

OXFORDSHIRE
HOMELESS
MOVEMENT

OHM – NRPF project

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OHM's Vision

Everyone working together to ensure that nobody should have to sleep rough on the streets of Oxfordshire

OHM aims to bring together everyone addressing homelessness in the county, and shows people how and where to get involved.

- Focus on filling the critical **gaps in provision** that others can't
- Always listening to the voices of those with **lived experience** of homelessness

OHM's Mission

We will work constructively together to increase public awareness and understanding of rough sleeping, to generate funding and commitment in kind, and to find and deliver effective, lasting solutions to end rough sleeping in Oxfordshire

Filling critical gaps - NRPF

- A project to support people with No Recourse to Public Funds
 - giving an opportunity to help some of our most vulnerable neighbours find a home and rebuild their lives
- Working in partnership with 3 selected and specialist delivery partners
- To provide support and accommodation to the 20 people in interim accommodation venues with NRPF
- Costed over a 5 year period with the aim to take referrals over time
- Total cost of between £1.242M and £1.482M depending on property supply

Filling critical gaps - NRPF

- OHM Steering Group agreed this as a priority and speeded up by Covid-19
- Working Group set up including Steering Group* and non Steering Group members
 - Aspire*
 - Asylum Welcome
 - Connection Support*
 - Crisis local* and national
 - Oxford City Council*
 - Oxfordshire Community Foundation*
 - Refugee Resource
 - Sanctuary Hosting
 - St Mungo's*
 - The Gatehouse*

Filling critical gaps - NRPF

- Working Group worked on:
 - Writing a summary and full prospectus (<https://www.oxfordshirehomelessmovement.org/nrpf-project>)
 - Including costing a full solution
 - Creating a specific Strength Based Assessment for guests
 - Gaining input from the Lived Experience Advisory Forum
- Mini tender process led to the selection of 3 delivery partners for the project
 - Aspire
 - Asylum Welcome
 - Connection Support

Filling critical gaps - NRPF

- Aspire
 - Property management and maintenance services
- Asylum Welcome
 - For the non-EEA cohort: immigration and asylum casework to support access to and maximise effectiveness of legally aided help
 - For the EEA cohort: support to regularise status
- Connection Support
 - Create tailored support plans to holistically care for the client's ongoing wellbeing, and create a plan with the client to help them move forward
 - Specialist support relating to trauma and lived experience

Filling critical gaps - NRPF

- Property planning
 - Housing Associations
 - Soha Housing are providing 6x2 bedroomed properties, housing 12 individuals at a peppercorn rent
 - Other Housing Associations
 - Contacts have been made
 - Colleges
 - Contacts have been made
- Costings take into account having to pay for some properties at more than peppercorn rent

Filling critical gaps - NRPF

- Fundraising so far
 - OHM's fundraising activities Christmas 2020
 - One Council
 - Local philanthropists
 - Trusts and foundations
- Current position
 - About £30k short of being able to support 12 people for 18 months
 - Ongoing applications by Aspire, OHM and Connection Support

Filling critical gaps - NRPF

- Latest update
 - 13 clients being worked with
 - 9 guests have been housed, 8 with Soha Housing:
 - 2 guests together in Headington
 - 2 guests together in Wallingford
 - 1 guest in Brightwell cum Sotwell
 - 3 guests in Littlemore
 - 1 guest in temporary accommodation with Aspire
 - Working with St Mungo's to establish total number requiring accommodation when 2nd interim accommodation closes

**Thank
you!**

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