

## **Homelessness Prevention Support Services**

### **Commissioning / Procurement update- August 2016**

#### **Introduction**

North Yorkshire County Council recently undertook a procurement exercise to award the following contracts for a period of 2 years from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2016 with the potential to extend the contract for a further 1 year.

- Homelessness Prevention Support Services across each of the 7 Districts/Boroughs of North Yorkshire (Lots 1 to 7)
- Changing Lives, Scarborough (Lot 8)

#### **Overview of Service Specification for Lots 1 to 7**

This is for the delivery of an innovative Homelessness Prevention Support Service for those who are experiencing difficulties in their housing situation, or who are in transition from actual or threatened homelessness, or who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless in North Yorkshire with the aim of achieving positive outcomes and developing or sustaining a person's capacity to live independently within the community, thus preventing loss of their home or tenancy

The service is to be delivered to those aged 18 and over at risk of homelessness and should be flexible to be able to respond quickly to the diverse range of situations that people who require services are experiencing.

There are 3 elements to the support service:

- Element 1 - Support to people in designated Local Authority temporary accommodation
- Element 2 - Short term focussed housing related support
- Element 3 - Community housing related support

Priority for access to the whole service will be given to those people under Element 1 i.e. those living in temporary supported accommodation designated by the local housing authority.

#### **Overview of Service Specification for Lot 8**

The main aim of this service is to change lives of the most chaotic homeless individuals in the Scarborough Boroughs to enable them to achieve positive and/or sustainable outcomes, whilst reducing the financial strain on local resources. The services link to and support the principles from [HM Government Vision to end rough sleeping: No Second Night Out nationwide.](#)

The Service Provider shall offer a co-ordinated service in line with agreed local strategy and interventions as well as providing individual support through:-

- The provision of intensely supported accommodation either under a property management arrangement or in an outreach support setting.
- Timely access to a wide range of support services which are able to work flexibly to engage and meet the needs of a particularly chaotic and hard to reach group of individuals.

Some of the needs of individuals will be met by very short term intervention and others will benefit from support provided over a period of up to two years. The service will refer onto other agencies that can give aftercare where appropriate

## Procurement Outcome

The procurement process for the Homelessness Prevention Support Services has now concluded and the Council is awarding contracts as detailed below and the new services will be in place with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2016.

District / Borough	Elements of Service Specification	Successful Provider
Craven	Elements 1, 2 & 3	Horton Housing
Hambleton	Elements 1, 2 & 3	DISC
Harrogate	Elements 2 & 3	Home Group – Stonham
Richmondshire	Elements 1, 2 & 3	DISC
Ryedale	Elements 1(excluding Derwent Lodge), 2 & 3	Horton Housing
Scarborough	Elements 1, 2 & 3	Horton Housing
Selby	Elements 2 & 3	Horton Housing
Scarborough	Changing Lives	DISC

## Grant funded services

The following services did not go through a procurement process as approval was received to continue to fund these with the existing Providers through a grant for a period of 3 years with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2016 at current funding levels.

District /Borough	Elements of Service Specification	Provider
Harrogate	Element 1	Harrogate Borough Council
Ryedale	Element 1 (Derwent Lodge only)	Ryedale District Council
Selby	Element 1	Selby District Council
Harrogate	Harrogate Homeless Project – supported accommodation for single homeless	Harrogate Homeless Project
National but based in Richmondshire	The Beacon – supported accommodation for single veterans	Riverside

The Council will be working closely with all providers during the next few months. Contact details for all the services will be made available as soon as possible.

If you have any queries in the meantime regarding the above information please contact:

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