

# The Homelessness Partnership for Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole – **Our Charter**

The Homelessness Partnership is made up of those with lived experience of homelessness, plus representatives of statutory bodies (Council, Police, Health, Probation), businesses, charities, faith groups, universities and other educational institutions; it calls on all citizens and organisations in the conurbation to join with us in delivering the vision, values and mission outlined in this charter. The Partnership will address homelessness in all its forms and will have a clear focus on prevention.

**Our Vision: “To end homelessness in Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole by ensuring everyone has a safe place to live that they can call home.”**

**Our foundations:** We believe everyone with no home has the right to:

- A safe, secure home along with an appropriate level of support to create a good quality of life
- Respect & safety from violence, abuse, theft and discrimination
- Equality of access to information and services
- Equality of opportunity to employment, training, volunteering, leisure and creative activities
- Be heard and to play a key role in delivering this vision

**Our Values:** This is how we will work together:

- Collaboration and Co-production: we can do more together than on our own
- Integrity: built on knowledge and listening to each other & those with lived experience
- What works: build on the "bright spots" both locally and learning from other areas
- Resolution: recognition that it's all our business to seek to end homelessness locally

## **Our Mission:**

- To increase public understanding,
- To find and deliver solutions to prevent homelessness,
- To generate funding and pledges of help,
- to mitigate the consequences for individuals and communities.

We will do this through practical action groups seeking to:

- Prevent people ending up in homelessness
- Reduce begging and anti-social behaviour, and thus help create a safe and attractive environment for all
- Ensure those without a settled home have a voice and are heard
- Improve the health of those threatened with homelessness
- Increase and enhance accommodations options
- Help with providing opportunities for meaningful occupation
- Ensure everyone in the conurbation knows what is happening, who is benefiting, and how they can help

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If your organisation is in agreement with this Charter, and would like to join the Homelessness Partnership (BCP), then complete the following details, scan the document and send it back to either [fraser.nicholson@bcpcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:fraser.nicholson@bcpcouncil.gov.uk) or [alistair@faithworkswesses.org.uk](mailto:alistair@faithworkswesses.org.uk)

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Where did you hear about the Partnership?	
Would you like to put your services on <a href="http://www.streetsupport.net">www.streetsupport.net</a> ?	

I agree to the Vision, Values and Mission of the Homelessness Partnership (BCP)'s Charter

Signature	
Date	