

## Objective 1. Intervene Early to Prevent Homelessness

Priority	Action	Success Criteria	Progress	Lead Agency	Target Date
<b>1. Build on family support model and Think Family approach to prevent family breakdown</b>	Ensure that the use of CAF assessments for vulnerable young people is resulting in clear action plans to support them	Number of Common Assessment Framework assessments where housing options staff contribute increases by 100%		Housing Options/Sussex Central YMCA Susanna McLaren/Julia Harrison	March 31 <sup>st</sup> 2011
	Where appropriate housing options and floating support workers to join a Team Around a Child to ensure joined up approach between agencies in delivering support to that young person	Increase in number of housing staff from both housing management and housing strategy involved in CAF processes Increase by 75%		Housing Options/Housing Management/Sussex Central YMCA, Housing Support Service	March 31 <sup>st</sup> 2011
	Support vulnerable young families living in temporary accommodation through the Team Around the Family model	Temporary accommodation staff to attend Think Family training programme and to register families at risk with the Think Family team. Number of registrations monitored on Think Family database		Temporary Accommodation/Family Pathfinder Aaron Burns Rachel Howard	March 31 <sup>st</sup> 2011
<b>2. Strengthen links with schools and colleges</b>	Increase number of peer education sessions delivered by Sussex Central YMCA to years 10, 11 and 12 within schools and colleges	6 sessions delivered		Sussex Central YMCA Julia Harrison	
	Develop toolkit for early identification of young people at risk of homelessness developed and shared with schools and Integrated Youth Support Services staff	Decrease in presentations to Housing Options YP specialists		Housing Options/Sussex Central YMCA/YOS Susanna McLaren Julia Harrison	

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<b>3. Ensure vulnerable young people aged 16-25 can access appropriate housing advice</b>	Develop One Stop Shop service at Ovest House for young people aged 18-25 in need of Housing Advice	Decrease in number of presentations to Housing Options at Bartholomew House of 18-25 year olds		Sussex Central YMCA Julia Harrison	March 31 <sup>st</sup> 2011
	Through Frontliners ensure advice workers across the city are aware of housing advice provision for young people	Youth Homelessness page developed on Frontliners		YHWG/Susanna McLaren	March 31 <sup>st</sup> 2011
	Update the Connexions website to improve information on housing and homelessness	Number of hits on 'homelessness' section of website increase qtr by qtr		Housing Options Rachel Howard	March 31 <sup>st</sup> 2011

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<b>4. Use Every Child Matters as a framework for monitoring support given to vulnerable young people</b>	Further develop joint arrangements with Integrated Youth Support Services	Less parental evictions and sofa surfing amongst young people, as reported by IYSS		Housing Options/IYSS Susanna McLaren/Head of IYSS	End of March 2011
	Encourage the use of CAF assessment within supported housing projects, by providing CAF training to staff	Target to be set by YHWG		YHWG	End of March 2011
	Monitor internal partnerships with teenage pregnancy services and RUOK to ensure the needs of vulnerable young people are being assessed within supported housing projects and appropriate referrals made	Increase in referrals to RUOK Continuing decrease in teenage pregnancy		Supporting People/RUOK/YHWG Jo Sharpe, Anna Gianfrancesco,	End of March 2011
<b>5. Ensure that housing services and CYPT work in a joined up way to provide accommodation and support for 16 and 17 year olds who become homeless</b>	Through the joint Housing /CYPT working group agree pathway for vulnerable young people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, ensuring that legal implications of the Southwark Judgement are taken into consideration	Pathway up and running by August 2010		Housing/CYPT Rachel Howard, Andy Whippey	August 2010

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<b>6. Ensure adequate provision of accommodation and support for vulnerable young people who are homeless</b>	Capture the needs of vulnerable young people in the Supporting People Strategy Review and consultation for the new Youth Homelessness Strategy 2011/2014	All providers working with young people aged 16-25 contribute to the strategy review Service users are able to contribute also		YHWG Jo Sharpe/Rachel Howard	End of March 2011
	Explore commissioning of accommodation for vulnerable 16 and 17 year olds	Bi-monthly meetings arranged to track progress		Supporting People/CYPT Jo Sharpe Andy Whippey Richard Bewick	End of March 2011
	Look at membership of the Youth Homelessness Working Group to ensure the most appropriate people from a range of organisations are attending	Members from adult mental health and substance misuse services attend and learning disabilities		YHWG Chas Walker	
	Scope needs of BME young homeless people and contribute to BME housing strategy being written in 2011	Task and finish group set up by YHWG		YHWG	End of March 2011
	Extend LGBT Safe Space compact to all providers of accommodation for young people	Compact agreed with providers of B&B and BHCC Temporary Accommodation team		Housing Needs Aaron Burns/Lou Lowery	
	Monitor and evaluate the Teenage Parent Supported Housing pilot to ensure project funding is mainstreamed	Project secures ongoing funding		CYPT Anna-Marie Jones	End of March 2011

