

Action plan

This action plan has been updated in July 2024, which accompanies the Rough Sleeping Strategy.

Priority	Actions	Comments/progress	Completion by	Lead	2024 Updates
ALL	<p>Deliver range of rough sleeping interventions in partnership with DLUHC to end rough sleeping, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Partnership Coordination ● Specialist outreach ● Benefits and welfare advice ● Tenancy sustainment ● Specialist accommodation provision 	<p>Rough sleeping team established however regularly review interventions to ensure they are fit for purpose and targeting appropriate areas.</p> <p>Bid for on-going financial support submitted for future years and review new opportunities of funding streams to ensure we maximise wrap around support.</p> <p>Continue to decrease rough sleeping each year</p> <p>Increase rough sleeping prevention</p>	Ongoing	Rough Sleeping Partnership Manager /Housing Options	This is an ongoing action; the Rough Sleeping team continue to deliver a range of rough sleeping interventions in partnership with MHCLG to end rough sleeping.
3,4	Work in partnership with lookahead and KCC to find a solution for tenants that will be evicted once their supported accommodation project closes.	Meet with Lookahead & KCC to find move on solutions from those who will be evicted	March 2024	Rough Sleeping Partnership Manager /Housing Options	This action has been completed. All tenants of Lookahead Supported Accommodation in Gravesend or with a local connection to Gravesend have been re-housed.

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1	Source more affordable housing for our cohort due to cost-of-living crises and rise of rentals	Committed to sourcing more accommodation via home finder and other affordable accommodation. Have built a good relationship with accommodation providers out of area. Assist and support clients into employment to be able to afford accommodation in borough	March 2025	Rough Sleeping partnership manager Resettlement & Sustainment officer	This action will continue to be worked on to source more affordable housing to our cohort.
4	Create harm reduction pathways for rough sleepers and rehab placements	Harm reduction worker creating pathways to reduce intake of drugs and alcohol. Refer clients to Change, Grow, Live (CGL)	March 2025	Harm Reduction outreach worker	This action is ongoing. The Harm Reduction Outreach worker is working closely with CGL, Detox/ Rehab centers and Social Services.
3	Inform all partners of advice & actions for rough sleepers without local connection to Gravesham	Assisting with purchasing travel warrants for them to return to their local authority if no FOV. Contact their local authority and charities	March 2025	Outreach support workers	Rough Sleeping Team continue to inform all partners of advice and action for rough sleepers with no local connection to the area.
2	Continuously attempt to support non-engagers who are rough sleeping	Continuously offer support and accommodation Provide outreach harm reduction support	March 2025	Outreach support workers Harm reduction outreach worker	The Rough Sleeping team continue to target non-engaging rough sleepers to ensure they are offered support and accommodation options.

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2,4	Engage with mental health teams and adult social care for rough sleepers & non-engagers with mental health needs	Complete safeguarding referrals Attend meeting with adult social care to discuss non-engaging rough sleepers	September 2024	Outreach support workers Rough sleeping partnership manager	The Rough Sleeping team continues to meet monthly with multi-agency partners to target non-engaging rough sleepers who may require mental health or adult social care services.
1,4	Assist former rough sleepers with pathways to access employment	Working alongside the job center to help clients into employment Offer free training course to clients Creating an employment pathway to assist former rough sleepers currently in supported accommodation	September 2023	Rough Sleeping Partnership Manager /Housing Options	This action has been completed but will continue. The Rough Sleeping Employment- pathway has been set-up within Gravesham Council with four people successfully being referred so far. One of which has now moved on into full-time employment in the private sector and will be identifying new individuals to take advantage of this opportunity.
1,3	Help staff within partner agencies to identify early warning signs of homelessness and find new ways to prevent it including	Promote duty to refer Members training	Ongoing	Rough Sleeping Partnership Manager /Housing Options	This is an ongoing action with 21, duty to refers in 2023-2024, there is still significant work required to ensure partner agencies identify early

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	staff training, evaluation of the rough sleeping project and identifying ways of continuing joint working. Work with public bodies under their duties to refer clients at risk of homelessness	Ensure staff and partner agencies use DLUCH opportunities of training packages to increase knowledge			warning signs of homelessness so the rough sleeping team can prevent before crises.
ALL	Work with the various voluntary groups to ensure a coordinated approach to tackle rough sleeping	<p>The offer to rough sleepers delivers a coordinated and effective solution</p> <p>Consider options for daytime activities to include peer mentoring to make households tenancy ready</p> <p>Provide affordable solutions to empower households to set up home and create independence.</p>	Ongoing	Rough Sleeping Partnership Manager /Housing Options	The Rough Sleeping Policy is the operational document that details the delivery of the rough sleeping service. Every two weeks the rough sleeping service meets with its partners to ensure a coordinated approach to tackle rough sleeping. The aim for the coming year will be to target voluntary groups that are not currently engaged with the service.
3,4	Update and review written and website information covering advice on rights and responsibilities to help residents prevent homelessness from their current accommodation.	<p>Robust information provided for self help</p> <p>Clear guidance for professionals and landlords</p> <p>Updated statistics and relevant information online from FOIs.</p>	March 2024	Rough Sleeping Partnership Manager /Housing Options	This action has been completed. There is advice and guidance on the website. for customers, professionals, and landlords to ensure there is accurate information to

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	Targeting advice for specific groups, such as single people or those renting privately.				prevent homelessness or rough sleeping.
2	Carry out bi-monthly street counts and a robust annual count to ensure Gravesham are clear on the cohort rough sleeping and ensure this is fed back to DLUHC	Bi-monthly counts to be conducted. Large annual count snapshot conducted in line with the county snapshot.	Ongoing	Rough Sleeping Partnership Manager /Housing Options	This is ongoing, the Rough Sleeping team continue to carry out bi-monthly and annual street outreach. This data is reported to MHCLG.