

Supporting Rough Sleepers at a time of national crisis: The Leeds approach

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The Leeds Context – pre-Covid

- Core city - High number of applications
- Early intervention
- Positive prevention outcomes
- Low main duty decisions
- Low TA numbers
- Rough sleepers



And then....

- March 20 - Lock Out
- March 23 - Lock Down
- March 26 - Lock In



Everyone In...but where?

- Main provision for single males withdrawn
- 'Safeguarding' beds withdrawn also
- No usual network of hotels
 - Large hotel came forward
 - Self contained short stay apartments



The Hotel

- 120+ beds
- On outskirts of Leeds City Centre
- Used as mixed provision
- Food delivered around the clock
- 24 hour security



The Hotel

- Various partners on site
 - Health
 - Substance misuse
 - Mental health
 - Various outreach teams

- "No Strings Attached"



Outcomes

- Over 800 people assisted under Everyone In
- Positive accommodation outcomes secured for majority
- Very few who have returned to street
- Increased engagement with services
- Hidden female cohort in from the cold
- Honest conversation about provision in the city



Any questions?

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