

Job Title Housing Solutions Officer- Rough Sleeping Initiative.

Job specific requirements

Within the Housing Solutions Service, the Rough Sleeping Initiative team provides a bespoke service combining personalised and proactive outreach and tenancy support to guide rough sleepers into long term sustainable accommodation whilst addressing the underlying issues and promoting empowerment.

The Focus

The primary purpose of this function is to work in line with housing legislation to tackle and prevent rough sleeping across the district. Our belief is that rough sleeping is an intrinsically harmful and dangerous activity both for the individual and for the wider community. Therefore we take a proactive and assertive approach to supporting people away from sleeping rough. Our aim is to support people to recover from the effects of rough sleeping and move away from a street lifestyle permanently.

The team provides one to one intensive support and assistance to clients with complex support needs and chaotic lifestyles who currently find it difficult to secure and sustain accommodation.

You will work in partnership to address the underlying issues of people sleeping rough and aim to achieve positive sustainable outcomes, helping to empower people towards securing independence and long-term accommodation. The role involves:-

- Outreach work to identify and engage with rough sleepers in various locations, including drop-in sessions at partner agencies. Occasional out of hours working will be required.
- Ensuring that clients have access to healthcare including substance misuse and mental health care.
- Contributing to and holding case conferences with partners
- Adhering to all Kirklees Council policies including risk assessments, safeguarding and professional boundaries.
- Supporting clients to develop tenancy skills for independent living.
- Developing strong relationships with partners, including sharing relevant information to reduce known risks and secure support and accommodation solutions.

The Person

You will need to have:-

- An understanding of housing and homelessness legislation and be able to carry out homeless assessments, ensuring appropriate homeless decisions are made.
- The tenacity and perseverance required for working with and supporting clients with complex needs and chaotic lifestyles
- A genuine desire to support people to rebuild their lives, and an ability to inspire and motivate people in difficult circumstances.
- An understanding of the vulnerabilities faced by most rough sleepers including substance misuse, mental health, physical disability, debt and offending history.
- An awareness of trauma-informed care
- Skills in undertaking challenging conversations with clients and partners to achieve sound outcomes.

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This Role Profile is intended to provide an understanding and appreciation of the responsibilities of this particular job. It is not possible to specify every detail and we expect you to work flexibly within your skills, knowledge, experience and grade of this job.

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