

Homelessness Services Workshop held 24th June 2013

Young People

Questions from the workshop held on Young People

	Question and Answer
Q1.	Where does the model come from as it was not in the strategy?
	As stated at the workshop the core and cluster model is not a new concept and Nottingham is introducing a similar model. Providers who attended the workshop also stated that they were already operating a core and cluster model to some degree. The core and cluster model was proposed having reviewed the findings of the homelessness strategy review and hence there is no mention of the model in the strategy.
Q2.	What evaluation has been undertaken to show that the core and cluster works?
	No evaluation has been undertaken and evaluation of any model will be incorporated into ongoing review processes.
Q3.	Can you operate a core and cluster model if the units are all under one roof?
	Yes. It is acknowledged that some providers already operate a core and cluster model locally and therefore the model can be operated even if all the units are located under one roof. The emphasis is on the fact the lower levels of support are provided to clients in a cluster. However, it is also acknowledged that if the cluster is located in the community, separate to the core, this has advantages of giving the client an opportunity to experience semi-independent living in the community.
Q4.	What does the needs assessment document look like at SAR?
	The needs assessment documentation is still being developed and work is ongoing to finalise paperwork.
Q5.	What would happen if all the providers collectively didn't bid for the work?
	The procurement process requires LCC to consider all tender bids submitted and it is acknowledged that not all existing providers may be interested in the tender opportunity. The procurement process requires LCC to set a contract award criteria and the process will determine which providers meet the set criteria and who will be awarded the contract. If no bidders meet the criteria no contracts will be awarded.
Q6.	Why did LCC support the YMCA to build new accommodation if the core and cluster model is now being proposed?
	The core and cluster model is a proposed concept for the delivery of housing related support. The delivery of the support could be provided within one building or several.
Q7.	If the system is working why change it?
	The feedback from the Homelessness Strategy review highlighted areas which needed to be changed. We need to continue to meet the needs of those who are most vulnerable based on the eligibility criteria, within resources available.

Q8.	Does the funding for young people include the budget that children services pay for placing 16 to 17 year olds within projects?
	Yes
Q9.	Does this consultation extend speaking to young people about what they want?
	No. The proposed core and cluster has been discussed with providers only and not young people. As part of future review processes feedback will be sought from young people as part of the ongoing quality monitoring process
Q10.	Would the case file go with the person?
	No decision has been made. This will be taken into consideration as part of the SAR implementation process.
Q11.	How many core and cluster models will there be?
	No decision on how many core and cluster models there will be has been made. Decisions will be made taking into consideration the feedback from the workshops.
Q12.	Has the development of supported lodgings in Leicester been considered?
	No