



Department for
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Rough Sleeping Grant Funding

Helping those new to the streets, or at
imminent risk of sleeping rough to get the
rapid support they need

Funding Bid Application Form

Application Form

This document should be read in conjunction with the Rough Sleeping Programme Bidding Prospectus - available on the GOV.UK website.

1. Introduction

We are inviting funding bids interventions to help new rough sleepers, or people at imminent risk of sleeping rough, get the rapid support they need to recover and move-on from a rough sleeping crisis. We want local authorities to demonstrate how they will:

- reduce the flow of new rough sleepers to the street, through more targeted prevention activity,
- ensure that people have a safe place to stay while services work with them to resolve the homelessness crisis.
- help new rough sleepers off the street and into independence, through more rapid crisis interventions and support to access and sustain move-on accommodation.

To do so, we expect to see local authorities building on the success of and learning from innovative approaches such as the No First Night Out pilot and the No Second Night Out programme. Where local authorities are targeting those new to the streets, they must also demonstrate how they will ensure that nobody has to sleep rough to access the support they need.

We are inviting bids that help people access the multi-agency support they need to exit rough sleeping rapidly. This may include permanent rough sleeping assessment hubs, tenancy sustainment support, employment and education support for ex-rough sleepers, or specialised support for groups with different needs (such as rough sleepers with mental health needs, or those leaving prison).

This funding is about targeted prevention and early intervention. In bidding in, we expect authorities to demonstrate how they will prevent or reduce rough sleeping in their local area. This includes assessing the scale of rough sleeping, and setting out how their proposed intervention will respond to this need in innovative ways. This response must include strengthening or building partnerships with other agencies who play a crucial role in helping those at risk of, or already, sleeping rough exit homelessness.

Applications will be evaluated as set out in the specification, with those successful notified in December 2016.

Name (each Funding Bid needs a lead, named contact):			
[REDACTED], Head of Housing Support & Community Living			
Local Authority/Strategic Regional Authority:			
Sunderland City Council			
Job title, address & contact details (including e-mail address):			
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Are you representing a coalition of commissioners or partners? If yes, list all organisations below: South Tyneside Council South Tyneside Public Health Changing Lives			
<i>Bidders are reminded to note that we are particularly interested in proposals from across multi-agency partnerships and local authority boundaries, to recognise the importance other local partners play in helping people access the services they need to get back on their feet.</i>			
Amount of funding requested, and indicative profile over the four financial years:			
<i>Profile of bid:</i>			
	16/17	17/18	18/19
<i>Support</i>	-	£45,305	£45,005
<i>Staff costs</i>	-	£120,404	£120,404
<i>Other</i>	£45,534	-	-
<i>Total</i>	£45,534	£165,709	£165,409
<i>How many individuals do you expect to provide interventions for?: 372</i>			
Geographic area to be covered: Sunderland, South Tyneside			
<i>Bidders are reminded that we are particularly interest in bids from across geographical local authority boundaries, recognising the transient nature of the rough sleeping population.</i>			

Criteria A – Need

Outline the existing and expected demand for rough sleeping services in your area, and how your proposal will provide an additional response to meet these demands in innovative ways.

You should make reference to the sources of your estimates of current and projected scale, and expected reach. [500 words]

This will be scored out of 5, with 5 points awarded for strong proposals with very good evidence of how the proposal meets the criteria; 3 points for good evidence of how the proposal meets the criteria; and 1 point for very limited or no evidence provided on how the proposal meets the criteria.

- What is the current and projected scale of rough sleeping in your local area?
- Please include estimates of the proportion of rough sleepers in your area who spend 5 days or fewer sleeping rough.
- Please outline how your proposal will provide services in addition to those already in place to respond to current and future need.
- Please provide details of the expected reach of your programme over the entire funding period.
- Please reference your methodology for these estimates.