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	Monitor and evaluate the teenage parent life coaches and seek to mainstream funding	Life coaches are able to continue in post after March 2011		CYPT Anna Marie Jones	End of March 2011
	Through the sexual exploitation steering group ensure support for young homeless people who are at risk of sexual exploitation	New sexual exploitation post case managing up to 15 young people at risk		CYPT/ Rachel Brett	End of March 2011
	Expand peer education scheme to offer peer support to vulnerable young people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness	10 peer support sessions to have been offered in various settings – hostels, IYSS hubs, community groups		Sussex Central YMCA/Julia Harrison/Pippa Green	End of March 2011

### Objective 3. Address the underlying causes of youth homelessness

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<b>7. Ensure vulnerable young people and families receive extended housing options.</b>	Where there are overcrowding issues within social housing, offer support to young families to enter the private rented sector	Monitor take-up of PRS by young families, By calculating baseline data.		Housing Options James Crane	End of March 2011
	Through extended housing options link in vulnerable young people and families to work and learning programmes, eg Young People's Guarantee	Targets to be set		Housing Options James Crane	End of March 2011
	Increase links with community education providers and Places for Change provision	Targets to be set		Housing Options Justine Harris	End of March 2011
<b>8. Increased joint working with CYPT and 3<sup>rd</sup> sector to support vulnerable young people at risk of homelessness</b>	Youth Offending Service to identify young people from age 13 at risk of homelessness and offending, and pilot family support and mediation to prevent them becoming homeless	Pilot service to be set up by November 2010		YOS/Housing Options/Sussex Central YMCA Nigel Andain/Chas Walker	End of March 2011
	Develop toolkit for school and IYSS staff to allow early identification of YP at risk of homelessness	Increased numbers of young people at risk of homelessness being supported by IYSS and school staff		Sussex Central YMCA/IYSS Julia Harrison/Susanna McLaren	End of March 2011

## Objective 4. Prevent a new generation of rough sleepers

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<b>9. Support young people aged 16-25 who are revolving door clients</b>	Increase engagement of young people experiencing mental health problems with mental health services through TAPAS	Reduction in number of evictions from young people's hostels		YHWG	End of March 2011
	Ensure young people using substances are able to transition successfully to adult substance misuse services	Reduction in number of evictions from young people and adult hostels		RUOK/CRI Anna Gianfrancesco/Micky Richards	End of March 2011
	Inspire project to train support staff to work with vulnerable young women who are offenders	Reduction in number of young women who are offending being evicted from accommodation		YHWG/INSPIRE	End of March 2011
<b>10. Ensure care leavers are able to secure stable accommodation at age 19</b>	Review and monitor joint protocol for care leavers between housing services and the post 16 to ensure it remains effective	No care leaver is without secure accommodation on leaving care at 18		CYPT Post 16 team and Housing Options Dermott Anketell/Emily Ashmore/Susanna McLaren	End of March 2011
	Develop multi-agency protocol to continue to support care leavers who may face difficulties maintaining their accommodation	Reduction in number of care leavers being evicted		YHWG	End of March 2011

## Objective 5. Provide a wider range of housing options for young people

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<b>11. Increase numbers of 18-25 year olds going into private rented accommodation</b>	Build on the work of the move-on protocol in young people's supported housing to ensure young people are supported to move on into the private rented sector	Increase by 25% numbers moving into PRS from hostel accommodation. Calculate baseline data.		Supporting People Jo Sharpe	End of March 2011
	Ensure adequate floating support is available for young people aged 18-25 moving into the PRS	Decrease in homelessness due to eviction from PRS – monitored by Housing Options and Sussex Central YMCA		Supporting People Jo Sharpe	End of March 2011
<b>12. Increase numbers of homeless young people being provided accommodation through Sussex Nightstop</b>	Continue to support the recruitment and training of volunteer hosts, and ensure the organisation fits in with the SP governance framework	20 trained by end of December 2010		Sussex Nightstop Pippa Green	End of March 2011
	Attempt to make temporary placements of young homeless people into more longer term arrangements, using Housing Benefit to cover rent	5 placements to become longer term		Sussex Nightstop Pippa Green	End of March 2011
<b>13. Increase capital funding in the city to provide supported accommodation for young people</b>	Put in bid to HCA for a refurbishment or new build project in conjunction with Housing Development Manager	Bid in by August 2010		Housing Strategy Division Sarah Potter/Rachel Howard	End of March 2011