

Simon Community Northern Ireland

Youth & Community Homelessness Prevention Programme

Central Housing Community Network 9th Feb 2011

Simon Community Northern Ireland Locations

Coleraine

Derry

Ballymena

Larne

Bangor

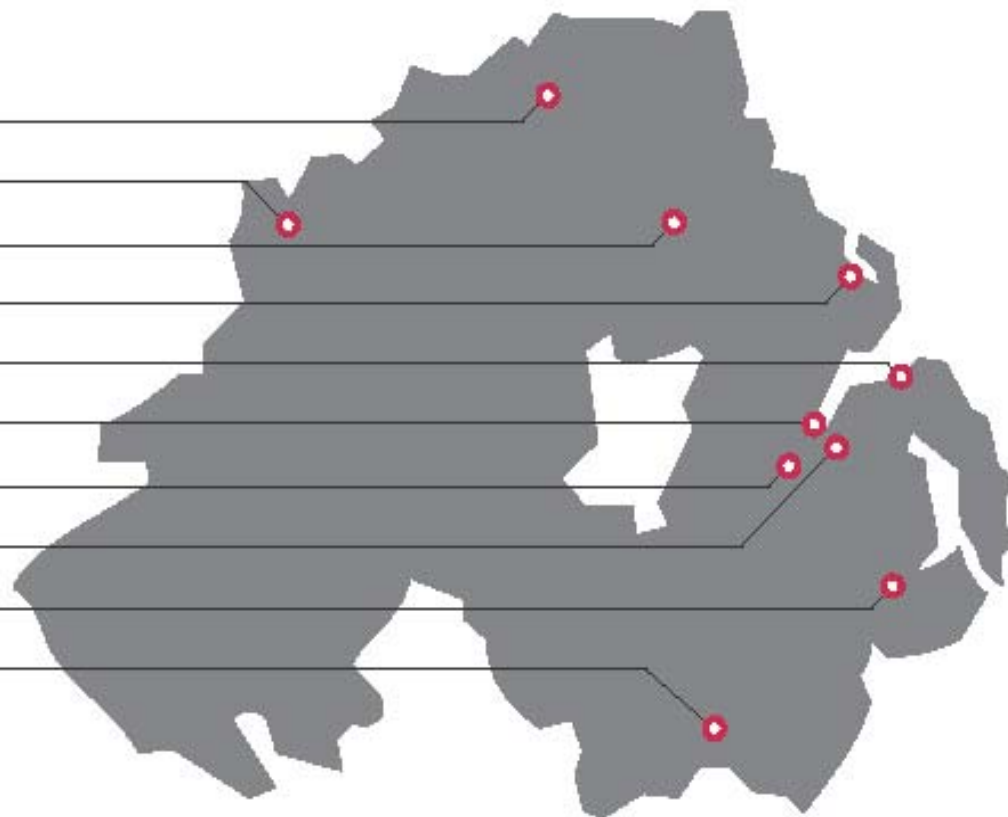
Belfast

Lisburn

Castlereagh

Downpatrick

Newry



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Addressing Homelessness

Free –Phone (**1/4/11**)

Direct Access Accommodation

(258 Single bed spaces)

Family Accommodation

(49 Family units)

Young People’s Service

(Belfast Foyer, leaving care)

Community Support Services

Harm Reduction Service

Rent & Deposit Bond Scheme

Community homeless Prevention

Youth Homeless Prevention

SCNI Remit

Prevent Homelessness

Respond To Crisis

Assist Return & Support

Transition To The Community

Northeast/west Area Homeless information

District	Presenters	Causal Factors
L'Derry	1,394	Marriage/sharing breakdown, family disputes, loss of private rented accommodation, Unsuitable accommodation
Coleraine	543	Marriage/sharing breakdown, family disputes, loss of private rented accommodation
Ballymena	763	Marriage/sharing breakdown, family disputes, neighbour harassment, unsuitable accommodation
larne	236	Marriage/sharing breakdown, family disputes, loss of private rented accommodation, Unsuitable accommodation

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Strategic overview

Prevention aimed at identification of a number of key causal domains and securing government strategic responses to tackle underlying causes of homelessness

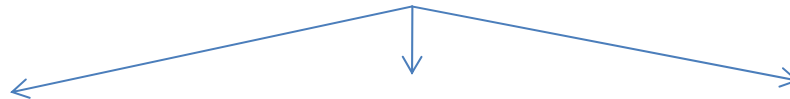
E.g. policies, programmes and strategies to address issues such as poor health, housing fitness, high levels of unemployment



Targeting need

Prevention aimed at groups /individuals who are identified as being at risk of experiencing homelessness due to specific causal domains

E.g. : education work with young people



Pre-emptive
Intervention with
Individual households

Prevention aimed at pre-empting a personal crisis that could lead to homelessness

E.g. relationship/marital
counselling

Averting
Homelessness in
individual households

Prevention aimed at averting a personal crisis that may lead to homelessness

E.g. neighbourhood or
landlord mediation

Reactive intervention
With individual households

Prevention aimed at reducing the number of individuals/families who have previously experienced homelessness re-presenting as homeless

E.g. identifying and addressing
unmet support needs

Homelessness Prevention Programme

Aim: Prevent Homelessness by facilitating a Co-ordinated approach to maximise the use of community based resources.