Current/Projected Scale of Rough Sleeping

The current scale of rough sleeping and hidden single homelessness is not reflected in the single figures of rough sleepers during a single night on 19 October 2016 in both Sunderland and South Tyneside. More concerning is the significant numbers of single presentations of non-priority individuals with no stable accommodation and risk of street homelessness because of their multiple and complex needs and exclusion. In South Tyneside during 2016, 64 presentations from this group resulted in no accommodation offer, In Sunderland single presentations amount to almost 4000 applicants, with less than 1% with no accommodation offer, by working in partnership, we can learn from each other and share good practice and solution focussed approaches. During 2015, the North East Regional Homeless Group commissioned a piece of research to identify the extent of rough sleeping and single homelessness. In this snapshot, during the 3rd quarter of 2015, 255 individuals from the Boroughs of South Tyneside and Sunderland were recorded as having no safe and stable accommodation, either rough sleeping or at risk of becoming street homeless. The primary cause of homelessness in this target group is relationship breakdown, from family or friends, leading to loss of accommodation. Almost 20% of this group had mental health problems, drug and alcohol misuse and had been involved in offending behaviour. This vulnerable cohort could potentially rise to over 1000

individuals in a 12 month period, exacerbated by the chaotic lifestyles, multiple and complex needs, further welfare reforms and poor life choices. Transient by nature, this group experiences difficulties and exclusion from accessing and sustaining good quality affordable accommodation, resorting to HMO and hostel type accommodation, occupants of this tenure are often the hidden homeless, presenting in crisis, potential for exploitation and safeguarding concerns, living in poor quality accommodation with no security of tenure. This proposal will actively seek to engage those at imminent risk of rough sleeping adopting a rapid assertive outreach 'No First Night out Approach' to avoid a first night on the streets supporting the service user into a safe environment, carrying out an assessment of their needs and moving them into safe move on accommodation, where the support worker will continue to support the service user into more settled accommodation using the 'housing first model.' The proposal will also seek to build on NSNO learning from the Assertive outreach and hostel in reach pilots delivering assertive and persuasive outreach to engage those new to the street, to come inside and avoid NSNO, through the provision of end to end support to empower the service user to gain and sustain accommodation and improve life choices through individual tailored support activity.

It is proposed that the Trailblazer bid will compliment this work in terms of future sustainability, adding assessment beds and move on accommodation as a throughput to a more settled accommodation offer, using the no first night out and housing first model holistically in a psychologically and trauma informed environment, working towards a single assessment and shared outcome plan of engagement and support that all partners sign up to and are committed to delivery. This method of delivery will improve data collection and analysis to inform future commissioning of services that meet target outcomes.

Additional Services

Working across the Local Authority boundaries of South Tyneside and Sunderland this project will provide a new response to the increasing use of private hostels to house single homeless people. This has led to a significant increase in those at risk of rough sleeping and presentations of hostel residents to the street for the first occasion.

Many single homeless people who are at high risk of rough sleeping in our areas live in unsupported poor quality temporary accommodation (private hostels). The chaotic nature of both the clients and the environments means that people are often evicted on to the streets, and cycle through different hostels. We also know some people are living in private hostels long-term, and they often have multiple and complex needs, but are disengaged from support services: they are effectively 'stuck' in private hostels and in a permanent state of homelessness. There is therefore a need to ensure this is only used as a short-term solution; requiring work with landlords to improve conditions; and offer sustainable exit routes.

We plan to make this possible by employing assertive outreach Asset Workers for those who are/at high risk of rough sleeping. They will work assertively, holistically, promoting psychologically informed environments and take a strength-based approach, a shift away from a traditional deficit based service. Acting in a service neutral manner they will support individuals to navigate the systems they need to

address their own and accommodation needs.

We will also engage with private hostel owners and support them in preventing evictions and reduce the risk of clients becoming entrenched in chaos. More recently in Sunderland, more private hostel owners have been engaging with us and our delivery partners, and this good practice will be extended across the borough in South Tyneside to test this working relationship as a scaled-up, coordinated, cross-sector response to homelessness.

In addition, we will be providing Housing First services across the partnership. Providing access to suitable accommodation, in the right environment, not solely connection based, facilitating greater choice and control for this complex group.

