



# Carlisle Homeless Prevention and Rough Sleeping Strategy

## Summary

### 2021 - 2026

The 2021-26 strategy builds on the significant achievements and strengths of the previous strategy. A full version of the strategy is available at [www.carlisle.gov.uk](http://www.carlisle.gov.uk)

We are committed to working with those who are affected by homelessness or the threat of homelessness. We will help them stay in their current home where safe to do so or assist in finding new appropriate accommodation.

Early intervention and effective prevention remain our major priority; as is ensuring a sufficient supply and a variety of housing options and flexible support to ensure that the wider factors of poverty, disadvantage, unemployment and poor health are also addressed and coordinated to ensure effective tenancy sustainment.

## Aims and Objectives

The **aim** of Carlisle's Homeless Prevention and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2021 - 2026 is to:

Work in partnership to deliver innovative and accessible services to; end rough sleeping, prevent and reduce homelessness, and support homeless households in finding affordable and sustainable housing solutions.

To achieve this, the Homeless Prevention and Rough Sleeping Strategy has six strategic objectives:

**Objective 1:** Reduction of multiple exclusion homelessness and rough sleeping.

**Objective 2:** Prioritising early intervention and prevention of homelessness.

**Objective 3:** Promoting safeguarding and harm minimisation.

**Objective 4:** Increasing access to flexible move on accommodation and support options available for people experiencing homelessness.

**Objective 5:** Improve experiences and opportunities for young people and children experiencing homelessness.

**Objective 6:** Increase key partnerships to respond effectively to local emergency situations.

# Summary of Key Achievements Since the Last Strategy

Working in partnership with other authorities and agencies the following was achieved:

**2,212**

Households being prevented from becoming homeless



**1,048**

Households supported in emergency accommodation, 18% of which with dependent children



**357**

Households assisted to access private sector accommodation



**211**

Flooded households assisted

**70% reduction**

In main duty homeless acceptances



**48**

Individuals supported rough sleeping or at risk of rough sleeping with complex needs



**514**

Victims of domestic abuse and their children who were at direct risk of homelessness were supported



**£8.16 million**

In benefit gains to vulnerable households



**957**

Households supported to move into affordable long-term housing to meet their needs



## Delivering the Strategy

Partnership working will be essential to ensure that the best outcomes and solutions can be reached.

There is a lot of work already going on in the city around the issues of homelessness and rough sleeping. However, in order to ensure this continues to meet local need and demand, there must be transparency and accountability.

In order to achieve this, we will focus on and review the strategic action plans annually. We will work with other partner agencies in health, social care, prisons, probation and others, to see what commitments they will make from their own organisations to assist in the delivery of this strategy and focused actions.

Following government guidance, actions related to partner agencies will not be included in an action plan, unless formally adopted by that agency.

Once these commitments are made, they will be included in the action plan and monitored. This will mean that all agencies are committed to playing an active role in preventing homelessness and rough sleeping wherever possible.

The objectives form the basis of a five-year action plan, which give clear outcomes and provide details on the key activities to be carried out by new focused task and finish subgroups. These targeted subgroups will have with identified lead officers who will ensure that the action and outcomes identified are progressed in partnership with stakeholders; reporting progress to a new strategic homeless prevention and rough sleeping board for Carlisle.

A new Homeless Prevention and Rough Sleeping Strategic board will oversee the delivery of the strategy and monitoring progress in achieving it.

For a copy of the action plan and all the accompanying documents, please visit [www.carlisle.gov.uk](http://www.carlisle.gov.uk)



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