**Sub-regional Homeless Leads**

**Strategic Group**

**Objectives and Actions for 2025**

The objectives of the Sub-Regional (Cambridgeshire, Peterborough and West Suffolk) Homeless Leads group are to:

* Jointly engage with other services to improve working practices affecting homelessness and the prevention of homelessness.
* Identify key and emerging issues linked to Homelessness/Housing Advice.
* Monitor and provide input into linked groups and action plans such as Health and Wellbeing and Domestic Abuse strategies.
* Explore opportunities for joint working across the sub-region, developing opportunities for improving existing services.
* Share good practice.

It is recognised that each of the councils has their own housing market and area specific challenges. However, there are also issues faced by all authorities where joint work can lead to the sharing of good practice, a strength in approach and economies of scale.

The Sub-Regional Homeless Leads have identified the following shared actions that fit within the five over-arching objectives of the group.

**Objective One:**

* **Jointly engage with other services to improve working practices affecting homelessness and the prevention of homelessness.**

**Shared Actions:**

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| Develop and maintain partnership pathways for partners to refer clients at risk of homelessness, including: | |
| **Pathway** | **Comments** |
| Criminal Justice Work | Pathway in place – partnership meetings quarterly |
| Drugs and Alcohol Board | Pathway in place – partnership meetings quarterly |
| Mental Health, Substance Misue and Hoarding Protocol in place |  |
| MAPPA SMB | Quarterly meetings in place |
| TOCH (Transfer of Care Hub) | In development, linked to Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Integrated Care Strategy. Early partner discussions set up. |
| Care Leavers Protocol |  |

**Objective Two:**

* Identify key and emerging issues linked to Homelessness/Housing Advice.

**Shared Actions:**

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| Monitor Sub-Regional statistics to identify trends, issues and any differences in practice | |
| **Action** | **Comments** |
| Annual Review of HCLIC returns to monitor changes | Completed annually, discussed with Homeless Leads and shared with Housing Board |
| Regular HPA user group to ensure collection and inputting of data is consistent | HPA is the Homeless Prevention IT system used by Cambridgeshire and West Suffolk councils. |

**Objective Three:**

* **Monitor and provide input into linked groups and action plans such as Health and Wellbeing and Domestic Abuse strategies.**

**Shared Actions:**

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| Health and Wellbeing Strategy and Health JSNA | |
| **Action** | **Comments** |
| Developing an integrated system with partners to avoid delays in hospital. TOCH (Transfer of Care Hub) set up to lead the joint-working | In development, linked to Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Integrated Care Strategy. Early partner discussions set up. |
| Addressing the link between Housing, Poverty and Health | Specific Income Maximisation actions at individual Council level. |
| Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Strategy | |
| **Action** | **Comments** |
| All councils to seek DAHA accreditation or re-accreditation. | All councils accredited or working towards accreditation |
| Improved Systemwide collaboration – including Housing Advice Audits and learning from DHRs | Actions incorporated as part of DAHA accreditation |
| Systemwide Trauma informed Practice – Housing Advice Teams to offer training to staff on working in a trauma informed way. | Links to wider work on understanding trauma and working in a system-wide way. |
| Changing Futures – Cambridgeshire and Peterborough | |
| **Action** | **Comments** |
| Improve systemwide understanding and response to trauma | Trauma informed training for staff teams and attendance from Sub Regional(s) at the 4th Trauma Informed Workshop |

**Objective Four:**

* **Explore opportunities for joint working across the sub-region, developing opportunities for improving existing services**.

**Shared Actions:**

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| Housing First | |
| **Action** | **Comments** |
| Explore funding options with County colleagues to maintain delivery of the Countywide Housing First Service. | Ongoing discussion to explore funding opportunities – firmer actions to be agreed once budget settlement to Housing Advice teams and RSI funding is known. |

**Objective Five:**

* **Share good practice**

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| Specific Initiatives to be identified by each Council and shared via monthly Sub-Regional leads group |

Progress against all objectives to be monitored and updated via the monthly Sub-Regional leads group, with an annual update to Regional Housing Board.