Expected Reach

The project will support approximately 372 rough sleepers/ people at risk of rough sleeping. Early identification and rapid intervention will support delivery of 'NSNO, and our Housing First model will create a pathway out of rough sleeping.

The partnership with Changing Lives enables us to bring together a network of services including support for people facing addictions, offending, domestic abuse, sexual exploitation, poor mental health and other complex needs, as well as veterans, working with both statutory and non-statutory homeless people. We aim to provide

We will provide a better service for the transient homeless population between Sunderland and South Tyneside, working with both statutory and non-statutory homeless people. We have also secured the commitment from the Fulfilling lives team based in the neighbouring Gateshead authority to navigate and support reconnection to service users meeting criteria who have been displaced in out of borough hostels in our area.

We will support clients at the earliest possible point to avoid impact on health and wellbeing, and reduce cost implications. This will involve working closely with partners across Sunderland and south Tyneside including Police, National Probation Service, Community Rehabilitation Companies, Network Service (drug & Alcohol Services)s, Domestic Abuse Services, Community Safety Partnership, Public Health, Mental Health Teams and Multiple and Complex needs partnerships and voluntary and charitable sectors, soup kitchen and faith groups to avert crisis and promote early intervention reporting to address immediate needs and reduce likelihood of transient and disengaging clients.

A key element of the work will be to improve and standardise data collection around rough sleeping to aid in future prevention.

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Criteria B – Value for Money

Please demonstrate how your intervention will deliver additional provision and outcomes, over and above current provision, and how this demonstrates value for money and savings on a minimum of a one-to-one basis. [500 words]

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- Please give an estimate of the cost saving that your intervention will make across public services, for each individual reached, and in total, over the funding period.
- Please outline the evidence you have drawn on to make this estimate.

This work will provide value for money and savings on a 1:1 and aggregate basis. Based on Housing First research conducted by University of York and Centre for Housing Policy (2015), we expect our intervention will make the following cost savings across the funding period:

- £5.58 million across public services across the funding period
- This is based on an average cost of £15,000 per year for each individual reached

A core element of our added value will be achieved through identifying individuals' potential to become homeless at a very early stage, so that measures can be put in place to prevent it ever occurring. The actual cost savings of this may be difficult to measure, but will have significant impact, and we will work with our external evaluator to verify cost savings. We will ensure we achieve cost effectiveness of any grant provided by committing 100% of the grant into direct delivery.

Our work will have the added social benefits of:

- Reduction in risk of exploitation including sexual, financial and modern slavery
- Reduction in misuse of urgent care and emergency services
- Delivering significant additional provision and outcomes above current provision
- Increased social integration, recovery and stabilisation

Criteria C – Approach

Please outline the types of intervention and support that will be offered to people, and demonstrate how they will prevent them from sleeping rough, or help them rapidly exit rough sleeping. [500 words]

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- Please outline how your proposed intervention will achieve the outcomes set out in the bidding prospectus to prevent and reduce rough sleeping.

We have designed our planned intervention to achieve the programme's intended outcomes. We will offer the following support:

Intensive intervention and support

Within Sunderland and South Tyneside, we know there are many residents at permanent risk of rough sleeping, many of whom are currently resident in private hostels. We will work with local residents intensively, focusing on the needs of the individual, and what increases the risk of homelessness for them. This will include provision of:

- **Housing First**
Many of the clients who will be targeted by this approach will be ineligible for existing housing options; will be excluded from existing services and experience periods of cyclical homelessness between private hostels and the street. Rather than moving homeless individuals through different levels of housing, whereby each level moves them closer to independent living, for example from the streets to a hostel and then through a graduation process to ultimately living independently; we will provide a Housing First model. This moves the homeless individual via an assessment process from the streets or hostel accommodation into their own homes.