PSI Action Plan	Outcomes
PSI 1. Strategic direction- PSI 5. Staff Training & education- PSI 9. Targeting more vulnerable people-	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develop community task groups• Develop volunteer programme (Peer education)• Develop evaluation tool
PSI 7. Delivery of services-	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support development of local homelessness prevention strategies
PSI 16. Equality of opportunity-	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develop community homelessness education/information resource
PSI 10. Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Create a sustainable local education/ intervention model for schools/youth groups• Community volunteering programme

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Support-

3 Youth & 3 Community Homelessness prevention Co-ordinators

Key responsibilities-

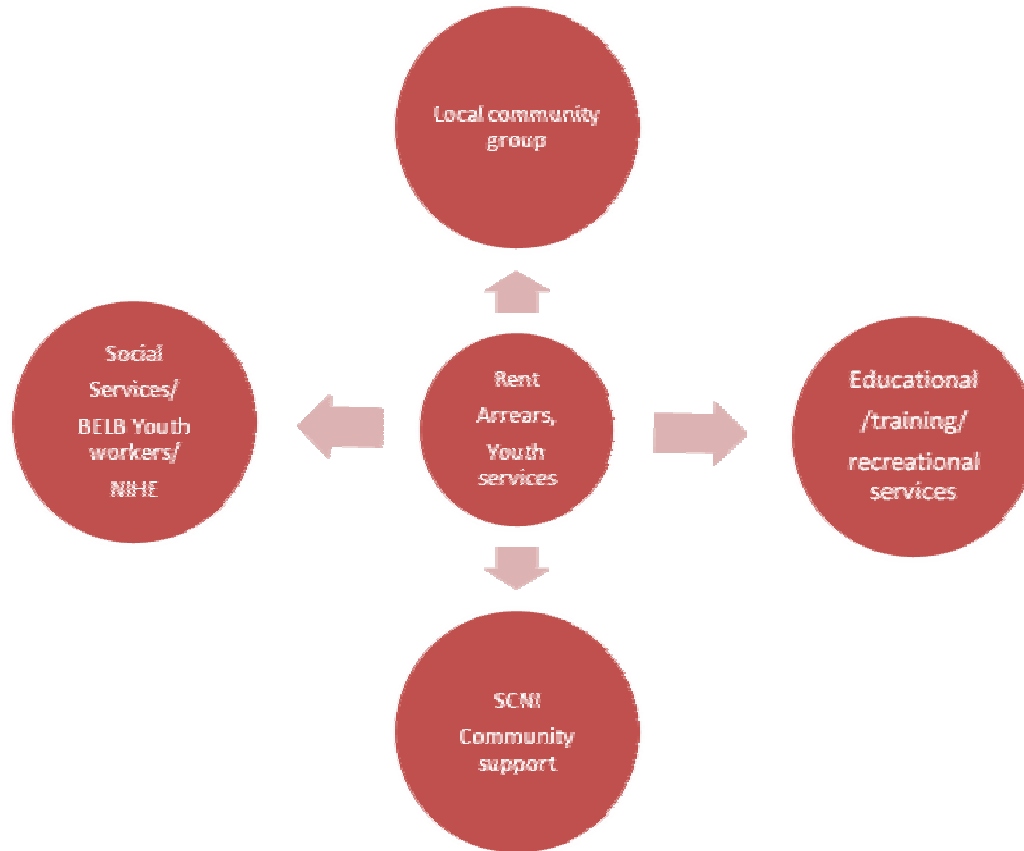
- Build local networks and capacity within communities to find solutions to local homeless and community issues
- Work with existing community groups to provide a menu of services according to needs E.g. education, skills for life
- Enable people to remain in the accommodation of their choice within the community
- Establish community homeless task groups in response to local need and support that group to find local solutions
- Volunteer recruitment

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Benefits-

- Reduction in number presenting as homeless
- Reduction in number of repeat homeless
- Reduction in stigma associated with being homeless
- Local solutions available for those presenting as homeless
- Co-ordinated approach to service delivery providing cost effective “value for money” answers to addressing homelessness

Homeless Prevention Programme- Example



Thanks for Your Time !

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