

Commissioning Specification

Introduction

The Housing Block of the Oldham Partnership is seeking to commission delivery of a Night Stop service for young people aged 16 to 25 years, as part of a range of measures aimed at raising awareness of homelessness and preventing future homelessness.

It is proposed that the service will be delivered by an independent agency with previous experience of delivering homelessness services and knowledge of young people's housing issues in Oldham. Funding will be available from 1st September 2007 for a 7month period to establish and run the project.

It is expected that a steering group of key partners will be established to monitor the effectiveness of the service, and that regular reports will be provided to the Homelessness Strategy Group.

Expressions of interest should be submitted on the template provided and addressed as below to arrive no later than 3pm on Friday 6th July 2007.

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Programme Specification

Project Title	Night Stop service
Objective	To deliver a Night Stop service for young people aged 16 to 25 yrs old, to provide emergency overnight accommodation in the home of a host family - who will be approved volunteers. One objective of the service will be to support young people to return home where safe to do so, thus avoiding homelessness. Finding longer term housing solutions for young people using the Night Stop will require partnership working with other homeless services to tackle and prevent homelessness effectively. It is intended that the provision of Night Stop will reduce use of B&B as emergency accommodation for 16 to 25 yr olds.
Target groups	Young people aged 16 to 25 years old who are homeless, for example as a result of parents, friends or relatives no longer being willing to accommodate them. It is expected that the successful partner will deliver a service that attracts referrals from and responds effectively to young people from all communities within Oldham.
Interventions	Provision of emergency overnight accommodation and a secondary intervention of signposting to other agencies for ongoing support to address needs or prevent homelessness
Number of beneficiaries	To be determined / estimated by service provider
Duration of programme	1 st September 07 to 31 st March 08, with the initial 3 months taken in establishing the project.
Funding available	Up to £10 k
Additional requirements	<p>The delivery partner will be expected to link with other services that seek to prevent homelessness and with FCHO in the prevention of homelessness and the assessment of homeless households.</p> <p>It is expected that the service will be delivered through publicity that attracts both volunteer host families and appropriate referrals. It is also expected that the successful delivery partner will bid for funding from charitable sources to continue the provision of the service.</p> <p>The service will be required to keep records of outcomes, including cases where housing advice casework prevents homelessness. The services will be monitored by a steering group that includes key partners and stakeholders.</p>

	<p>It is expected that a successful Night Stop service will also have a positive impact on community engagement and community cohesion throughout Oldham.</p> <p>It is expected that the service will be reviewed and that service users will be consulted as part of the review process.</p>
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