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### **(CCC) Plan for moving onto the next phase of accommodating rough sleepers**

As you are aware, the Minister for Rough Sleeping and Housing, Luke Hall MP, sent a letter to all Local Authority Chief Executives in England on 28 May 2020, with the subject of 'Moving onto the next phase of accommodating rough sleepers'.

In this letter Mr Hall stated: "I am now asking that you put in place a plan of support for all rough sleepers accommodated in hotels and other forms of emergency accommodation during the response to the pandemic". In reference to this plan he said: "We are asking for these initial plans to be set out by 11 June".

We would be grateful if you would provide us with a copy of your authority's 'initial plan' (i.e. the plan that your authority set out by 11 June, or any later date if relevant, in line with the request made in Mr Hall's letter). We would like to receive this plan in whatever form it took.

#### **Response:**

I hope the attached will answer your query. The document has been redacted to remove information that may identify the current address locations of the placement of rough sleepers, as this could be construed as personal information.

Further queries on this matter should be directed to [foi@cambridge.gov.uk](mailto:foi@cambridge.gov.uk)

## **Rough Sleeper Next Steps and Recovery: Initial Plan**

*This document is designed to assist with Next Steps planning for those who have been accommodated in response to the Covid-19 pandemic.*

*The document asks for information on;*

- *Cohort size and needs,*
- *Proposals for interim and move on accommodation*
- *Where existing resource can fund move-on options (e.g. Rough Sleeping Initiative (RS) Year 3)*

### **Glossary**

1. **Emergency COVID-19 accommodation (EA)** – hotels or other temporary accommodation acquired since 18 March in response to the Covid-19 pandemic and which has a time-limited availability.
2. **Temporary accommodation (TA)** –Accommodation available as Council TA or newly secured on a temporary basis (e.g. YHA, student halls etc) which you anticipate will continue to be available beyond the ‘lockdown’ period
3. **Short/medium term accommodation** – accommodation which is suitable for short to medium-term occupation whilst move on accommodation is procured e.g student accommodation, Council TA, supported exempt accommodation, caravans, property guardianships.
4. **Move-on accommodation** – accommodation which is suitable for longer-term residence) e.g. supported housing with move on, private rental sector (PRS), council lettings, RP lettings, return to family/friends.

<b>LOCAL AUTHORITY:</b>	
<b>Name</b>	
<b>Email</b>	
<b>Please state all local authorities included if responding on behalf of a joint RSI allocation</b>	n/a (Cambridge)
<b>Date</b>	2 June 2020
<b>1. Current Cohort</b>	
a. Please provide the number of single people currently in emergency accommodation in response to the Covid-19 pandemic (see glossary above).	103
b. Where you have concerns regarding emergency accommodation that will not be available for as long as you would need it, please set this out, indicating the number of individuals affected and any end dates of concern	See note below
c. Please provide the number of single people currently in Temporary Accommodation (TA) in response to the Covid-19 pandemic (see glossary above).	7
d. Of the people in accommodation how many do you estimate will need the following types of accommodation and support to move on	
I. Housing First/Supported Housing with intensive support	32
II. Supported housing or housing led with floating support	49
III. PRS/social housing tenancy with start-up floating support	20
IV. Assistance to reconnect to family and friends/return home	9
e. Of the people in accommodation how many do you estimate:	
I. Are EEA nationals with no access to public funds	16

