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Dear Sarah

Partnership Working with Homeless Link Regional Manager

As requested, here is a summary of the work which we have done in partnership towards ending rough-sleeping in Peterborough during the past few months.

Voluntary Agencies and Faith Groups

- Working with voluntary agencies and faith groups who have been distributing food etc to rough sleepers to discuss approaches whereby they could work more closely with the City Council to become part of the solution to ending rough sleeping in Peterborough.
- Planning a joint participative, educational event for voluntary agencies and faith groups, to take place in the near future.

PrOMPT (Prevention Opportunities Mapping and Planning Tool)

- Working together with Homeless Link's Head of Innovation and Good Practice to pilot a Central and Eastern European version of Homeless Link's PrOMPT Toolkit. This involved Homeless Link supporting the PCC Outreach Team in using a questionnaire with rough sleepers to gather information about routes into rough-sleeping in Peterborough with a view to using the information to support preventative interventions.
- There is a plan in place to support PCC in carrying out a further PrOMPT survey, using Homeless Link's full PrOMPT Toolkit.

MOPP (Move on Plan Protocol)

- Introduction of Homeless Link's MOPP Toolkit which will support you in working effectively with providers in identifying and addressing any local factors which are preventing effective move-on through services.

Sharing Good Practice

- I recently chaired an event at the Regional Local Government Association, 'Exploring the Issues Around A8 Nationals Sleeping Rough', at which you were a key speaker, workshop leader and part of an expert panel which included Homeless Link's Head of Innovation and Good Practice and other experts in the field.

This event contributed to greater understanding of ways of working with Central and Eastern European rough sleepers with no recourse to public funds – a need which had been expressed by local authorities and voluntary agencies in the East of England.

- The latest edition of Homeless Link's quarterly member magazine, Connect, had a 'Migration' theme. Your contribution of an article on Peterborough City Council's experience of frontline working with reconnection and Administrative Removal of entrenched rough sleepers was important in raising awareness and understanding across the homelessness sector.

I look forward to continued partnership working in the future.

Best wishes

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