Youth Homelessness in the North East 2018 Providers

Page 1: Introduction

Dear All

Thank you for taking part in YHNE's regional survey of youth homelessness 2018. This is the seventh annual survey of its kind. The research has proven highly useful in developing our understaning of the nature of youth homelessness and experiences of young people in our region over time, as well as informing policy responses. Each year, the survey explores:

- The nature, extent and primary causes of youth homelessness in the North East;
- The impact of the wider social, economic and political context on the experiences of young people; and
- Changes to the nature and levels of service provision for homeless young people in our region.

The suvey should take approx. 15 minutes to complete.

The survey refers to young single people aged 16-24.

In order to provide clarity of data, please can you ensure only one person from your organisation collates the data and completes the online survey.

Most of the questions in the survey ask for actual numbers of young people. Please estimate these figures if you cannot provide accurate numbers.

Please remember to click the 'Finish' button once you have entered your responses.

All of the individual responses provided will be kept confidential and anonymous.

If you have any questions about the survey, please contact Sharon Brown, YHNE Director, Sh.Brown@yhne.org

Page 2: About You

1. Please provide the name of the project or organisation that your data refers to (This is to help avoid duplication. We will not publish individual responses)

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2. What is the name of your parent organisation (if applicable)?

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3. Which local authority area(s) does your data relate to?

- ☐ Darlington
- ☐ Durham
- ☐ Gateshead
- ☐ Hartlepool
- ☐ Middlesbrough
- ☐ Newcastle
- ☐ North Tyneside
- ☐ Northumberland
- ☐ Redcar and Cleveland
- ☐ South Tyneside
- ☐ Stockton
- ☐ Sunderland
- ☐ Region-wide

4. Would you describe your project or organisation as specialist youth provision?

○ Yes

○ No

○ Yes

○ No

Page 3: Homelessness Prevention and Advice

5. How many people of all ages presented to your project in February 2018?

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6. How many young single people between the ages of 16-24 presented to your project in February 2018?

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7. What was the gender breakdown of young homeless clients being supported by your project in February 2018?

Male	[ ]
Female	[ ]

8. How has the overall number of young homeless clients changed since February 2017?

○ Increased
○ Decreased
○ No change
○ Don't know

9. How many young homeless clients being supported by your project in February 2018 were in the following categories?

Young people aged 16-17	
Looked after young people aged 16-17	
Young parents / pregnant young people	
Care leavers	
Offenders	
LGBT	

Page 4: Causes of Homelessness

10. How many young clients accessing your project in February 2018 became homeless for the following reasons? (Young people may have become homeless for several reasons. Please include ALL of these reasons in your answers)

Parents / caregivers no longer able or willing to accommodate	
Other relatives or friends no longer able or willing to accommodate	
Non-violent relationship breakdown	
Abuse or domestic violence	
Overcrowded housing	
Eviction or threat of eviction as a result of rent arrears	
Eviction or threat of eviction as a result of ASB	
End of tenancy (social housing)	
End of tenancy (private rented sector)	
Leaving institutional care	
Young people's sexual orientation	
Other	

11. For those young clients that experienced homelessness because their parents were no longer able or willing to accommodate them, what were the main reasons for this? (Please rank the following with 1 being the most common and 7 being the least common)

	1	2	3	4	5	6
Breakdown in relationship with parent	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Breakdown in relationship with stepparent or other family member	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Financial reasons	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Overcrowding	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Violence/abuse perpetrated by the young person	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Young people's sexual orientation	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Other	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Page 5: Support Needs

12. How many young clients accessing your project in February 2018 reported sleeping rough immediately prior to accessing help?

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12.a. How has the number of young clients who reported sleeping rough immediately prior to accessing your project changed since February 2017?

