

Birmingham Homelessness Prevention Strategy 2017+



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Questionnaire



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Questions we are asking about Birmingham's Homelessness Prevention Strategy 2017+

We are asking people of Birmingham, including those with lived experience of being homeless, key partner agencies and current providers of homelessness prevention services, to let us know your views on our new approach to tackling and preventing homelessness.

The Homelessness Prevention Strategy 2017+ Consultation Summary Document provides supporting information to help outline our ideas.

- 1. We propose that the vision for the new Homelessness Prevention Strategy should be that 'Birmingham is a city where we all work together to eradicate homelessness'.**

(Commentary – See section 'What are we trying to achieve?' in the Summary Document)

To what extent do you agree or disagree with this vision?

(Please tick one box only)

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Don't know
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

Please tell us the reason for your answer:

2. **For Birmingham to eradicate homelessness, we propose that the strategy should focus on the following five aims:**

(Commentary – See section ‘What are we trying to achieve?’ in the Summary Document)

To what extent do you agree or disagree that these aims are the right ones?

a. To ensure people are well informed about their housing options
(Please tick one box only)

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Don't know
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

b. To prevent people from becoming homeless (Please tick one box only)

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Don't know
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

c. To assist people as soon as possible if they do become homeless so that their homelessness can be relieved by securing sufficient accommodation and support (Please tick one box only)

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Don't know
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

d. **To support people to recover from their experience and stay out of homelessness** (Please tick one box only)

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Don't know
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

e. **To enable people to secure homes that they can afford and maintain** (Please tick one box only)

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Don't know
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

Please tell us the reason for your answer:

3. We propose that a new approach called the Positive Pathway model is used to tackle homelessness and prevent it happening in the future. The model will focus on the following five areas:

1. Universal Prevention
2. Targeted Prevention
3. Crisis Prevention and Relief
4. Homeless Recovery
5. Sustainable Housing

(Commentary – See section ‘What do we want to do to address homelessness in Birmingham’ in the Summary Document)

To what extent do you agree or disagree that this is the right approach to preventing and tackling homelessness in Birmingham?

(Please tick one box only)

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Don't know
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

Please tell us the reason for your answer:

4. We propose that to be successful, a multi-agency approach is needed with key partners from across the Council, Social Care, Health, Criminal Justice, Social and Private Housing Sector, Voluntary and Third Sector, and Education all working together.

(Commentary – See section ‘What do we want to do to address homelessness in Birmingham’ in the Summary Document)

To what extent do you agree or disagree that a multi-agency approach is needed to tackle and prevent homelessness in Birmingham?

(Please tick one box only)

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Don't know
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

Please tell us the reason for your answer:

5. Please tell us about anything else you think we should consider in our approach to tackling and preventing homelessness in Birmingham:

6. There will be an opportunity to inform the development of the Positive Pathway model later in the year. If you would like to be part of this development, please enter your contact details:

About You

To help us plan our strategy, we would like you to tell us some things about you.

You do not have to tell us if you do not want to, but if you do, it will help us to plan what we should do.

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Are you?

Please tick one box that best describes your interest in the consultation:

- A member of the general public
- Someone who is currently homeless or has been affected by homelessness
- Health or Care professional
- Housing advisor
- Homelessness advisor
- A family member or carer of someone who is or has been homeless
- Other (please state below)

Which age group applies to you? (Please tick one box only)

- | | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Under 16 | <input type="checkbox"/> 40 – 44 | <input type="checkbox"/> 70 - 74 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 16 - 19 | <input type="checkbox"/> 45 – 49 | <input type="checkbox"/> 75 - 79 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 20 – 24 | <input type="checkbox"/> 50 – 54 | <input type="checkbox"/> 80 – 84 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 25 – 29 | <input type="checkbox"/> 55 – 59 | <input type="checkbox"/> 85+ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 30 – 34 | <input type="checkbox"/> 60 - 64 | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 35 – 39 | <input type="checkbox"/> 65 - 69 | |

What is your sex? (Please tick one box only)

- Male
- Female
- Prefer not to say

Do you have any physical or mental health conditions or illnesses lasting or expected to last for 12 months or more? (Please tick one box only)

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

If yes, do any of these conditions or illnesses affect you in any of the following areas? (Please tick all that apply)

- Vision (e.g. blindness or partial sight)
- Hearing (e.g. deafness or partial hearing)
- Mobility (e.g. walking short distances or climbing stairs)
- Dexterity (e.g. lifting and carrying objects, using a keyboard)
- Learning or understanding or concentrating
- Memory
- Mental Health
- Stamina or breathing or fatigue
- Socially or behaviourally (e.g. associated with Autism, attention deficit disorder or Asperger's Syndrome)
- Other (please state below)

What is your ethnic group? (Please tick one box only)

White

- English/ Welsh/ Scottish/ Northern Irish/ British
- Irish
- Gypsy or Irish Traveller
- Polish
- Baltic States
- Jewish
- Other white European (including mixed European)
- Any other White background (please state below)

Mixed/multiple ethnic groups

- White and Black Caribbean/African
- White and Asian
- Any other Mixed background (please state below)

Asian/Asian British

- Afghani
- Bangladeshi
- British Asian
- Chinese
- Filipino
- Indian Sikh
- Indian Other
- Kashmiri
- Pakistani
- Sri Lankan
- Vietnamese
- Any other Asian background (please state below)

Black African/Caribbean/Black British

- African
- Black British
- Caribbean
- Somali
- Any other Black/African/Caribbean background (please state below)

Other ethnic group

- Arab
- Iranian
- Kurdish
- Yemeni
- Any other ethnic group (please state below)

- Prefer not to say

What is your sexual orientation? (Please tick one box only)

- Bisexual
- Gay
- Lesbian
- Heterosexual or Straight
- Other (please state below)

- Prefer not to say

What is your religion or belief? (Please tick one box only)

- No religion
- Christian (including Church of England, Catholic, Protestant and all other Christian denominations)
- Buddhist
- Hindu
- Jewish
- Muslim
- Sikh
- Any other religion (please state below)

- Prefer not to say

Thank you for taking part in our consultation. Your views are important to us.

Please return this questionnaire to the FREE postal address below – you do not need to use a stamp. If you have any further comments or views on the new Homelessness Prevention Strategy, please contact:

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