Changing Lives will offer Housing First through a referral and assessment process and based on Making Every Adult Matter (MEAM) principles. They have proven this to be an effective means of supporting clients around immediate housing needs, then working with clients to addressing additional needs. We believe this will work particularly well in an area where supported accommodation is limited, and for many clients helps negate the issues that supported accommodation may present. It will enhance relationships with landlords, and there will be a potential to use properties from HomeLife (Changing Lives' in-house housing association) as well as Empty Homes. This service will be wrap-around, with a designated Lead to enforce the model/approach

- **Assertive Outreach**
we plan for Changing Lives to undertake regular early morning outreach across the 2 Local Authority areas to identify anyone who is rough sleeping, as well as taking referrals from partners who identify new rough sleepers, and self-referrals. Changing Lives will provide rapid intervention to ensure this does not continue: dependent on the person's needs and priorities, they will support them into one of the following pathways:
 - Specific supported accommodation
 - Private rental sector/non-supported private hostels, with continued wraparound support from our team and partnership of specialist providers dependent on need. We will support them throughout their pathway onwards towards planned move-on
 - Housing First: we will offer continued keyworker support taking a MEAM approach

Our intensive intervention/support will be provided through Asset Coaches and volunteers, and serve to prevent people at immediate risk of sleeping rough from doing so, by working with them in a strengths-based way to achieve their goals, which is likely to include:

- Tailored support from a menu of therapeutic interventions to maximise engagement, including group work, peer-led recovery groups, socialisation and activity groups, 1:1 support, creative counselling and dialectical behavioural therapy
- Develop independent living skills including money management
- Enable access to employment and training
- Identify specific needs that can be supported by specialist organisations, and arrange for this to happen
- Prevent/address associated issues such as drug/alcohol misuse, mental health issues and offending
- Deliver support in a Psychologically Informed Environment
- Focus on health inequalities and unmet needs, linking into services such as HHPS and Wear Recovery
- Reconnect with family
- Identity exploration and address associated issues

Emergency/ Longer-term accommodation options

Our delivery partner has a long track history of working with new and entrenched rough sleepers with a range of complex issues to get them housed rapidly and sustain housing into the longer term. Together we will take a strength based approach which focusses on the assets the individual has and/or can build upon, to help them towards recovery. Changing Lives' support is trauma-informed, taking into account the past history of each individual client and how this may affect their current behaviours. This will serve to reduce rough sleeping by supporting anyone who is (newly) rough sleeping to rapidly exit by:

- Homelessness prevention
- Greater engagement with services across life domains
- Therapeutic work to sustain recovery and stability, including group work and 1:1 therapy

- Greater social integration
- Peer mentoring / employability opportunities

We will actively work with our partners to develop pathways out of hostels, to shift the focus of supported housing away from hostel provision. A key element of this role is provision of Housing First. This funding will also enable us to work innovatively to enable access into existing accommodation. For instance, for many people, lack of money is a central issue which can prevent them from accessing suitable housing. Our personalisation budget will support them to pay rental bonds or hostel service user charges as well as enabling a personalised approach of choice, control and involvement to enable empowerment.

Performance

Taking a prevention approach we will monitor and manage our performance against the programme's intended outcomes by using the homelessness outcomes star and aggregating/measuring service-wide achievement against the following core outcomes: accommodation, engagement, employment, education, engagement with mental health and substance misuse support.

We also will continue to provide a cost-benefit analysis of our work over the course of delivery, and take any required remedial action necessary. We will measure and regularly report on:

- Reduction in cyclical homelessness
- Increased homelessness prevention via housing first
- Reduction in misuse of urgent care and emergency services

Prevention/ Future Reduction

We are keen to ensure our intervention has lasting impact across Sunderland and South Tyneside. We will prevent and reduce future rough sleeping activity by Creating and embedding cultural change that is sustainable over time. This will be made possible through comprehensive and effective evaluation, which we are committed to funding and linking into our service user consultation. We will use the outcomes of our cost-benefit analysis, alongside the independent evaluation and a range of case studies, to use as evidence to secure ongoing future funding to ensure future sustainability if necessary: this may include Healthcare commissioners or the Police Innovation Fund.

