

MK Homelessness Partnership
Initial meeting held on 27 September 2016
Briefing Note

The agencies/services represented at the initial meeting include MKC, CA:MK, MK Act, P3, British Red Cross, Open Door, MK Defend Council Housing, Winter Night Shelter, YMCA, The Church of Christ the Cornerstone, Open Door, The Mix MK, TVP

Apologies were given by Salvation Army and Compass.

The initial meeting focused on how this group of partners could work together to ensure the success of a one-stop shop style approach.

It was agreed that the Terms of Reference would be signed-off at the next meeting and would be amended to include an objective around the reviewing and monitoring of the progress of the Partnership, and the researching of successful models that have been implemented in other areas.

It was also agreed that a Chair would be elected at the next meeting.

Prior to the meeting, agencies were invited to prepare a proposal about how their organisation could either contribute to the objectives of the Homelessness Partnership or lead the project. Each organisation talked about how they saw their role in the Partnership and what they could offer.

It was identified that there are a number of sanitary facility options for street homeless people across Milton Keynes already in operation, including drop-in sessions with the use of shower facilities, lockers for possessions, laundrette, food and clothes/sleeping bag donations.

In relation to risk assessing, it was acknowledged that it is important to get the message of the Partnership right as there may be a risk of encouraging people to come to MK to rough sleep if the provisions and services are improved.

In addition to the planned agenda, The Winter Night Shelter made a request for contact from partners who may like to use the Buszy as they are currently pulling together a long-term bid for the use of the Buszy (subsequent email sent with further information).