

2009 Homelessness Conference
Enhanced Housing Options – making it work for all
Tuesday 27th October 2009
York Racecourse

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE SESSIONS –
INFORMATION REGARDING SESSION TOPICS FOLLOWS...

1. Learning from the Enhanced Housing Options trailblazers - Providing better housing options - across a county and across a large housing organisation

Andrew Burnip, Durham County Council

Julie Griffin, Harvest Housing Group

Andrew is leading the Enhanced Housing Options programme across the new unitary authority of Durham County Council. Andrew will describe their programme of work which includes worklessness initiatives, and developing a housing solutions service to address the needs of all groups across a large and varied county.

Julie works with both partner local authorities and Harvest's own housing services to develop services and approaches aimed at providing a range of workable housing options for customers across a number of local authorities.

2. Service users doing it for themselves

Tamzin Taylor-Rosser and members of the National Youth Reference Group, National Youth Homeless Scheme

The National Youth Reference Group has been developed as part of the Government's Youth Homelessness Strategy to give a voice to young homeless people to influence policy and practice across national, regional and local agencies. The group will describe the wide range of work they are doing, and will provide an insight into the many ways in which current and former service users can be involved, as well as identifying how this can help to, for example, prevent homelessness amongst young people. The session will be interactive, so delegates will leave with new insights into how they can involve service users more effectively in their own areas.

3. Making better use of the stock we have – getting access to the private rented sector, and reducing overcrowding

Nick Sedgwick, Homeless Action Team, TSA

Andrew Bebbington, Bradford MBC

Nicola White, Telford & the Wrekin

This session will provide an insight into the way that Housing Associations and local authorities have been working together on making better use of the social and private rented housing stock through co-ordination on allocations, tackling overcrowding and under-occupation, and improving access to and management of the private rented stock.

4. Enhanced housing options and approaches to meeting PSA 16 for rough sleepers and other socially excluded groups

Neil Munslow, Newcastle City Council

Gemma Shiel, Newcastle City Council

Newcastle's approach to tackling rough sleeping has been developed on the back of a broader programme of work aiming to tackle social exclusion. The session will provide an opportunity to hear about the case management system which has brought agencies together to tackle the housing needs of drug and alcohol users and offenders, as well as broader activities which will help to achieve positive outcomes for indicators under the Public Service Agreement 16.

5. (Morning Session Only)

Protocols for homelessness prevention – getting them to work

Sarah Gorton, Homeless Link

Sheila Spencer, Housing Consultant

This session will explore the learning about how to develop and implement homelessness prevention protocols from a series of case studies about hospital discharge protocols developed by Homeless Link for the Housing Learning Improvement Network as well as a number of protocols developed for prison leavers, young people, and others at local and regional levels.

5. (Afternoon Session Only)

Tackling and preventing repeat homelessness – lessons from research in Bradford

Sarah Possingham, City of Bradford MDC

Sheila Spencer, Housing Consultant

Bradford City Council commissioned Housing Quality Network to undertake a research study of repeat homelessness earlier in 2009, the first time that a study of this issue has been carried out in England. This session will provide an opportunity to hear the key learning points from the research and to discuss what actions might be applied in Bradford and elsewhere to reduce the chances of people from all groups being homeless more than once.

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The deadline date for the NHC to receive this information is no later than **Friday 16th October 2009**