

# **Bristol Homelessness Survey**

## **4 – 10 February 2008**

### **Guidance Notes**

## **Background**

This survey is being organised by the BCAN Homeless Forum, and follows up a very similar survey in February 2007. You can find out more about us and the details of the previous survey by visiting the web site: [www.bcan.org.uk](http://www.bcan.org.uk)

Our intention is to capture details about each point of contact each homeless person has with one of the agencies helping homeless people in Bristol, over the course of one week.

If you can't get it all filled in, don't worry. Just recording that this person has used your agency on this date is useful information, and everything else is a bonus. The questions on the second page are all optional.

## **Completing the Survey**

### *Before You Start*

You should have one copy of these guidance notes, and a number of the two-sided survey sheets – one for each of the homeless people you will see today.

We hope it is obvious what needs to be done to fill in the survey form : where you see full stops (.....) something needs to be written in; where you see a slash (/) one of the alternatives needs to be chosen and circled; and where you see a semi-colon delimited list, any number of the alternatives can be chosen.

### *Section A.*

Please fill in the Location, Date and Time. The Location is the name of your agency– so please enter, for example, 'Soup Run' or 'One25' rather than the name of the street you are in.

The first question to ask is probably: "Have you already completed one of these surveys this year?" If the answer is yes, then we only need the first box to be filled in. You may want to point out that they should give the same name as they gave before, so we can tie the two forms together!

### *Section D.*

Please explain that the Homeless Health Service includes the HASH team, the SMART Team and the Health Link at The Hub.

### *Section F.*

The distinction between squatting and skippering is that squatting is done in an unoccupied but habitable building, while skippering is done in an unoccupied and inhabitable building – an underground car park or a derelict home for example.