

homelessness prevention project

The Homelessness Prevention Project works with young people at risk of homelessness. It covers two adjoining estates in an area of Manchester.

Young people at risk of homelessness are identified by a multi-agency panel including members of social services, the police and local education welfare officers. A team of experienced youth workers engages the young people in a range of activities. The project also works in partnership with other local service providers to offer some specific activities. Where appropriate, the workers also provide direct support, or referrals, to the families of young people at risk of homelessness.

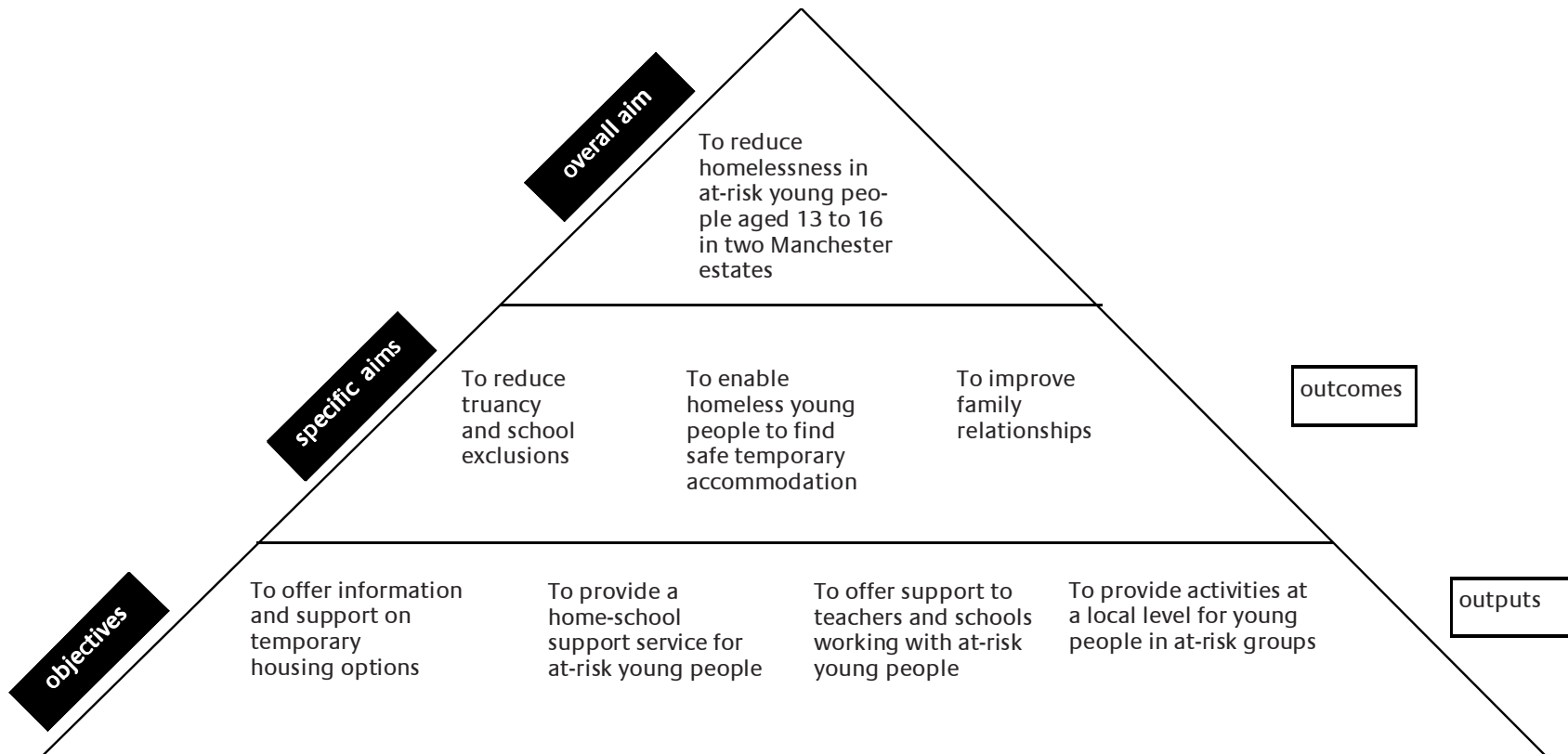
Conflict at home and school truancy/ exclusion are key risk factors associated with young people leaving home and becoming homeless.

The Homelessness Prevention Project therefore aims to tackle these two risk factors, on the grounds that this will reduce the likelihood of the young person leaving home. Considerable work is focused around the schools, both in working with teachers to help them to appropriately support young people at risk and also through a home-school service for young people at risk. The youth workers also aim to support young people by giving them the space and guidance they need to improve their family relationships, where this is possible.

The project also works with newly homeless young people. The aim of this work is to prevent more entrenched or serious problems from developing by providing people with safe accommodation as quickly as possible.

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using the CES planning triangle©



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Outcomes

Specific aims	Outcomes
To reduce truancy and school exclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improved relationship or engagement with the school• Reduced exclusions• Reduced truancy
To enable homeless young people to find safe temporary accommodation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Young people leaving home are housed• Young people recently homeless maintain a level of stability
To improve family relationships	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Young people stay at home, where appropriate• Less conflict in the home• Young people return home, where appropriate

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Outcomes and indicators

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Reduced exclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of temporary exclusions • Number of permanent exclusions
Reduced truancy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Level of authorised absence • Level of unauthorised absence
Young people leaving home are housed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of young people temporarily housed • Number of young people sleeping rough
Young people stay at home, where appropriate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of at-risk young people staying at home • Reasons for leaving or staying
Less conflict in the home	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of rows reported • Perceived level of conflict
Young people return home, where appropriate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of young people returning home • Reasons for returning

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Objectives, outputs and output indicators

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To offer information and support on temporary housing options for young people in at-risk groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information • Support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of young people receiving information • Number of young people receiving support • Profile of young people receiving information or support • Type of information or support offered
To provide activities at a local level for young people in at-risk groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number and type of activities provided • Number and profile of young people attending activities • User satisfaction with activities
To offer support to teachers and schools working with at-risk young people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visits • Support sessions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of visits to schools • Number of occasions when support provided • Type of visits/support

<p>To provide a home-school support service for at-risk young people</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• One-to-one support	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Number of young people receiving support• Profile of young people receiving support• Type of support offered• Issues discussed
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