&ASC commissioning budget.
- 2.7 The rough sleeping estimate in November 2017 was 178. The outreach team worked with over 1500 people in 2017/8. The new funding aims to prevent over 300 people from rough sleeping and to move over 300 people off the streets and into some form of accommodation. The key KPI is a reduction in the 2018 rough sleeper estimate.
- 2.8 A proposal for continuation funding was submitted to the MHCLG for 2019/20 and this will be assessed in the next 3 months and the result of the application reported back to the HWBB.
- 2.9 This additional funding will reduce pressure on many of the services in the city which rough sleeper's access, improve joint working and care coordination and reduce the risk of deaths on the street.

3. Important considerations and implications

Legal:

- 3.1 The services to be provided for Rough Sleepers fall within Schedule 3 Public Procurement Regulations 2015 (PCR) and the procurement of such a contract is therefore subject to the Light Touch regime. The threshold above which Light Touch services are required to be advertised in the OJEU is £615,278.00. Sub-threshold services must be procured fairly and transparently and in accordance with council Contract Standing Orders. Contract variations must be agreed in accordance with the contract provisions and comply with the requirements of the PCR.

Lawyer consulted: Judith Fisher

Date:14.06.2018

Finance:

- 3.2 The final award from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government following the service proposal, has been confirmed as £0.495m for the financial year 2018/19.

In addition, for the financial year 2018/19 £0.165m one-off Council funding has been allocated to support rough sleeping initiatives. Further funding has also identified within the Health & Adult Social Care Commissioning budget to develop a rough sleepers hub.

The services commissioned must be within the funds available.

Finance Officer consulted: Sophie Warburton Date: 22/06/2018

Equalities:

- 3.3 This funding will make a significant difference to people who are rough sleeping in the city, and who are some of the most vulnerable members of our community. Brighton & Hove has significant numbers of women rough sleeping and a dedicated post recognises this. The Hub offers a service model where outreach staff have a safe place to take people rough sleeping in order to properly assess them and link them into appropriate services. This will contribute to reducing health inequalities.

3.4

Sustainability:

- 3.5 The funding for 2018/9 is part year and we await a decision about funding for 2019/20.

Health, social care, children's services and public health:

- 3.6 Additional resources for rough sleepers will increase the capacity in the city to address the care and support needs of many people living on the streets, helping them to access appropriate services and move them into sustainable accommodation. This is likely to have an impact on the health and well-being of rough sleepers, who die on average age 47 years for a man and 43 years for a woman.

Supporting documents and information

Appendix1: The Rough Sleeping Strategy

<https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/housing/general-housing/rough-sleeping-strategy>

Rough sleepers and Complex Needs (Crisis)

<https://www.crisis.org.uk/ending-homelessness/rough-sleeping/rough-sleepers-and-complex-needs/>



