



## **SOUTH YORKSHIRE FIRE & RESCUE PARTNERSHIP**





## Homelessness ends here

High quality services that enable housing stability, financial security, improved wellbeing and the development of positive relationships

Leading source of knowledge on causes, effects and solutions for single homelessness.

Influencing opinion and public policy so that ending the homelessness crisis really matters to people

# HOMELESSNESS



- HOMELESSNESS IS A DEVASTATING EXPERIENCE. PEOPLE HAVE OFTEN HIT ROCK BOTTOM AND NEED TIME AND SUPPORT TO GET BACK ON THEIR FEET
- SINGLE HOMELESS PEOPLE ARE AT THE HEART OF CRISIS. THEY ARE AMONG THE MOST VULNERABLE AND ISOLATED PEOPLE IN OUR SOCIETY
- SINGLE HOMELESS PEOPLE OFTEN HAVE FEW FAMILY OR FINANCIAL RESOURCES TO FALL BACK ON. THEY HAVE VERY LIMITED STATUTORY ACCESS TO HOUSING AND FIND THEMSELVES AT THE BACK OF A LONG QUEUE IN AN ENVIRONMENT OF SCARCE SUPPLY
- HOMELESS PEOPLE ARE ALL UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS. EVERYONE DESERVES A PLACE TO CALL HOME AND A CHANCE TO HAVE A FULFILLED AND ACTIVE LIFE
- OVER 4,100 PEOPLE SLEPT ROUGH IN ENGLAND ON A TYPICAL NIGHT IN 2016 – UP 16%
- OVER 73,000 HOUSEHOLDS IN TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION – UP 9%
- 17 TIMES MORE LIKELY TO BE A VICTIM OF VIOLENCE
- AVERAGE AGE OF DEATH IS 47

# 2013-2018 PLAN



1. DELIVER HIGH QUALITY SERVICES THAT ENABLE HOUSING STABILITY, FINANCIAL SECURITY, IMPROVED WELLBEING AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS
2. DEVELOP AND DELIVER A RANGE OF HOUSING SOLUTIONS
3. BE THE LEADING SOURCE OF KNOWLEDGE ON CAUSES, EFFECTS AND SOLUTIONS FOR SINGLE HOMELESSNESS
4. INFLUENCE OPINION AND PUBLIC POLICY AND RAISE AWARENESS SO THAT HOMELESSNESS MATTERS TO PEOPLE
5. RAISE FUNDS TO SUPPORT EXISTING ACTIVITIES AND GROWTH PLANS
6. DEVELOP OUR PEOPLE AND HOW WE WORK TO ENSURE CRISIS IS ABLE TO DELIVER ITS MISSION AND WE RETAIN AND DEVELOP THE VERY BEST TALENT

# AIMS



Benefits for homeless people in South Yorkshire	Benefits for SYFR
Increasing their knowledge and awareness of fire safety and sustaining tenancies	Direct access to a group of people identified as vulnerable and hard to reach
Providing homeless people with the financial means of acquiring accommodation in the PRS through the use of a bond scheme administered by Crisis	Improving fire safety within the community
Allowing them access to homes that have been assessed by SYFR as well as conduct a fire escape plan with them	Increasing SYFR's knowledge of an ability to assess properties that homeless people access which SYFR identify as high risk
Support them in their home to sustain their tenancy safely and securely	Feed into a pre-tenancy support course (Renting Ready) that will teach fire safety awareness which will have a legacy beyond the project
	Creating a shift in understanding that fire assessments and plans should be a standard part of starting a tenancy amongst our homeless beneficiaries as well as anyone they come into contact with

# ACHIEVEMENTS



- 477 homeless people have participated in renting ready classes
- 154 homeless people have reported an increase knowledge of fire safety
- 141 homeless people have reported an improved confidence in finding and keeping a home
- 45 homeless people have received support with a bond
- 45 homeless people have worked with a tenancy support officer
- 70 properties have had a fire risk assessment by SYFR and developed a fire plan

# BENEFITS



- 213 homeless people have achieved a L1 Award in Tenancy Skills and report increased confidence and motivation.
- Single homeless people across South Yorkshire have: increased knowledge and awareness of fire safety; sustained tenancies for a longer period of time; financial assistance to access safe and suitable accommodation that is assessed by SYFR.
- SYFR have: access to a group of people they have identified as vulnerable and hard to reach; access to more properties to conduct fire safety assessments; improved community fire safety awareness and linking fire assessments and fire plans as standard elements of new tenancies.

# LEGACY



- This funding has enabled our project to have a long-term impact on the way we deliver our housing services across South Yorkshire and across the UK. Our approach to delivering fire safety skills through Renting Ready has undoubtedly reduced the risk of fire incidents amongst vulnerable people, classed as a high risk group.
- Achieving the L1 Award in Tenancy Skills boosts our member's confidence and inspires them to access further learning thus reducing the likelihood of further homeless periods.
- The support from the Tenancy Support Officer has enabled vulnerable people to be better equipped to independently deal with their tenancy issues and avoid returning to homelessness through eviction.



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**ANY QUESTIONS?**