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Criteria D – Partnership Working

Outline how you will deliver your intervention across local authority boundaries and/or with other local partner agencies and/or the homelessness sector. [500 words]

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- Which organisations do you currently work with locally to prevent and reduce rough sleeping?
- What new and enhanced multi-agency partnerships will this funding stimulate across the wider public sector and / or local authority boundaries?
- What impact do you expect this to have on those this intervention is designed to work with, and on your wider delivery of rough sleeping services?
- Does your bid include co-commissioning or co-location of services?
- Please outline plans to ensure that new and enhanced partnerships are sustained beyond the funding period.

Introduction

We will deliver our intervention across Sunderland Local Authority as well as South Tyneside. This is critical to our success, as the population moves across these 2 areas in a transient way, and we aim to enable reflective practice across a broad area, identifying good practice and enabling required systemic change. We recognise the importance of working together to understand and address client needs, avoiding potential territorial battles that can be of detriment to our clients' support. Both parties are keen to work on creating better info sharing protocols between the two authorities and more flexible service delivery, based on the existing partnership working structures already in place, waiving in many instances the local connection criteria, focusing on the individual and being person centred in our solutions.

Our core delivery partner is Changing Lives, a national charity with its roots in the North East of England and proven efficacy in addressing and preventing homelessness. They already provide supported housing in South Shields and floating support in South Tyneside, which aim to address and prevent homelessness, as well as working with people with addictions and multiple needs in Sunderland.

Current Partners

Below are key examples of the local organisations we work with across the 2 Local Authority areas, and will build on these relationships in this work:

- Drug and alcohol services
- Specialist veteran services
- Primary and secondary healthcare
- DWP
- Northumbria Police Southern Area Command

Our core delivery partner Changing Lives already offers a range of services across the 2 Local Authority areas, listed below:

- WEAR Recovery
- Veterans-specific service in Sunderland
- GAP and MAP sex work projects in Sunderland and South Tyneside working closely with Dedicated Liaison Officer
- Only service providing in-reach to Sunderland Royal Hospital and Hopewood Park Psychiatric Hospital to prevent homelessness
- Provision of Designated Local Officer (DLO) co-located with Police to support Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO) guidelines of safeguarding vulnerable adults
- Homelife – which provides general needs housing as move on to people in homeless services.

New/Enhanced Multi-agency Partnerships

We will work with our full range of delivery partners to ensure that clients are supported to access services, and receive all the support they need to prevent future homelessness. We will also facilitate information-sharing to avoid clients having to repeat themselves, which can act as a deterrent to seeking support and/or increased demand on emergency services. Key partners will be the private rental sector, particularly social landlords for Housing First provision.

We will upskill service users so they can influence the development of our services through continual consultation and involvement, independently-run focus groups and employing experts by experience.

Impact

Our proposed enhanced multi-disciplinary working will:

- Ensure our client group receive the services they need to meet their specific needs, reducing the impact and future likelihood of rough sleeping
- Enable enhanced co-operation and data-sharing between relevant agencies to provide early intervention to address specific complex needs which prevents rough sleeping from occurring

Co-commissioning/Co-location

We would co-commission the service with our delivery partner Changing Lives.

Specific activities that would form part of this process include:

- Changing Lives will have office space in Housing Options to facilitate a close working relationship
- Operating a common case management approach to ensure accountability of all providers, flexible service delivery and systemic change
- Overseeing a homelessness panel

Sustaining Partnerships

Our intention is that the enhanced partnership working enabled by this funding will facilitate systemic change that will improve outcomes for all parties. All of our partners are therefore committed to retaining this at the end of the funding period and we will continue to ensure this process is co-ordinated following the end of the funding period. During the funding period, commissioners and service providers will learn significantly about what leads people to rough sleeping: lessons learnt will be used to contribute towards rough sleeper prevention.

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Criteria E – Strategic Fit

Describe how this intervention contributes to your wider local strategy to tackle homelessness, and set out your longer term plans for the sustainability of the intervention once funding ends. [500 words]

This will be scored out of 5, with 5 points awarded for strong proposals with very good evidence of how the proposal meets the criteria; 3 points for good evidence of how the proposal meets the criteria; and 1 point for very limited or no evidence provided on how the proposal meets the criteria.

