

Vulnerable People Housing Assessment

People who have or have had drug and/or alcohol problems

(Full reference should also be made to Derbyshire Supporting People Strategy 2005/10– pages 53 - 55 and Appendix C – pages 86 - 93)

Summary

Estimates of the number of people in Erewash with drug and/or alcohol problems in need of housing and/or housing support each year vary from about 60 to 82.. Many people who have drug/alcohol problems may have additional problems such as homelessness, domestic abuse, mental health problems, and offending behaviour and/or may be young people.

The Housing and Support needs of people with drug/alcohol problems vary from accessing drug treatment, detoxification and rehabilitation services, to supported accommodation and move-on accommodation.

Currently in Erewash, we have now started to provide services which meet many of these needs, including: - including 5 places of supported accommodation; 12 move-on accommodation for those aged 16 - 25; a floating support scheme; homelessness prevention officers; a mediation service and an effective move-on protocol to permanent tenancies.

However, as most of these services have only opened recently – we will be monitoring the impact of these carefully to assess what additional, extended or reconfigured housing and support services are needed for people with drug/alcohol problems.

Housing and support services for people with drug/alcohol problems are of strategic importance in Erewash, which is also demonstrated by the commitment to these services by EBC Members and staff.

The current priorities for future development are to:-

- ensure the continuation of the current services***
 - to monitor the impact of the new services***
 - to ensure access to high level needs services outside the borough, when required***
 - monitor the need and availability of services for people with alcohol but not drug problems***
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Number of people in Erewash with drug and/or alcohol problems homeless, in housing need or requiring housing support

<u>Information</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Breakdown</u>
Probation service approaches in finding accommodation in Erewash & Amber Valley (East division accommodation questionnaire 04/05)	43 from Amber Valley, 24 from Erewash. At least 29 (41%) of these were considered to have substance misuse problems	20 (29%) needed some form of housing-related support.. 25 from Amber Valley, and 13 from Erewash were homeless.
Approximate number of people in drug treatment in Erewash 2005-06	226	% of those in drug treatment in Derbyshire being recorded as of no fixed abode was only 5%. This will likely underestimate the housing need, as use of the term varies by agency and it may not reflect people with a very insecure roof over their heads (eg staying with friends). More realistic estimate = approx 30% (68 people in drug treatment who are in housing need)) Wards with highest numbers in treatment: Cotmanhay, Derby Road East, Ilkeston Central, Ilkeston North, Long Eaton
No of people in Erewash Addaction clinic each week (From Addaction 2005)	100	
No of people at any one time needing stability and Ready for settled lifestyle (Addaction 2005)	15+	
Single Young people aged 16 – 25 needing emergency accommodation per year From Agency information and	200 –same night 75 – within 1 week	Of which:- With Drug problems: 60 With drink problems 38

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estimates as at 9.8.05		Females 26 Males 249 Found emergency Accommodation 83
No of young people (16 – 25) with drug/alcohol problems approaching various agencies, each year (from Young peoples questionnaire July 05)	82	

Housing and Support needs of people with drug and/or alcohol problems, and how these are met in Erewash:

<u>Housing and support needs</u>	<u>How met in Erewash (see below for more detail)</u>
Advice, information, mediation to keep at home with parents/relatives	Homelessness and Housing Support team. Mediation service
Advice, information and support to access and maintain drug/alcohol detoxification, treatment and rehabilitation services	Addaction Drug treatment services
Emergency same night/same week accommodation with support until can return home or move to supported accommodation	P3 Single homeless hostel
Support Workers to help sort out practical issues, and to help access other services – in home, in temporary accommodation, or when moved to permanent accommodation	Single homeless hostel, supported accommodation & floating support
Supported accommodation	Supported accommodation
Move-on accommodation	Move-on protocol Housing Aid Smartshare
Permanent tenancy	Via Move-on protocol
Some people with drug/alcohol problems may want to stay near familiar territories, relatives and support. However, some want to move away from areas or associates which are “bad influences”.	Supported accommodation in Ilkeston and Long Eaton. Also in Amber Valley Referrals made out of area when needed.
Accommodation for those with high level	None in Erewash. Referral to

and intensive support needs	provision in Derby and Nottingham
Access to drug and alcohol reduction, detox, and rehabilitation services	In Nottingham and Derby

Supported Accommodation and Other Services for People with drug/alcohol problems in Erewash

