**Housing Related Support – notes of providers meeting 24 June 2020**

Please see below brief notes from this morning’s catch up call along with the draft MH briefing paper I referred to.

Covid 19 Learning Survey:

* Generally felt that the survey was clear
* No questions about content at this time
* Please can all survey be returned by 13th July at the latest
* Will share feedback when all responses have been collated

Mental Health update:

* LS thanked all those who had provided some feedback on mental health challenges and positives
* Briefing paper compiled and will be circulated today for info and to give an opportunity for everyone to check feedback has been correctly interpreted
* **Would be good to have any suggested changes by tomorrow – Thursday 25th** if possible so we can get this circulated to Housing Board and CCG to support conversation that are already happening
* A meeting was held with CCG last week. It was a good o[opportunity to discuss issues and barriers and also positives – following this discussion a small ‘task and finish group’ will be looking at whether there is any possibility of additional short term resources to assist with current increased demand

HRS Review:

* Internal HRS Governance Board is back up and running
* Hoping to be able to circulate Draft HRS Commissioning Strategy soon
* Comment and queries received in relation to initial draft of arc4 report have been fed back – hoping to have a final version by the end of June

*CCC:*

* Papers are going to Adults and Children & Young Persons Committees in July to seek approval for a for a 9 month extensions for services for homeless adults and young people
* If approved new contract end date will be 31.12.21 and new contracts would commence 01.01.22
* Initial timetable discussions with Procurement suggest that we would be looking to go out to tender April / May 21
* Prior to tender there will be opportunities for market engagement, consultation, and feedback
* Also looking to engage with client where possible, including opportunities for some to be involved in developing and evaluating a couple of questions as part of the tenders

*PCC:*

* Conversations happening internally about plan for PCC services
* Supportive of moving away from 1 year grants and adopting longer term contracts, but agreement would still need to be sought for this change

Test & Trace:

* LS circulated local guide for CC/PCC
* Generally people have found guide to be clear
* Joe Keegan highlighted that the guide circulated was the general public guide, and that Val Thomas (Public Health) is also working on a process for excluded groups such as rough sleepers and those who are homeless

Service Provider Updates:

* All providers are trying to ensure they balance lockdown easing measures with very clear messages to clients that Covid 19 is still very much out there and that distancing etc needs to be maintained.
* All services are continuing to enforce the ‘no visitors rule’ at present.
* City Council have undertaken a ‘move-on audit’ across adult homeless services
* Longhurst – PCC service busy moving people out of hostels  so they can free up spaces for those in the temporary Covid hotel accommodation. Cambs Foyers are doing fine. People moving onm from services and new residents moving in.
* Riverside – Minimal voids. Little movement at present but do have a number of people ready to move-on. Moving out of lockdown cautiously – don’t want to give residents the impression that it’s “all over”.
* Cyrenians – 1 x void. Move-on happening again. Moves planned for a few other people as well. Again trying to ensure consistent message for residents.
* YMCA – 1 x void being filled this week. Are keeping a couple of self-contained flats free in case they need them for Covid cases. Have had a number of move-ons already and more are ready to move-on as well.
* Ferry Project – Have started accommodating those who were placed in Peterborough temp accom by FDC. Moving people on to their dispersed properties as well and have started offering units of teenage parent accommodation as well.
* CGL – Wisbech & Cambridge outreach are still going out and finding rough sleepers. New rough sleepers still being found in Cambridge but Wisbech generally the same people. Been ensuring everyone has a resettlement officer. Now shifting focus to moving people on from Covid accom.
* P3 – referrals flying in, including for some for those offered move-on from the temp Covid  hotel accommodation. Also getting referrals for their RS Outreach service in South, East & Hunts. Are supported the teenage parents who have moved in to ferry accommodation.
* Jimmy’s – lot of internal movement in to shared houses and also the new modular homes. Also still involved with the support in the temporary Covid hotels.
* Whitworth - moved a couple of people on and have moved a few new ones in. Anticipating some staff will also return when shielding ends in August. Planning best way to support these staff.
* Futures HA - Peterborough and March sites all ok. Intending for staff to be back on site in offices in the next 3 weeks. Are interviewing and taking customers in from next week.

A.O.B

Jimmy’s have a vacancy at the drinker’s project. Andy King to liaise with Mark directly about this.

Please don’t hesitate to contact me if you have any queries or want to discuss anything.

Best wishes

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