

BCAN Homeless Forum Information Sheet

Homelessness Consortium

Background

It is sometimes hard to understand how the various groups working in the area of homelessness in Bristol fit together. The following was received from the Council in May 2004 as an answer to the question: "What is the Homelessness Consortium?"

Detail

The Homelessness Consortium replaced the previous Rough Sleeping Initiative Consortium and includes representatives of family homeless services and private sector provision as well as those representing single homeless clients and rough sleepers.

The Homeless Consortium enables the City and its partners to take a wider view of homelessness and the delivery of homeless services; improve strategic links and planning for services; inform funding bids for future services; and promote joint working to review services and produce a Homeless Strategy for the City for 2003 and oversee its implementation.

The Homeless Consortium has built on the strong working relationships already formed through the former RSI Consortium and its sub groups, and take responsibility for strategic planning for future services as well as having an overview of policy for delivering services in Bristol.

Representatives are individuals who hold a senior position in their organisation together with chairs of the Homeless Consortium task groups:

- Meaningful Occupation Task Group,
- Direct Access Review Group,
- Case Review Group and
- Fieldwork & Lettings.

Currently, it is proposed that the consortium has a Steering group put in place (that meets up with the BSHF twice a year). There are also time limited sub groups that focus on the development and improvement of services.