

Homelessness Response to Covid-19

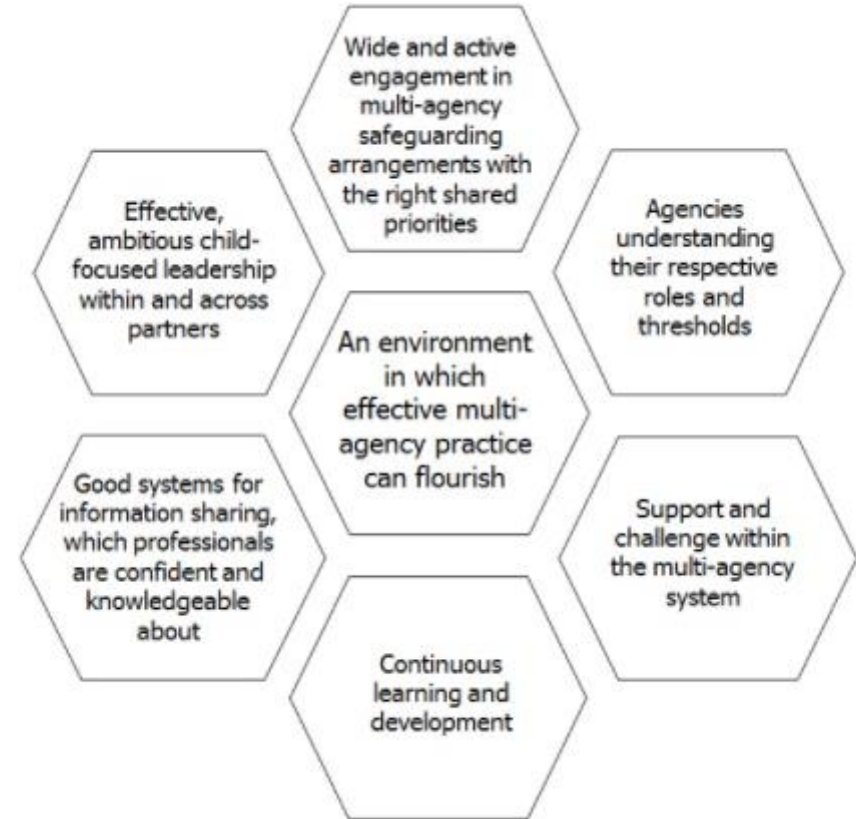
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The Context: Multi-Agency Work in Brent

- Brent Homelessness Forum, 2018 – Current
 - Improve **information sharing & learning** exchange
 - Strengthen **partnerships, co-operation and coordination of activities** of those working with homeless people in Brent
 - **Review, respond and scrutinise** local implications and implementation of **policies and strategies**;
 - Develop and promote **solutions** to key issues affecting homeless people
- Complex Needs Task & Finishing Group



1st Lockdown – Collaborative Response

- Information sharing agreement
- Everyone In
- Covid 19 & Homelessness Working Group Bi weekly & working groups
- Wider Homelessness Forum, Bi-weekly / Monthly
- Regular communication to wider forum (Weekly / Monthly)
- Food delivery operation
- SMART Team (Supportive Multi-disciplinary Response team)
- NRPF approach
- Domestic Abuse – cross sectors approach

1st Lockdown – Everyone In: 23 March – 6 July

- During the first lockdown, 423 single homeless people were seen by the Council
- The majority (219) approached the Council directly, the remaining were referred by the Outreach Team or other partner agencies, working in Brent
- 76 people were not provided with emergency accommodation. The majority were accommodated by the GLA or another Council, made their own arrangements, were not homeless or withdrew their application. 19 People refused the Council's offer of emergency accommodation
- 347 people were provided with emergency accommodation.

Eligibility

Of the 347 people who were accommodated, 62 people were not eligible for assistance under homelessness legislation

Eligible clients	285
EEA nationals, not eligible for housing assistance	46
Non EEA nationals with no recourse to public funds	16
Total	347

Non Eligible Cohort

- Of the 46 EEA Nationals, 19 people have been supported to secure pre settled status or settled status in the UK, and are being moved to settled accommodation.
- 19 people have been supported to submit their application and are waiting for the outcome, the remainder are still working to submit their application
- Of the 16 people from outside the EEA, 6 have abandoned the emergency accommodation, and 2 have been granted indefinite leave to remain in the UK

Eligible Cohort

Four housing pathways were established to meet the housing needs of this cohort , based on their support needs.

- No/Low support - Private Rented Sector
- Low/Medium support - Private Rented Sector with floating support
- Medium/High Support – Supported Housing
- High Support – Housing First

Eligible Cohort Outcomes

Moved to Private Rented Sector	118
Moved to Private Rented Sector (with floating support)	7
Moved to Supported Housing Accommodation	49
Moved to Housing First	1
Still waiting for suitable accommodation	28
Abandoned accommodation	28
Declined offer and made own arrangements	25
Went to prison	8
Refused to cooperate	7
Admitted to hospital	4
Application withdrawn	3
Returned to Home country	3
Returned to pre COVID accommodation	2
Accommodated by another LA	2

3rd Lockdown and Beyond

- Testing & Vaccinations
- SWEP & Night Shelter
- Evictions Task and Finishing Group
- Community of Practice
- BLM Housing Group