

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE HOMELESS PARTNERSHIP 2014-15

Improving the lives of homeless people and preventing homelessness in Bath and North East Somerset

2014/15 was a busy year for the Homeless Partnership which celebrated its success with an event in May. During the year Passport to Housing was launched by Curo and the Citizens Advice Bureau to provide welfare advice to people seeking social housing. Julian House launched their Gypsy and Traveller Outreach and Engagement Programme and supported homeless people leaving hospital to prevent them rough sleeping. Hometurf housed their 100th tenant and the Council and Reach provide housing advice and support surgeries across the district in Bath, Keynsham and Midsomer Norton. Here's some of the highlights.

INCREASING ACCESS TO PRIVATE RENTED HOUSING

 **86** People helped into private rented housing through Homefinder

173 Ongoing Homefinder tenancies 

INCREASING ACCESS TO SHARED RENTED HOUSING

 **4** Properties managed by Hometurf

19 Tenants in those properties over the year 

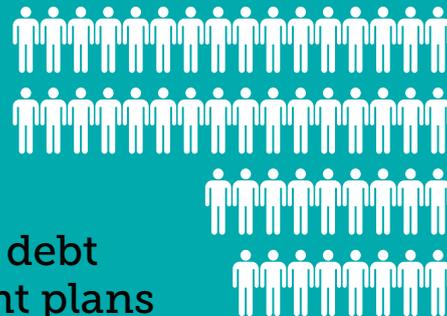
93% of tenancies ongoing for 6 months

71% of tenancies ongoing for 12 months

PROVIDE WELFARE ADVICE

110 people seen by Passport to Housing 

£18,000 of debt cancelled enabling people to find a home 

49 people with debt management plans 

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MAKING BETTER USE OF OUR SOCIAL HOUSING

42 Households have priority to downsize



16 Households have downsized



MEETING HOUSING ADVICE IN RURAL AREA

Housing advice and support available with new extended opening hours at Keynsham and Midsomer Norton



National Practitioner Support Service Bronze award

MEET THE NEEDS OF ROUGH SLEEPERS



97% of the rough sleepers worked with by local Supporting People commissioned services moved on in a planned way

19 Rough sleepers helped to make a planned discharge from hospital



Gypsy & Traveller Outreach and Engagement Service commissioned



Successful bid for cash for preventing rough sleeping of

£80,000

Julian House commissioned to provide a rough sleeping prevention service, in partnership with Reach and DHI.

PROVIDE SUITABLE TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION



14 days. Average stay in B&B for homeless families reduced by a third.



Housing Services have placed no under 18's in B&B