

LUTON HOMELESS PARTNERSHIP

March 2019:

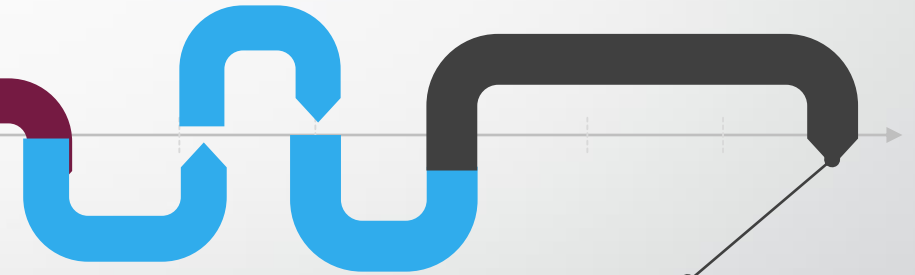
Partners completed the 3rd day of Coproduction Training: Making the Difference. It was well attended and David the facilitator supported the group to co-design the purpose “**Ending Homeliness through Coproduced Solutions**” and the 5 values.



April 2019:

Sam Price, Bedford’s Homeless Inter-Agency Officer, has been working with our Partnership on a part time basis in the initial stages to help us with set up, governance, and structure and raising awareness of the Partnership locally.

Below is an overview of achievement with the last quarter:



May 2019:

2nd of May 2019 Reimagining Mental Health:

On the 2nd of May the LHP facilitated an event where we covered the following agenda: **Re-imagining mental health** - exercise to capture housing colleagues' perspectives and reactions to the outcomes - what's missing, what feels important from housing. From the event the LHP were able to contribute to the new vision statement: *“Luton is a community where I feel listened to, believed, understood and supported to become the person I want to be”.*

Community of Practice, Facilitated by Homeless Link on Thursday 23rd May from 1pm to 4.30pm:

“Communities of Practice are groups of people who share a concern, a set of problems, or a passion about a topic, and who deepen their knowledge and expertise in this area by interacting on an on-going basis”.

Luton's Community of Practice for the homeless sector brings together front-line workers, volunteers and those with lived experience on a regular basis to share ideas, information and best practice. We will open up new learning opportunities and encourage collaboration.

Ongoing:

Alternative Giving Campaign.

The LHP have been working with the Local Authority on a new Alternative giving scheme. **Alternative Giving Campaign** aims to make a big change by using small change, the kind that is donated. By placing donation points through the town, people who want to give to the homeless and vulnerable can be sure that their donation is going to those who need a support services. The scheme will also support the charitable giving of alternatives to financial donation exploring in volunteering gifts in kind etc. some of the actions covered have been:

- Agreed the scheme is about awareness raising
- No negative messages – positive narrative. Agreed that we can achieve awareness through positive messages which has been proven in other areas. Areas with negative messages have known to fail and/or receive backlash.
- Marketing low presence in the branding from LBC in the scheme.
- Digital marketing company - can make a video for us
- Luton bid confident that we can get at least 3 businesses to host contact points and businesses will fund their own contactless system - one by the hat factory (train station)

June 2019:

Objectives Terms and structure

We agreed draft objectives;

1. To embed coproduction in homelessness services in Luton
2. To promote partnership working - a “call to arms” for everyone to get involved, showing inclusivity and collaboration (Charter)
3. To inform public perception – have a central portal (website?) to give information and raise awareness of services, but also challenge negative stereotypes.

The structure was agreed; it was felt that funding should be sought for both a Business/Inter-Agency role (FT), a Coproduction coordinator (PT) and a website, plus a research budget.

The Terms of Reference will be amended to include a Co-Chair with LE.

We then discussed the research project, in terms of what we want to capture from it. Antigonos Sochos, senior lecturer for Bedfordshire University explained that he can help interview participants and record the data in a scientific manner (qualitative rather than quantitative), so that we can demonstrate to funders how we can measure change.

We agreed we should start *mapping* that now, we will then be able to reflect on where we are and what we are doing.

July 2019:

Objectives and Outcomes Workshop 4th July:

- Access to services and support
- Code signing and coproducing all services and strategies
- Offer more opportunities for people affected by homelessness, ensure the public are better informed about local services and support, and about the root causes of homelessness.



August 2019:

- Funding application video and Partnership Logo produced
- Initial funding application and draft completed
- Action groups for Alternative Giving Campaign and Access to Services

