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What is Multiple Exclusion Homelessness?

Multiple exclusion homelessness alerts us to the complex interplay between drug or alcohol dependencies, mental health problems, domestic violence, local authority care and prison and participation in street culture and survival activities such as sex work, begging, street drinking and street-level drug dealing frequently (but not always) rough sleeping and repeat homelessness and deep social exclusion.

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How do we lift people out of Multiple Exclusion Homeless?

People who sleep rough, or who could be considered multiple exclusion homeless (MEH), represent one of the most disadvantaged groups in society. The situation is not solved by accommodation alone, it requires a complex multi-disciplinary support response involving safeguarding, social care, health, mental health, substance dependency, life & independent living skills, trauma management, resilience, integration, meaningful activities, training/volunteering/work and appropriate, safe accommodation.

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Homeless Prevention SW

This Post collocated within Strategic Adult Safeguarding is being funded from the Rough Sleeping Grant.

The Post was created in recognition of the unique needs and high risks of this client group, to respond to requests for help accessing adult social care assessment and support.

The SW will develop understanding of their unmet needs, and how Adult Social care legislated responses can be applied.

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What does the SW do?

The SW works closely with the hostels and low support accommodation providers who are accommodating those who are MEH and require a complex response. The SW will assess capacity, care and support needs, executive function and work with statutory and non-statutory partners to ensure the appropriate support and accommodation are in pl

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Referral process

The Specialist Homeless Prevention Social Worker will accept direct referrals from:

- Low Support Accommodation providers
- CASPA
- Rough Sleeping Complex Needs
- My Place Pathway Consideration Panel
- Rough Sleeping Outreach Meeting
- Adult Safeguarding

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Who is the Service For?

The Specialist Homeless Prevention Social Worker can offer support to:

- Individuals or couples without children who meet the MEH Definition
- UK and Non-UK Nationals who are rough sleeping or in the supported.

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Additional information

Luton Borough Council has committed to ending rough sleeping through a partnership, whole person, trauma informed response.

The Specialist Homeless Prevention Social Worker is embedded into the council's partnership response to rough sleeping.

