

## Commissioned programmes

<b>LAA Block</b>	<b>Housing and Other</b>
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<b>Activity title</b>	To what extent does the Private Rented Sector in Oldham offer quality and choice
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<b>Activity/current impact</b>	One presentation of research findings to the Housing Board/CPU and external partners One final report to the Housing Board/ PCU and external partners
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<b>Activity title</b>	Making best use of Oldham's Housing Stock
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<b>Activity/current impact</b>	One presentation of research findings to the Housing Board/CPU and external partners One final report to the Housing Board/ PCU and external partners
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<b>Activity title</b>	Oldham Reconnect Mediation
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<b>Activity/current impact</b>	<p>The objective of the service is to deliver a homelessness mediation service for young people aged 16 to 25 yrs old by supporting young people to remain at home or return home thus avoiding homelessness.</p> <p>Other objectives include enabling a return home until a planned move can be made, or reconciling a young person with family and friends thus reducing a young person's vulnerability even if they cannot return home.</p> <p>The service will be provided for young people aged 16 to 25 years old who are threatened with homelessness as a result of parents, friends or relatives no longer being willing to accommodate them. It will also be offered to young people who are homeless and wish to rebuild links with family or friends.</p> <p>It is expected that the DePaul Trust will deliver a service that attracts referrals from, and responds effectively to, young people from all communities within Oldham.</p>
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<b>Activity title</b>	Oldham Night Stop Service
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<b>Activity/current impact</b>
<p>The objective of the service is to deliver a Night Stop service for young people aged 16 to 25 yrs old, to support young people to remain at home or return home thus avoiding homelessness.</p> <p>The service will be provided for young people aged 16 to 25 years old who are threatened with homelessness as a result of parents, friends or relatives no longer being willing to accommodate them. Additionally, for young people who are homeless and in need of emergency accommodation. All young people must go through a thorough risk &amp; needs assessment before being accepted onto the scheme.</p> <p>It is expected that DePaul Trust will deliver a service that attracts referrals from and responds effectively to young people from all communities within Oldham.</p>

<b>Activity title</b>	Oldham Bond Scheme
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<b>Activity/current impact</b>
<p>Oldham Bond Scheme is a rent deposit scheme that will help people on low income or benefits and who can't afford a deposit to access accommodation in the private rented sector. The project will provide landlords with a written guarantee on the clients behalf stating that if, at the end of the tenancy (subject to conditions), there is damage or theft for which the client is responsible, the project will reimburse the landlord up to the agreed amount. The maximum bond amount is £500 and will be valid for a period of 6 months. Bonds may be extended for a further 6 months in certain circumstances eg. If the landlord is to terminate the tenancy if the bond is not extended.</p>

<b>Activity title</b>	Step By Step Sanctuary Scheme
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<b>Activity/current impact</b>
<p>Step By Step Sanctuary Scheme provides home security measures for victims of domestic abuse. The measures will be offered as an option so that victims may stay in their own homes whilst increasing their safety and reducing their fear of crime. The range of measures available could be anything from changing the locks to a full vibration sensor alarm system with extra panic buttons. It could also include the 'safe room' option that would include replacing an internal door and providing additional mortise locks.</p>

<b>Activity title</b>	Prevention of Homelessness Forum Theatre (Oldham Theatre Workshop)
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**Activity/current impact**

600 DVD's to be produced by OTW to raise awareness on homelessness prevention, will be available for young people aged 15 and over, from schools throughout Oldham.

Advice and information for students – to discuss individual issues raised as a result of watching the performance.

**Activity title**

Emerging Communities Coordinator

**Activity/current impact**

Co-ordinator who will provide support to individuals from EU states and refugees granted leave to remain who are experiencing difficulty navigating the employment and welfare systems. The worker will develop and build upon links between agencies to support people to move smoothly through the different services. The post will also work with the Asylum Support Manager (FCHO) and Oldham Council to co-ordinate and develop the Emerging Communities Forum. The aim of this forum is to ensure the experiences and opinions of the new communities within Oldham are listened to and understood, and that these experiences and opinions influence the provision of services accordingly.

**Activity title**

Strategic Research

**Activity/current impact**

Activity strategic research and achieves the outputs detailed in the LSP Improvement Plan

**Activity title**

Marketing Oldham

**Activity/current impact**

Contributes to improving perceptions of Oldham and rolling out the borough's new brand.