Amber Valley Housing/Action Housing	5 places – Supported Accommodation in shared houses in Long Eaton and Ilkeston	Advice and Information. Support workers. Supported accommodation.
Stonham Floating support scheme	5 places	Support Workers
Housing Aid Smartshare	5 places – shared house in Long Eaton. Aged 18+	Accommodation with some support. Advice and Information
P3 Single Homeless hostel	12 places – emergency/short-term supported accommodation – normally a few days/ up to 3 months	Support workers Supported temporary accommodation Advice, information and help to move to suitable supported or permanent accommodation
*P3 Move-on accommodation	12 places in Long Eaton. For ages 16 – 25. Accommodation with minimal support. Move-on from supported accommodation projects	Move-on accommodation
Addaction	For people with, or concerned about people with, a drug or alcohol problems	Needs assessments Advice and information, Support Access to treatment and reduction programmes. Referral to other services.

* Due to open by December 2007

Protocols/Forums etc

- Move-on Protocol

Relevant Strategies

Erewash Fit for Purpose Housing Strategy 2005 – 2008:

Key issues for Erewash are:

- access to social housing is limited if you are suffering from drug or alcohol problem
- there is not enough supported accommodation in the Borough for people, those with drug or alcohol problems or..... those with a combination of problems;

There are a number of supported housing schemes across the Borough for different client groups, and some schemes with 'floating support' in the Borough, although we consider that additional supported housing schemes are needed for those withmultiple support needs, dependency problems
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From working with our partners in the Borough and in the County, we understand that there is a further need for supported accommodation for, in particular:

- single homeless;
- people with chaotic lifestyles and complex needs;
- people who have, or have had alcohol or drug misuse problems;

We consider that there is a need for floating support for all client groups, in particular: those who have, or have had alcohol or drug misuse problems;

Action: Increase the provision of a wider range of temporary accommodation. Task - re-open homeless hostel for emergency/short-term for single homeless

Erewash Community Strategy 2006 – 2009:

Over the last three years communities have highlighted the following areas as requiring further action:Drug and alcohol related crime and disorder

In order to achieve our targets, we recognise the need to develop a strategic response to our four themes in all partnership activities:

Work in partnership to prevent the harm to the communities of Erewash from drug and alcohol related anti-social and criminal behaviour

Commitment made by Members & staff:-

- Instigating and developing the Drug and alcohol supported accommodation scheme
- £100,000 social housing grant for Drug and alcohol supported accommodation scheme
- Sale of 2 council owned properties to P3 for 12 units of move-on accommodation for young people
- Transfer of funding of £62,500 towards support staff at P3 single homeless hostel
- Support for PCT funding bid of £6,000 towards furnishings for the supported housing project

Available Funding

- For support – Supporting People funding, Social Services funding
- Erewash Social Housing Grant
- Housing Benefit
- EBC Bed & Breakfast budget

Future Housing Needs and Housing-related support needs

A year ago – we had no specific services for people with drug and/or alcohol problems in Erewash. Over the next 18 months - we want to assess the impact of the opening of the supported accommodation project, the P3 single homeless hostel, the floating support and move-on accommodation before outlining the future further housing and support provision needed for people with drug/alcohol problems in Erewash.

We know that we do not have provision for those with very high level support needs – and will continue to work with our partners to ensure appropriate access to services in other areas when needed.

We will also need to monitor the availability of services for people with alcohol problems as some services and funding are more geared to those with drug problems.

At the current time, we have a strong commitment to ensuring the continuation of the existing services for people with drug/alcohol problems in Erewash.

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<u>Provision needed</u>	<u>Funding Possibilities</u>	<u>Issues/Risks</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>By</u>	<u>Timetable</u>
Ongoing revenue funding for single homeless hostel	Supporting People; Housing Benefit; Erewash Bed and Breakfast budget?	If reliant solely on HB funding – reduced staffing capacity, only accept very low level needs	Work with P3 to obtain ongoing funding. Bid to Supporting People. Support maximising Housing Benefit payments. Consider ongoing contribution from Council	Tessa Paul	Ongoing June 2007 April 2007 December 2007
Ongoing revenue funding for floating support scheme	Supporting People, DAAT	Suitable support not always available from other agencies such as probation/NACRO. Vital work of the floating support scheme helps prevent continuation of drug/alcohol misuse	Continue to press for ongoing funding from Supporting People	Tessa Paul	Ongoing