

**Homelessness Health – Workplan
August 2023**

Delivery Partners		
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As part of the delivery of this workplan, other partners across LB Barnet and local VCS organisations will be engaged to deliver specific actions alongside named individuals above.

Status Key:

Overdue		On track/ Complete
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Primary Care					
Improving access to primary care services	Review Healthy London Partnership resources for local implementation.	NCL ICB	Primary Care 2 x LCS drafted (Specialist homeless LCS and pan Barnet LCS) and approved by ICB – yet to procure service Significant delays to building works at HAB	March – July 2022	Complete
Updating LCS	Review scope of NCL CCG LCS and identify opportunities.	NCL ICB		March – July 2022	In progress – Overdue
* NEW - Improving clinical space at HAB	Complete works to HAB premises to ensure clinical space fit to accommodate all clinical activities required			March – July 2022	In progress - Overdue
Developing a mixed economy of provision to enhance access	Explore opportunities to improve access within primary care networks.	NCL ICB		March – July 2022	In progress – Overdue
NICE Guidance	Review draft NICE guidance “Integrated health and social care for people experiencing homelessness.” ⁱ	NCL ICB/Public Health		March – July 2022	Complete
Secondary Care					
Improving hospital discharge for homeless people	Establish hospital discharge pathway	NCL CCG/Barnet Homes	Discharge co-ordinator in post Note: End date 2023 – to consider funding continuation	Complete	Complete
Improving pathway to homelessness services from A&E	Understand homeless pathway from A&E & identify opportunities for improvement	NCL ICB/Barnet Homes	Hospital discharge co-ordinator role not picking up referrals from A&E, further work to be done to understand whether	December 2022 – March 2023	In Progress

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			duty to refer is effective.		
Understand how to address health issues at an earlier stage	Audit A&E presentations of homeless people and develop gap analysis	Public Health	Revisit with NCL ICB	July – September 2022	Overdue
Health-related behaviour change					
MECC	Train homeless workforce in MECC to maximise their impact on avoidable illness, health protection and promotion of wellbeing and resilience.	Public Health	All staff routinely offered MECC training	September 2022	Complete
Improve vaccination uptake (Flu and COVID-19)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop bespoke vaccination clinics for rough sleepers - Develop health educator roles and community of health champions 	Public Health	<p>A series of health fairs and vaccination events have been delivered – to now move to routine annual health event.</p> <p>Health champions for homeless services not viable but to be reviewed in line with specific priorities such as cancer screening.</p>	March – July 2022	Complete
*NEW - Health checks and vaccination events	Deliver annual health fairs to include health checks, vaccinations, stop smoking services and other screening such as TB, Hep C and substance use.	Public Health	As above	Autumn 2023	
Routine cancer screening	<p>Establish pathways for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FIT screening - Cervical screening - Breast screening 	Cancer Alliance	Work plan agreed and in progress – action relating to cancer screening contingent on successful implementation of LCS	July 2022 – July 2023	In progress
Smoking	Explore options and models for accessing stop smoking services	Public Health	Referral pathway agreed and included in annual health check events.	September 2022	Complete
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/Barnet Homes	Integrated in to Fit and Active Barnet delivery plan – models being scoped	March – July 2022	In progress
Substance Misuse					
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 3 years at present with an indication of continuation for 23/24	June 2021 - June 2022	Complete
Dual diagnosis	Establish enhanced support and improved pathways for homeless people experiencing substance misuse and mental health issues	Public Health	Post funded through RSDAG – challenges with recruitment and retention, revisiting role description. Role filled on an ongoing basis with temp staff.	June 2021 - June 2022	In progress
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	

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*NEW Improving accommodation pathways for people leaving residential treatment	Develop a pathway for people leaving detox and rehab centres in need of accommodation – particularly rough sleepers	Public Health/Barnet Homes		Plan agreed by end 2023	
*NEW Improving identification and referral of people in temporary accommodation needing substance misuse related support	Systematic referral to CGL for people in temporary accommodation needing support with substance misuse – including people leaving prison	Public Health/Barnet Homes		Plan agreed by end 2023	
Mental Health					
Access to supported accommodation	Establish options and pathways for supported housing for homeless people with mental health issues	NCL ICB/LB Barnet/Barnet Homes	Best practice models and evidence base being developed alongside scoping of local need.	September – December 2022	In progress
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 ICB/LB Barnet/Barnet Homes/Public Health	The partnership has consistently explored the need to formalise mental health pathways as there are significant barriers. Various joint forums are in operation and processes agreed, however challenges remain. To be revisited via strategic group and SAR review – suggestion of formalising via a joint working protocol.	September – December 2022	In progress – overdue – significant barriers
Suicide prevention	Implement actions identified in Barnet suicide prevention strategy: - Improved signposting information to local self-harm and suicide services. - Establish referral pathway to suicide prevention services - Train workforce in suicide prevention training	Public Health	Homeless people identified as a priority group in suicide prevention strategy, local partners engaged, workforce training underway.	July 2021 – July 2022	Complete
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 – Ellie to take forward with Carol Baxter	Complete	Complete
Safeguarding Adult Reviews	Learning from two deaths to feedback into this meeting and actions to align with workplan.		Draft SAR and recommendations approved by Safeguarding Adults Board in July 2023.	July 2023	In progress
Migrant Health					
Improve access to health services for migrant populations	Complete migrant health needs assessment & develop action plan to respond to any gaps identified.	NCL ICB/Public Health	Migrant health needs assessment complete and action plan being delivered	September 2022	Complete
Improve access to health services for migrant populations	Establish access suitable local translation services	NCL ICB/Public Health	Complete	March – June 2022	Complete
Broader cross-cutting actions					
Young People and Care	Identifying opportunities specific to young	LB Barnet/Barnet	Incorporated in to delivery of	September –	Complete

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Leavers	people and care leavers: - Prevention of homelessness - Explore specific health and wellbeing issues of rough sleepers with a history of care or are transitioned age (18-25)	Homes	homelessness strategy.	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	Incorporated in to delivery of homelessness strategy.	March – July 2022	Complete
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 mapped as part of homeless prevention insight piece	March – July 2022	Complete
Establish governance and oversight of homelessness works	- Update LB Barnet Homeless & Rough Sleeper strategy - Establish Governance and oversight Establishing an intelligence framework	Barnet Homes	To be reflected in homelessness strategy	March – July 2022	In progress
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 ICB	Ongoing – representation by NCL inclusion health lead	March – July 2022	Complete

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)
ICB	Integrated Care Board (replaced CCG)
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

ⁱ [NICE Guidance - Integrated health and care for people experiencing homelessness](#)