- How does this intervention align with your wider ambitions to prevent and reduce homelessness within your local area?
- Where you are also bidding into the new £10 Social Impact Bond, or the £20 million Prevention Trailblazer funding, you should highlight this here, and demonstrate how they will work together to provide an end-to-end response to homelessness in your local area.
- How do you plan to build the lessons learned from this intervention into your wider commissioning arrangements?
- How will the intervention be sustained beyond the lifetime of the funding?
- Please outline any additional funding or resources (including an estimate of their financial value) that you and/or your partners will bring to the intervention, including beyond the funding period.

Wider Ambitions to tackle homelessness

This project aligns with our commitment to tackling issues surrounding private hostels in the area, which result in a significant number of 'hidden' homeless, predominantly the single homeless. As a result of being 'hidden', new rough sleepers who could have promptly exited homelessness, had they received support, join a population of people with increasing support needs who have the potential to become long-term homeless. As part of our Emerging Hostel Strategy it is planned that these households will be transitioned into more appropriate and supported accommodation. The project will support this via early identification and intervention and Housing First, ensuring that temporary accommodation remains temporary. Assertive outreach will identify those new to rough sleeping and either supports them into a Housing First property or, where they move into a hostel, ensure they receive the correct support, by working with both clients and local landlords.

Our work will complement the local MEAM agenda, supporting people with multiple and complex needs. We will work with the MEAM Coordinator to address the multiple needs of homeless people, and to prevent those at risk of homelessness

from sleeping rough. Our project aligns with both councils' commitment to NSNO via assertive outreach to enable quick identification of new rough sleepers and an immediate response.

Homelessness Prevention Trailblazer funding bid

Learning from the Intervention

We will share our learning across our services to ensure the results of the intervention influence our wider commissioning arrangements. The project will influence our approach in tackling the large number of private hostels, enabling us to gather robust data on the 'hidden' homeless, their needs, and the most effective way to support them. This will shape our current and future strategies including the upcoming Hostel Strategy. Learning will be shared via the Hostel Strategic Working Group: a platform that promotes cross-sector working between the council, voluntary and charity sector, police, probation, drug and alcohol treatment services, local community and accommodation owners, with the mutual aim of tackling homelessness in Sunderland. Our partnership between the 2 LAs will enable us to demonstrate the value of working across geographical boundaries, and the lessons learnt will influence future ways of working across LAs, which we will share with other regional partners. STCC's Homeless Strategy expires during delivery of this project, providing the opportunity to influence strategic thinking.

Sustainability

The impact of our intervention will be sustained via system change by developing pathways from private hostels to avoid new rough sleepers becoming entrenched hidden homeless. It will influence the delivery of the MEAM agenda by informing support to the homeless. In light of recent and impending cuts to our budget, our work will enable us to test an alternative, more cost effective model of support in the area. This innovation will give us access to additional, previously untapped funding sources.

The project's long term sustainability is through three routes. Firstly the aim is to reduce the use of Private Hostels and B&B by single homeless people. Most agencies do not refer into the accommodation directly or use it as statutory temporary accommodation; however, some agencies in the 2 LA areas and more widely in the North East, "suggest" individuals might find accommodation there if they have no other options. By highlighting routes into services and prevention opportunities to all agencies, the partnership will be able to reduce their use and provide more appropriate options sooner.

Secondly, involving potential commissioners from health and housing, and the local Police and Crime Commissioner, we will conduct an evaluation which will focus on the cost savings to those services by delivering this work. We will work with the evaluators from the beginning, to ensure the correct data is being collected. This will lead to inclusion in commissioning strategies, and potential joint commissioning between geographical and service areas.

Thirdly, the work with the owners/managers of the establishments to improve standards, increase awareness of the issues and support needs of residents and potentially develop public/private/VCS partnerships with finance from each to ensure the service continues.

The legacy of this project will be an enhanced understanding, by all local commissioners and providers, of high risk clients, and increased ability to prevent rough sleeping: this will dovetail into the Homelessness Prevention Trailblazer Funding.

