

Vulnerable People Housing Assessment

Young People (including Young People at Risk, Young People in Care, Young Offenders)

(Full reference should also be made to Derbyshire Supporting People Strategy 2005/10– pages 59 - 68 and Appendix C – 110 - 127)

Summary

Estimates of the number of young people (aged 16-25) in Erewash in need of housing and/or housing support each year vary from about 200 to 1200. Many young people who are homeless have additional problems such as drug and/or alcohol problems, learning disabilities, or mental health problems.

The Housing and Support needs of young people vary from mediation and prevention work, to supported accommodation and move-on accommodation.

Currently in Erewash, we feel that there are now services available to meet these needs – including 40 places of supported accommodation, including 9 in a Young People’s Foyer; 12 move-on accommodation; a floating support scheme; a young people’s homelessness prevention officer; a mediation service and an effective move-on protocol to permanent tenancies.

However, with several services being only opened recently – we are not complacent and will be monitoring carefully to assess what additional, extended or reconfigured housing and support services are needed for young people.

Housing and support services for young people 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, and to monitor the impact of the new services.

**Number of young people in Erewash
homeless, in housing need or requiring housing support**

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Erewash Housing Needs Study 2006 – Households containing a young person finding it difficult to live independently	1200	(Higher numbers living in private rented accommodation than average)																												

**Housing and Support needs of young people,
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	Young People Homelessness Prevention Officer and Mediation service. Reachout
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. Reachout
Supported accommodation	Supported accommodation Care Leavers project
Move-on accommodation	P3 move-on accommodation Move-on protocol Housing Aid Smartshare
Permanent tenancy	Via Move-on protocol
Most young people seem to 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. Referrals made out of area when needed.

Supported Accommodation and Other Services for Young People in Erewash

Young People Homelessness Prevention Officer and Mediation service	Dedicated EBC Officer plus contracted Mediation service	Mediation and homelessness prevention
Canaan Trust – Jordan House	9 places – Supported Accommodation	Advice and Information. Support workers. Supported accommodation.

	in Long Eaton	
Stonham	5 places - Supported Accommodation in Ilkeston	Advice and Information. Support workers. Supported accommodation.
Tuntum Foyer	9 places – Supported Accommodation in Long Eaton	Advice and Information. Support workers. Supported accommodation. Encouragement and help into employment/education
Stonham Floating support scheme	20 places (also for other client groups)	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. Accommodation with minimal support. Move-on from supported accommodation projects	Move-on accommodation
Barnardos Reachout	Care Leavers plus 20 Young People at Risk	Advice, information and help to move to suitable supported or permanent accommodation Support workers
Trident Care Leavers Project	5 flats for Care Leavers	Advice and Information. Support workers. Supported accommodation

* Due to open May 2007

** Due to open by December 2007

Protocols/Forums etc

- The Erewash Children's Strategic Partnership group
- Youth Forums
- Erewash Young People's Housing Forum (now part of Housing and Homeless Forum)

- 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 area young person under 25 years of age, and particularly 16/17 year olds;
- there is not enough supported accommodation in the Borough for young people,those with a combination of problems;
- the use of bed and breakfast as temporary accommodation is not a sustainable solution.

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, and young people.

We consider that there is a need for floating support for all client groups, in particular:

- young people at risk – to help them secure tenancies with private landlords and RSLs, and to enable to move-on from the foyer and supported accommodation;
- teenage parents;

Further alternative supported accommodation will be required.....

There is a need for additional floating support to young people whether in the private rented sector or social rented sector.

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

Homeless forum consultation with partners identified specific need to tackle homelessness amongst young people.

Erewash Borough Council Corporate Plan 2006 – 2009:

Objective: Engage with young people to promote diversionary activities and to seek out the issues affecting them.

Erewash Community Strategy 2006 – 2009:

Over the last three years communities have highlighted the following areas as requiring further action:Young people as offenders and victims of crime

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 young people becoming involved in crime or being victims of crime

Our overall aim for Children and Young People: *To support the development of services which will improve outcomes for children and young people in the following five areas:*

- Being healthy
- Staying safe
- Enjoying and achieving
- Making a positive contribution
- Achieving economic well-being

Our key priorities:

We want to ensure that all children and young people have good outcomes and improved life chances in the Erewash area.

Our improvement targets:

- Divert young people away from crime by providing opportunities for alternative activities (e.g. Leisure, training, voluntary work)
- Decrease the number of 16-18 year-olds not in education, employment or training (NEET)

Commitment made by Erewash Council Members & staff to Young People's projects:-

- £486,150 social housing grant for Tuntum Foyer
- 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
- Donation towards furniture at Canaan Jordan House for young people
- Donation by staff of toiletries and bedding for Canaan Jordan House

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

Over the next year, we want to assess the impact of the opening of the Tuntum Foyer, the P3 single homeless hostel, and move-on accommodation before outlining the future further housing and support provision needed for Young People in Erewash.

However, at the current time, we have a strong commitment to ensuring the continuation of the existing services for young people in Erewash.

<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