

## **Executive summary of Report and Action Plans 2007 to 2011 Regional Homelessness Strategy**

Following on from the agreement of the Regional Homelessness Strategy the Regional Homelessness Forum commissioned work to develop sub-regional action plans that would contribute to its implementation and most importantly make a difference for people already homeless or those at risk of homelessness.

The funding for the development of the results based actions plans comes from the East Midlands Regional Housing Group.

The scope and scale of the work is huge so through an iterative process with sub-regional catalysts and partnerships we have developed a set of outcomes and results which focus our collective efforts on key areas which we can then build on over the next 3 to 5 years.

Not all of the sub-regions are working on all the recommendations in the Strategy but between all the sub-regions and the Regional Homelessness Forum we are tackling all the key outcomes to a lesser or greater extent.

We intend to monitor the outcomes and results we have set and use the Regional Homelessness Forum to update the outcomes and keep the Regional Housing Group apprised of the key issues and areas for potential investment.

We have used a results based approach to the project with a focus on creating or maintaining the momentum of joint working and change with a clear focus on the difference we want to make rather on the processes we will use to make that difference.

Over the next 2 to 3 years we are planning to achieve the following outcomes jointly with the sub-regional groups that have emerged to support this work.

Outcome 1: There are 15 examples of RSLs and Local Authorities working together successfully to promote primary prevention of homelessness and to reduce the risk of repeat homelessness.

Outcome 2: There are 5 examples of pathways models being put into practice including pathways for people leaving prison. There is evidence that the pathways are reducing the numbers of people becoming homeless.

Outcome 3: There are 10 examples of shared learning and enhanced practice in prevention across the whole region.

Outcome 4: There are 3 examples of extended and sustainable use of the private rented sector and evidence of its use in both primary and secondary prevention.

Outcome 5: There are 10 examples of how new intelligence, such as presenter surveys, is being used to shape policy, practice and promote innovation.

Outcome 6: There are 4 examples of new partnerships emerging and of joint working and commissioning in the sub-regions to help integrate homelessness responses into other service areas e.g. employment. There is 1 example of how homelessness has been integrated into the new LAA process successfully.

Outcome 7: There are 10 examples of service users being effectively integrated into service design, monitoring of outcomes and into strategic development opportunities.

Outcome 8: Learning from each of the above is being shared across the region and there are 10 examples of how work in one sub-region has influenced other sub-regions in their subsequent planning and activity.

We believe these outcomes can be delivered and that they will make a major contribution to reducing homelessness across the region. The outcomes will also furnish us with important and up to date intelligence that can be used by the Regional Housing Group and others as investment and change decisions are made.

Each sub-region and the Regional Homelessness Forum are delivering smaller results that contribute to the outcomes, it is these results that we will be monitoring on a regular basis to ensure that we stay on track and deliver a real change for people.

The results have been generated by people in the sub-regions and reflect both their local concerns and the need for more coordinated activity across sub-region and the region as a whole.

In each sub-region people are already working on homelessness and we see the task of the regional work is to add value and maximise results rather than to add another layer of plans and heavy monitoring.

We have taken a pragmatic approach to defining the sub regions starting with the HMA areas but responding to the obvious partnerships on the ground, where they existed and building on those. We asked local participants what made most sense to them in terms of delivering change and on that basis the following sub-regions have emerged.

Nottingham City and South Nottinghamshire  
North Nottinghamshire  
Derbyshire  
Northamptonshire  
Leicestershire  
Lincolnshire (inc Rutland)