

Action number	Headline Action	Year Start Date	Responsibility
Priority 1 - Make Homelessness Everyone's Responsibility Through a System-Wide Approach			
1.1	Gain commitment from partner agencies across Derbyshire to develop a Homelessness Charter together.	1	
1.2	Assess the feasibility of a Commitment to Collaborate in order to embed homeless prevention across Derbyshire's statutory and voluntary services.	1	
1.3	Identify the key triggers for homelessness and work with partners to ensure that they are equipped to prevent homelessness and/or make seamless referrals where necessary.	1	
1.4	Streamline the Duty to Refer referral system and work with partner agencies to improve the timeliness and quality of referrals.	1	
1.5	Develop a Countywide Homelessness Forum as a vehicle for delivering the County Homelessness Strategy.	1	
1.6	Seek to better understand the health needs of the homeless population through a health needs audit with partners.	3	
1.7	Improve access to health services and health outcomes for individuals experiencing homelessness, working with partners.	3	
1.8	Work with Derbyshire County Council, the Primary Care Trust, Derbyshire Foundation Trust and Public Health to influence and inform the commissioning and delivery of mental	1 Ongoing	

	health, substance misuse, and adult social care services to ensure they are accessible and meet the needs of clients experiencing homelessness with complex and multiple needs.		
1.9	Seek that stock holding authorities sign up to the principles for Homes for Cathy.	1	
1.10	Encourage all social housing providers to become a member of Homes for Cathy.	1	
1.11	Evaluate the extent of rural homelessness across the area and the need for a specific public awareness campaign within rural communities.	3	
1.12	Identify opportunities to create more consistent approaches and promote best practice in the delivery of housing options services.	3	
1.13	Develop a common referral form to access supported housing services across Derbyshire.	2	
1.14	Ensure that data is captured widely and effectively across the system to understand homelessness and the wider determinants, and that this data is used to improve interventions and joint approaches.	1 Ongoing	

Priority 2 - Prevent and respond to homelessness through early intervention and personalised solutions			
2.1	Consider research projects into the impact of wider social issues on homelessness where shared partnership approaches are central to resolving them. Prioritise projects and seek resources for these based on impact and extent of existing research.	3	
2.2	Commit to working towards preventing homelessness prior to 56 days (in advance of any statutory duty) and explore funding opportunities to develop a specialist early intervention	3	

	project		
2.3	Undertake an awareness raising campaign focusing on homeless prevention, encouraging individuals to seek help at the earliest point.	1 Ongoing	
2.4	Work with partners to develop an integrated homelessness and wellbeing assessment	1	
2.5	Work with Derbyshire County Council to meet the requirements of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021, including ensuring that there is a range of housing options, choice and information available to those experiencing domestic abuse.	1	
2.6	React accordingly and ensure a range of measures are in place to prevent homelessness linked to the wider economy and increases in the cost of living.	1	
2.7	Work with partners to ensure access to services to improve customer's financial capability, including access to education, training, and employment	2	
2.8	Commit to improving prevention toolkits across Derbyshire.	1 Ongoing	
2.9	Work with partners to better understand the nature and extent of family evictions and develop targeted preventative tools accordingly.	1	
2.10	Work to maximise preventions from the private rented sector through the development of targeted interventions.	1	
2.11	Explore the viability of creating a county-wide private landlords forum in order to improve landlord participation and engagement.	2	
2.12	Develop a supported housing pre-eviction protocol in partnership with providers.	2	

2.13	Develop a prison release protocol.	1	
2.14	Secure support from leadership at relevant hospitals to develop discharge protocols with Derbyshire councils.	1 Ongoing	
2.15	Develop a Young Persons Positive Pathway with Children's Services to include a joint protocol for 16/17-year-olds.	5	
2.16	Work in partnership with Children's services and other key agencies to minimise the detrimental impact of homelessness on children.	1 Ongoing	

Priority 3 - End rough sleeping and repeat homelessness			
3.1	As part of the Rough Sleeping Initiative develop a targeted prevention approach to prevent the flow of new rough sleepers on to the street.	2	
3.2	Develop a multi-disciplinary team to work to deliver assertive and coordinated services to rough sleepers and individuals experiencing homelessness with multiple complex needs, with a focus on preventing repeat homelessness.	1	
3.3	Explore how we can provide a rapid offer of off the street accommodation so that no-one has to spend a second night on the streets.	3	
3.4	Explore the feasibility of developing an assessment centre to provide off the street accommodation for rough sleepers.	2	
3.5	Plan and develop specialist winter provision for future winters.	1 ongoing	
3.6	Develop a supported reconnection policy to support rough sleepers to return safely to their	1	

	home areas.		
3.7	Assess the impact and outcomes of the Rough Sleeping Initiative-funded projects, and develop a business case to secure future funding, including a detailed cost benefit analysis.	1 Ongoing	
3.8	Develop an alternative giving campaign, and work to promote public awareness around rough sleeping and begging, where there is evidence that the issue exists.	3	
3.9	Develop specialist education, employment, and training opportunities for those with a complex history of homelessness and rough sleeping.	3	
3.10	Gather evidence and consider research projects into <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the extent of dual diagnosis within the homelessness population in order to create an evidence base to work with commissioners to create new service pathways. the nature and scale of hidden homelessness the nature and scale of intergenerational homelessness across Derbyshire. Prioritise those projects needed based on impact and seek funding to progress them.	2 Ongoing	

Priority 4 - Develop sustainable supported and settled housing solutions			
4.1	Work towards increasing the provision of appropriate, affordable social housing.	1 Ongoing	
4.2	Following consultation with private landlords develop a comprehensive and attractive countywide landlord offer.	1 Ongoing	

4.3	Explore opportunities to develop a countywide private sector leasing scheme.	4	
4.4	Review exempt supported accommodation leading to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a needs assessment • a charter of rights and quality standards • support for accommodation providers becoming Registered Providers • advocating at a national level for better regulation • a delivery strategy 	1 Ongoing	
4.5	In partnership with Derbyshire County Council develop appropriate housing provision for clients with complex, multiple and longer-term care needs where funding permits.	2	
4.6	Work with Derbyshire County Council to develop additional provision for domestic abuse, including immediate access provision and advocacy support.	1 Ongoing	
4.7	Carry out a review of temporary and interim accommodation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • identify future need and an options appraisal for future delivery arrangements, including the option of nightly paid emergency accommodation • Explore the opportunities for a countywide temporary accommodation forum. 	1 Ongoing	