

**Homelessness Health – Workplan  
February 2022**

<b>Delivery Partners</b>		
<b>Role</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Named Lead</b>
Public Health Strategist	LB Barnet – Public Health	Louisa Songer
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As part of the delivery of this workplan, partners across LB Barnet and local VCS organisations will be engaged to deliver specific actions alongside named individuals above.		

**Status Key:**

<b>Overdue</b>		<b>On track/ Complete</b>
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<b>Topic</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Action Owner</b>	<b>Update</b>	<b>Status and end date</b>
<b>Primary Care</b>				
Improving access to primary care services	Review Healthy London Partnership resources for local implementation.	NCL CCG		March – July 2022
Updating LCS	Review scope of NCL CCG LCS and identify opportunities.	NCL CCG	Working group in place, first meeting scheduled March 2022	March – July 2022
Developing a mixed economy of provision to enhance access	Explore opportunities to improve access within primary care networks.	NCL CCG	Working group in place, first meeting scheduled March 2022	March – July 2022
NICE Guidance	Review draft NICE guidance “Integrated health and social care for people experiencing homelessness.” <sup>i</sup>	NCL CCG/Public Health		March – July 2022
<b>Secondary Care</b>				
Improving hospital discharge for homeless people	Establish hospital discharge pathway	NCL CCG/Barnet Homes	Discharge co-ordinator funded and in post	Complete
Understand how to address health issues at an earlier stage	Audit A&E presentations of homeless people and develop gap analysis	Public Health		July – September 2022
<b>Health-related behaviour change</b>				
MECC	Train workforce in MECC to maximise their impact on avoidable illness, health protection and promotion of wellbeing and resilience.	Public Health		September 2022
Improve vaccination uptake (Flu and COVID-19)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Develop bespoke vaccination clinics for rough sleepers</li> <li>- Develop health educator roles and community of health champions</li> </ul>	Public Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mobile vaccination clinics in operation</li> <li>- Drop-in service for homeless people at Gateway pharmacy</li> </ul>	March – July 2022

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- PH Insight work on COVID vaccinations to include understanding barriers for homeless people</li> <li>- Homeless population included in Covid Vaccine Champions Programme 2022/23</li> </ul>	
Routine cancer screening	Establish pathways for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- FIT screening</li> <li>- Cervical screening</li> <li>- Breast screening</li> </ul>	NCL CCG/Public Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- FIT homeless pathway group meeting March 2022</li> </ul>	March – September 2022
Smoking	Explore options and models for accessing stop smoking services	Public Health		September 2022
Improve access to physical activity opportunities	Explore options within Fit and Active Barnet (FAB) framework to develop mechanisms for homeless people to access leisure provision.	Public Health/LB Barnet Sport & Physical Activity		March – July 2022
<b>Substance Misuse</b>				
Improving access to substance misuse support for current and recent rough sleepers	Develop bespoke project using Rough Sleeping Drug & Alcohol Grant (RSDAG)	Public Health	Project launched July 2021 – funded for 2 years at present. 4 of 5 roles recruited to – dual diagnosis role still to be filled.	June 2021 - June 2022
Dual diagnosis	Establish enhanced support and improved pathways for homeless people experiencing substance misuse and mental health issues	Public Health	Post funded through RSDAG, secondment arrangement agreed with BEHMHT, currently reviewing job description	June 2021 - June 2022
Improving identification of people with problematic alcohol use	Develop plan for systematic use of Identification and Brief Advice (IBA) and Extended Brief Interventions (EBI) for alcohol and implement it, as part of Substance Misuse Strategy	Public Health		Plan agreed by end 2023
<b>Mental Health</b>				
Access to supported accommodation	Establish options and pathways for supported housing for homeless people with mental health issues	NCL CCG/LB Barnet/Barnet Homes		September – December 2022
Identification and support for people experiencing mental health issues	Improve access to mental health support by improved partnership working including identifying opportunities to engage individuals in assessment and treatment at an earlier stage	NCL CCG/LB Barnet		September – December 2022
Suicide prevention	Implement actions identified in Barnet suicide prevention strategy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Improved signposting information to local self-harm and suicide services.</li> <li>- Establish referral pathway to suicide prevention services</li> <li>- Train workforce in suicide prevention training</li> </ul>	Public Health	Homeless people identified as a priority group in suicide prevention strategy, local partners engaged, workforce training underway.	July 2021 – July 2022
Social Care assessments	Establish pathway for social care assessments for homeless people	Barnet Homes/LB Barnet	Pathway established during pandemic – to be reviewed as return to business as usual	Complete
<b>Migrant Health</b>				
Improve access to health services for migrant populations	Complete migrant health needs assessment & develop action plan to respond to any gaps identified.	NCL CCG/Public Health		September 2022

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Improve access to health services for migrant populations	Establish access suitable local translation services	NCL CCG/Public Health	(to be considered with LCS review)	March – June 2022
<b>Broader cross-cutting actions</b>				
Young People and Care Leavers	Identifying opportunities specific to young people and care leavers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Prevention of homelessness</li> <li>- Explore specific health and wellbeing issues of rough sleepers with a history of care or are transitioned age (18-25)</li> </ul>	LB Barnet/Barnet Homes		September – December 2022
Prevention opportunities	Consider broader opportunities of homelessness prevention for people who are at risk – including economic risk and behavioural factors such as ASB	Barnet Homes	Homeless Prevention Insight project currently under-way	March – July 2022
Employment, Training & Education	Providing suitable employment, training and education (ETE) options for people who are already homeless	Barnet Homes	Various ETE options in place and to be mapped as part of homeless prevention piece	March – July 2022
Establish governance and oversight of homelessness works	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Update LB Barnet Homeless &amp; Rough Sleeper strategy</li> <li>- Establish Governance and oversight</li> </ul> Establishing an intelligence framework	Barnet Homes		March – July 2022
Engaging with Integrated Care Partnership (ICP)	Utilise Barnet Borough Partnership (BBP) health inequalities priority workstream to develop for homelessness prevention through the life-course	NCL CCG/Public Health		March – July 2022

#### Glossary of terms:

BBP	Barnet Borough Partnership
BEHMHT	Barnet, Enfield, Haringey Mental Health Trust
EBI	Extended Brief Interventions (for alcohol)
ETE	Education, Training and Employment
FIT	Faecal immunochemical test (Bowel cancer screening)
IBA	Identification and Brief Advice (for alcohol)
LB Barnet	London Borough of Barnet
LCS	Locally commissioned service
MECC	Making Every Contact Count
NCL CCG	North Central London Clinical Commissioning Group
NICE	National Institute for Health & Clinical Excellence
RSDAG	Rough Sleeping Drug and Alcohol Grant

<sup>1</sup> [NICE Guidance - Integrated health and care for people experiencing homelessness](#)