Additional Funding/Resources

South Tyneside Council:

We commission supported accommodation in [REDACTED], as well as the ASSIST project which offers floating tenancy support.

Sunderland City Council: We have commissioned 'Wear Recovery' as part of the Sunderland Integrated Drug and Alcohol Treatment Service. WEAR Recovery is a partnership between Northumberland, Tyne and Wear NHS Foundation Trust, Developing initiatives Supporting Communities (DISC) and Changing Lives with a contract value of just under £3M.

Changing Lives: Changing Lives has been operating in Sunderland since 2012, with a team of 8 staff who are supported by 10 volunteers (providing 90 hours of support weekly). Our volunteers currently provide around 90 hours of support weekly). They will also bring the following additional resources:

- Homeless Hospital Prevention Service. Funded by Sunderland CCG until 2017-18 (£74,667 per year)
- Homelife – permanent accommodation owned by Changing Lives
- GAP and MAP projects, supporting men and women involved in sex work / at risk of sexual exploitation
- Women's offending hubs for those working with Community Rehabilitation Companies, or at risk of offending, as well as women leaving prison
- Homeless Veterans' Service, funded by Royal British Legion until 2017-18 (£22,450 per year)
- Benefits advice line, funded by Money Advice Service until Feb 2018 (£300,000 total)
- Vicars Relief Fund (£9,000 per year to help with rent arrears and deposits)

In addition, an application for £80,000 towards Changing Lives' Sunderland provision is currently pending.

Linked to this work is ongoing evaluation of new funding opportunities to secure more stable accommodation in Sunderland and South Tyneside, which would add substantial value to this work.

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Criteria F – Data and Evidence

Successful bidders will be expected to work with us to develop a comparable and robust method of evidencing the impact of their proposals in practice, and should be willing to share their findings both locally and nationally.

Please provide detailed evidence of how your project will contribute to an improved evidence base on what works in homelessness interventions, including how you will use data to target your new service. [500 words]

This will be scored out of 5, with 5 points awarded for strong proposals with very good evidence of how the proposal meets the criteria; 3 points for good evidence of how the proposal meets the criteria; and 1 point for very limited or no evidence provided on how the proposal meets the criteria.

- What are your existing sources of data and evidence on rough sleepers in your area? How do you ensure they are robust? We are interested to know more about what information you currently hold. Please complete the attached list at **Annex A** as fully as possible.
- What new data will your project collect?
- What new or existing data sources will your project bring together, or share across agencies?
- What value do you expect this to bring to your intervention and ongoing work to prevent and reduce rough sleeping beyond the funding period?
- Would you be willing to work with us to collect case level housing options data capturing the service provided to those sleeping rough and at risk of sleeping rough?
- Would you be willing to work with us to combine this data with other relevant data sets, and more broadly to improve the evidence base on rough sleeping?

We have identified gaps in current data available, and designed our project to address these. The Housing First model is new to both us and Sunderland Council. It has proved to be successful and cost effective in other areas and we will collect data to determine whether this can be replicated in our areas. Through our partnership we will also collect data on local connection and the impact of cross-boundary working. Data will be collected on therapeutic work and the delivery of

group work including DBT, to analyse the impact of mental health support.

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Completed forms to be submitted by 5pm 28th November 2016 to:
roughsleeping@communities.gsi.gov.uk

Annex A – Data Sources

Information	Available	Source
Number of single homeless people		
Number of single homeless people approaching Housing Options, and their outcomes		
Number of rough sleepers		
Number of people hostels		
Flow of rough sleepers/those in hostels		
Names of those rough sleeping and in hostels		
Demographic profile of those rough sleeping and in hostels		
Support needs of those rough sleeping and in hostels		
Length of time rough sleeping or in hostels		
History of time without secure accommodation		
Use of other services by rough sleeping and hostel dwelling cohorts. Please list. This could include physical or mental health, substance misuse, A&E attendance, interactions with police, the criminal justice system, social services, education, and the benefits system including employment records.		