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Safeguarding and Protecting Young Homeless People

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Youth Homelessness: a dangerous epidemic

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Report on Homelessness in Manchester: Young People

- 45% increase in youth homelessness in Manchester
- 30% without a housing offer
- 1/5 are 16-17 year old
- 4% increase in young women
- 104 street homeless, 1/3 multiple and complex needs 2010-19
- Increasing numbers of young people leaving care
- Increased competition between young people's groups and adults

Families

- 739% increase in temporary housing 2010-19;
- No. reason rent arrears & evictions from private tenancies
- Mental health, domestic abuse, drugs & alcohol dependency, safeguarding, unemployment
- Lack of affordable housing, adverse events, caregiver disadvantage, nutrition, learning, psyco-social wellbeing

Homelessness Reduction Act

- Focus on prevention
- Better recording of pathways
- Affords Local Authorities more time to find solutions
- It does not provide affordable housing
- Longer periods of uncertainty
- Extended periods of insecurity
- Increased instability

Recommendations

- Affordable, good quality social housing
- Benefits & Jobs that pay a living rate
- Access to quality services: health & legal advice
- Measure & Report on children and young people in homeless households
- Young People's Participation
- Urgent inequalities investigation

Safeguarding and protecting all young people

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Every Child & Every Young person matter

- Be healthy
- Stay safe
- Enjoy and achieve
- Make a positive contribution
- Achieve economic well-being
- universal services for all young people
- targeted support for most in need
- IAG and counselling
- Empowerment: giving real influence
- Access: engaging every young person
- Quality: effective services delivered by a skilled workforce

Evidence

- Age biology transitions
- Inequalities
- Policies: politically & resource led
- L.A. budgets: scarce
- Partnership: transactional
- Services: crisis management led, skilled workforce at risk
- Hunger, Homelessness, poor physical & mental Health, poor Education attainment, CSE: poverty
- intergenerational cycle
- Exclusion, marginalization, exploitation

Conclusions

- Participation in defining own well-being
- Addressing Inequalities particularly gender, BAME, disabilities, outside households, poor families
- Access basic good quality services
- Workforce wellness
- Independent cross sector audit: housing, health, mothers, pay, learning
- Partnerships based on values, expertise, long term relationships, to affect community development
- Speak the truth, talk about poverty

Thank you

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