○ Increased
○ Decreased
○ No change
○ Don't know

12.b. How many young clients accessing your project in February 2018 had the following support needs? (Some young people may have multiple support needs. Please report on ALL of their needs separately)

Substance misuse (illegal substances)	
Alcohol misuse	
Use of legal highs	
Mental health problems	
Learning disability	
Physical health problems	
Lack of independent living skills	
Lack of literacy and numeracy skills	
Lack of relationship skills	

Not in education, employment or training	
Offending history	
English as a second language	
LGBT	
Other	

12.c. Of the young people with mental health issues who accessed your service in February 2018, in how many cases were their mental health problems *diagnosed*?

12.c.i. Of the young people with mental health issues who accessed your service in February 2018, how many were engaged in the following:

☐ Specialist mental health services

☐ Non-specialist services which were likely to be addressing their mental health problems

☐ No services likely to impact positively on their mental health

12.c.ii. Over successive years, the survey data suggests that there has been a spike in the prevalence of mental health issues among the youth homeless population. Does this reflect the perceptions of your organisation?

○ Yes

○ No

○ Don't Know

12.c.ii.a. If yes, what factors do you think account for this?

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12.d. How has the number of young clients accessing your project with complex needs (defined as three or more needs) changed since February 2017?

○ Increased
○ Decreased
○ No change
○ Don't know

12.e. How has the complexity of young clients' needs changed since February 2017?

○ Increased
○ Decreased
○ No change
○ Don't know

13. Have you been unable to assist any young homeless people who approached your service in February 2018 because of the following reasons?

☐ Limited capacity
☐ Client needs are too high
☐ Client needs are too low
☐ Client has no recourse to public funds
☐ Client has no local connection
☐ Client was heavily under the influence of drugs/alcohol
☐ Client was considered violent/high risk to others

☐ Other

☐ Other

13.a. If you selected Other, please specify:

Page 6: Accommodation and Support Services for Young Clients

14. What support services does your project provide to young people?

☐ Advice and information

☐ Help accessing benefits

☐ Mediation services

☐ Emergency or short stay accommodation

☐ Non shortstay or other accommodation

☐ Housingrelated support

☐ Help finding independent accommodation

☐ Health support

☐ Employment/education support

☐ Signposting to other agencies

☐ Other (please specify)

☐ Other

14.a. If you selected Other, please specify:

15. How have the availability of support services for young clients within your project changed since February 2017? (Please mark 'X' in the relevant boxes)

	Increased	Decreased	No change	Don't know
Services you provide				

External services you can refer to				
	☐	☐	☐	☐

16. Has the provision of emergency accommodation four young homeless people in your area changed since February 2017? (Emergency refers to temporary, short stay accommodation without waiting lists)

○ Increased

○ Decreased

○ No change

○ Don't know

17. In February 2018, which type of accommodation were young clients most likely to move on to?

➕ More info

○ Private rented sector tenancy

○ Local authority owned housing

○ Housing association accommodation

○ Staying with family or friends

○ Other

17.a. Please explain if/how this situation has changed over the past 12 months.

18.   Has the provision of youth services in your area (both publicly and nonpublicly funded) changed since February 2017?

○ Increased

○ Decreased

○ No change

○ Don't know

19.   Is there a Positive Pathway model/approach in your area? (The Positive Pathway aims to prevent young people becoming homeless by giving LAs and other organisations a clear framework, and sets out the sort of services and support needed to help young people who do become homeless).

○ Yes

○ No

○ Don't know

20.   Based on your observations of the first three months of its operation, how optimistic are you that the Homelessness Reduction Act 2017 will have a positive impact on levels of homelessness?

○ Highly optimistic

○ Cautiously optimistic

○ Not optimisitc

○ Dont know

20.a.   Please explain your answer.

20.b. What positive impacts and challenges have the first few months of implementation of the HRA 2017 had on homelessness practice in your area?

Page 7: Final Comments

21. What are the biggest gaps or challenges for young people / young people's services in your area?

22. We would welcome your comments and feedback on the following areas: Changes to housing benefit and the affect on young people's ability to access the housing in your area; Concerns over issues of asylum / refugees; Good practice in your area.

Page 8: Thank you