II. Other Non UK Nationals with no recourse to public funds by condition of their immigration status?	4
f. Of the people accommodated how many will require self-contained accommodation because they are at increased risk of severe illness from Covid-19, some of whom will be <a href="#">clinically extremely vulnerable</a> and must continue to be shielded?	12
g. Is your answer to f. above an estimate or based on completed assessments?	Based on completed assessments. (May be more)
<b>2. Please set out your move on plans. Please make clear options that are already in place, those that are being developed and those which you propose to develop. State types of accommodation and numbers.</b>	
<b>Short/medium-term accommodation units</b>	NUMBER of UNITS
Units you have or in development, and when expected to be available	n/a – we are focussing our efforts on procuring longer-term move-on accommodation.
Please set out your proposals for delivering additional short/medium term accommodation units	n/a
<b>Move-on accommodation</b>	NUMBER of UNITS
Units you have or in development and when expected to be available	Up to 29 modular homes with intensive or floating support dependent on need (late summer 2020) Up to 10 bed-spaces in shared accommodation (late summer 2020) Up to 21 Housing First bed spaces (to Autumn 2020)
Please set out your proposals for delivering additional move on accommodation units	See note below
<b>Other accommodation options</b>	
How many do you estimate will be reconnected to friends/family or other support networks	3
How many do you estimate will be reconnected to friends/family or other support networks outside the UK, through international reconnection?	6
<b>What are the additional support or other services associated with the above accommodation plans (e.g. floating or on-site support, admin, any other accommodation related services)</b>	
<b>Currently commissioned (MHCLG RSI y3):</b>	
<b>3.5 FTE Housing First support workers (1:6 ratio, total 21 clients)</b>	
<b>1 FTE Modular Home support worker (1:10 ratio, total 10 clients)</b>	
<b>1 FTE Shared Housing support worker (1:10 ratio, total 10 clients)</b>	
The MHCLG workers will enable us to support 41 individuals. We expect 17 people to be housed through the traditional hostel route, which leaves us with around 23 individuals requiring floating support and 20 individuals requiring start-up support.	

<b>3. Existing funding that Could Assist with Next Steps</b>	
We are aware that some RSI Y3 projects may have been delayed from starting due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Please list name and type of intervention(s) set out in your MOU that are not commenced / delayed (estimate no. months delayed)	All have commenced except: Homelessness Service Coordinator (CGL) – 6 weeks delay Outreach / Inreach worker (CGL) – 2 months delay
We are aware that some RSI Y3 projects may now be undeliverable or no longer appropriate due to the COVID-19 pandemic. List name and type of intervention(s) set out in your MOU that are now undeliverable/in appropriate	None. Please see attached spreadsheet with comment
Estimate the total amount of RSI funding from April 2020 – March 2021 that could be repurposed to accommodating and supporting people who were placed in emergency COVID-19 accommodation.	None. All posts / projects have the potential to assist with accommodating / supporting people placed into emergency accommodation. I would say that they might need tweaking rather than repurposing (i.e. spending more time carrying out inreach support than street-based interventions)
Estimate the total amount from other funding streams which could be used to accommodate and support people who were placed in emergency COVID-19 emergency accommodation.	To be confirmed. There is buy-in at a senior officer / member level to see all those placed in covid-19 emergency accommodation rehoused. However I have no indication as to the amount of council funding available.  Other local support services (Wintercomfort, Jimmy's, It Takes a City) have expressed an interest in bidding for external funding to support the work, but nothing has been confirmed yet.

**Notes:**

**1b. Emergency accommodation is available as follows:**

- [REDACTED] Hotel – 24 bedspaces – no specified end date
- [REDACTED] Guest House – 16 bedspaces – no specified end date
- [REDACTED] Guest House – no specified end date – however this accommodation is in Peterborough and we have no plans to increase the numbers housed beyond the current 4.
- [REDACTED] – currently 60 bedspaces – to reduce to 30 by 19<sup>th</sup> June. From 17<sup>th</sup> July, no block-booking facility (though we may be able to procure individual rooms)
- [REDACTED] Hostel [REDACTED] – 20 bedspaces – to end by 31 August.

**2b. Please set out your proposals for delivering additional move on accommodation units:**

- **Housing First/Supported Housing with intensive support:** Demand 32. Supply 32 (Targeted 21 HF units plus 11 hostel bedspaces)
- **Supported housing or housing led with floating support** Demand 49. Supply 35 (Targeted 19 housing-led modular homes; 10 shared accommodation bedspaces; 6 hostel bedspaces). **Shortfall of 14.**

- **PRS/social housing tenancy with start-up floating support:** Demand 20. Supply 10 (10 modular homes to be constructed in more 'sensitive' areas of the city, where individuals housed should have lower support needs). **Shortfall of 10.**

Shortfalls to be met by:

- Procurement of shared accommodation through Townhall Lettings
- Procurement of further shared accommodation from council stock
- Availability of council stock for those who require social housing