

## **Mansfield Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy**

### **2025-26 Action Plan**

This twelve month focus plan, as part of the Mansfield Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2024-29, incorporates feedback received from the participants and organisations who attended the launch of the strategy in March 2024 and review partnership meeting in April 2025.

The following priorities are what we will focus and report on for the next twelve months. The following will be published on the MDC website every twelve months and we will provide yearly updates to the MDC Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

**Priority 1 - Early intervention through effective partnership working**

Action	Lead	Progress	Meetings	Timescale
Fund prevention projects with partners and internally - Healthy Homes Hub, Jigsaw Hoarding Support, Call Before You Serve, The Furniture Project, Modern Day Slavery Team	Engagement & Development Officers	Achieved. Funded until 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2027.	Healthy Homes Hub Working Group. Private Sector Housing Team.	31 <sup>st</sup> March 2026
Continue the Domestic Abuse Housing Alliance (DAHA) accreditation and work towards enhanced accreditation for survivors of domestic abuse - Case review internally to ensure compliance with the DAHA framework	Engagement & Development Officers	Deadline for final submission of evidence is 16th March 2026 for gold accreditation. On target for submission.	DAHA Strategic and Operational Meetings. DAHA Regional Meetings.	31 <sup>st</sup> March 2026

**Priority 2 - The provision of an accessible, agile and responsive homelessness service**

Action	Lead	Progress	Meetings	Timescale
Introduce a new Rough Sleeper Early Intervention Officer to provide specialist support and more resource to complex cases.	Housing Solutions Team Leader	Achieved, funded until 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2027.	Manager meetings. Homeless Network Meetings	31 <sup>st</sup> March 2026
Continue to develop a robust comms plan for the service to advertise project and advise services.	Engagement & Development Officer	Achieved, prevention campaign complete.	Manager Meetings	31 <sup>st</sup> March 2026

**Priority 3 - Access to affordable, quality and sustainable accommodation across all sectors**

Action	Lead	Progress	Meetings	Timescales
Implement legislation changes as part of the Supported Housing (Regulatory Oversight) Act and develop a supported housing needs assessment that feeds into a supported housing strategy.	Housing Operations & Safeguarding Manager, Engagement & Development Officers (SHIP)	Complete. County supported housing needs assessment complete. SHIP team funded until 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2027. PPL Single homeless pathway review complete. Next steps – Develop a supported housing strategy with County in 2026-27.	SHIP LA Network Meeting. Housing Sub Group	31 <sup>st</sup> March 2026
Refurbishment of MDC temporary Accommodation and additional dispersed units to support decant programme and demand on service.	Housing Operations Manager, Accommodation Manager	Refurbishment ongoing and due for completion in Summer 2026.	Internal Design Services	31 <sup>st</sup> August 2026
Ensure Homefinder provides an efficient service that is reflective of the current need in the local area - Review the Homefinder policy,	Housing Operations & Safeguard	Complete, New policy live by 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2026.	Working Group joint with Ashfield	31 <sup>st</sup> March 2026

procedures and processes and ensure regular review of applicant's banding.	ing Manager, Housing Solutions Team Leader		District Council	
Private Rented Access (PRS) Scheme – A 12 month pilot is underway to offer financial incentives to landlords to match properties to homeless applicants.	Accommodation Manager	Complete. PRS Access project pilot successful and continued funding until 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2027.	Mid Notts Landlord Forum	31 <sup>st</sup> March 2026
Introduce an under-occupying project, for existing tenants to downsize for best use of stock	Housing Solutions Team Leader, Engagement & Development Officer	Complete – Pilot will wind down by the 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2026 as new banding criteria is introduced under new Homefinder policy.	Special Cases Panel	31 <sup>st</sup> March 2026

#### Priority 4 - Tackle rough sleeping by developing and improving pathways

Action	Lead	Progress	Meetings	Timescale
Continue to explore funding for the Mansfield Housing First, First Steps Project for rough sleepers - Evaluate and bid for other avenues of funding to continue project	Housing Operations & Safeguarding Manager, Engagement & Development Officers	Complete – Funding sourced until 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2029.	DLUHC Monitoring meetings. RSI Steering Group	31 <sup>st</sup> March 2026
Work with partners to break down barriers in pathways for complex needs clients - Work with the Making Every Adult Matter (MEAM) network	Engagement & Development Officers	Ongoing work that will be published through the Single Homeless Pathway review.	MEAM Notts County Council Meetings, Rough Sleeper Action Group (RSAG) Meetings.	31 <sup>st</sup> March 2026
Work with the County Districts and Boroughs to continue county-wide services under the Rough Sleeping Initiative (RSI) funding - Evaluate and explore avenues of funding to continue the County Street Outreach team	Housing Operations & Safeguarding Manager, Engagement &	Complete, funding secured until 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2029.	DLUHC Monitoring meetings. RSI Steering Group	31 <sup>st</sup> March 2026

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**Priority 5 - Linking health, well-being and housing together to improve the life chances and aspirations of those affected**

Action	Lead	Progress	Meetings	Timescale
Link with wellbeing services and develop projects for people staying in temporary accommodation - Deliver cook and eat sessions in temporary accommodation and link with children's services in the area for children's projects in temporary accommodation.	Accommodation Manager	Complete. Funding secured for two year Just Life project to map out temporary accommodation across the district and improve the support standards County wide.	Health and Wellbeing Team	31 <sup>st</sup> March 2026



**Priority 6 - Delivering holistic support solutions to sustain long term tenancies and prevent homelessness and rough sleeping**

Action	Lead	Progress	Meetings	Timescale
Continue to improve our Housing First offer for rough sleepers with complex needs - Regularly review our Housing First service to ensure it is fit for purpose and connect with Homeless Link to deliver a Housing First project which is based on up to date evidence and learning from the wider Housing First community	Engagement & Development Officers	Complete - Regular audits of Housing First fidelity checks. Re-training with Homeless Link on Housing First for all staff. Partner engagement on Housing First principles.	RSI Mansfield Meetings	31 <sup>st</sup> March 2026
Strengthen links with Nottinghamshire Prevention and Resettlement (NPRS) team and connect them with our Tenancy Management team - Re-introduce ourselves to the NPRS service and hold a meeting with them and Tenancy Management to build better relationships and start joint working tenancies	Engagement & Development Officers	Ongoing – Development under new commissioning framework and single homelessness pathway review.  Pre-eviction panel at MDC established.	Team Meetings	31 <sup>st</sup> March 2026

		Supported housing pre-eviction protocol established.		
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