



The Norfolk Strategic Housing Partnership

# Latest News

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## Working together to end homelessness in Norfolk.

### NORFOLK STRATEGIC HOUSING PARTNERSHIP

“No Homelessness in Norfolk” is a project being delivered by the Norfolk Strategic Housing Partnership. It is a strong well established partnership comprising of Local Authorities, Norfolk County Council, Public Health, Housing Associations, Social Care, Police, Probation, Voluntary Sector and Charities. We are working **together** to end homelessness in Norfolk.

### Norfolk Homelessness Prevention Strategy 2022-2025

The Norfolk Homelessness Prevention Strategy has been drafted and includes four key priorities:

1. Reduce homelessness by focussing on homeless prevention services
2. Improve access to homelessness support services across Norfolk
3. Continue to develop person-centred services with a focus on co-production
4. Continue to build partnership working to improve collaboration and whole system change

The strategy brings together our partners to ensure that services work collaboratively to shared aims and aspirations to deliver these priorities. A detailed action plan is being drafted to look at how the partnership will deliver this ambitious strategy. We also have developed a Norfolk Homelessness Charter.

### Ex-Offenders who have experienced homelessness

We have been successful securing £330,000 from Ministry of Justice to work with ex-offenders who have experienced homelessness. The fund has paid for 4 housing specialist roles who are now working closely with probation and private landlords.

### Mobile Health Roadshow



This winter, Norfolk and Waveney CCG and Public Health are tackling health inequalities by taking a mobile health roadshow out to high risk, vulnerable and underserved communities using the SOS bus. People can drop in for their Covid-19 and Flu Vaccinations, Health Checks and HEP C Screening. Key locations for the bus include homeless hostels and drop-in centres in urban areas, with visits being based on need and demand. Each visit is well promoted beforehand with posters showing when the bus is coming and what services are on offer. Find out more by contacting Alice Vickers [alice.vickers1@nhs.net](mailto:alice.vickers1@nhs.net)



### New NSHP Project Manager

Huge thanks to Trish Reed who has diligently and expertly got us to where we are now, but now time for a new pair of hands to take us forward. We have a new Project Manager for the No Homelessness in Norfolk in post. Lisa Oakley comes from a background in housing and homelessness and welcomes your contact and support with this work: [lisaOakley@norwich.gov.uk](mailto:lisaOakley@norwich.gov.uk)

### Self-employment opportunities for people who have experienced homelessness.

Solo Housing is thrilled to announce they have successfully been awarded a [Saffron Community Foundation Community Grant](#) to facilitate a new partnership with [Make Pivot](#) (a social enterprise that trains people experiencing homelessness to become self-employed creative makers).



Make Pivot and Solo Housing will run a bespoke course for 6 people to become self-employed creative makers. The course will cover all aspects from the design, production, marketing and selling of items such as jewellery, to enable people to start their own small businesses and provide a route into employment and away from homelessness.

Zoe Webb from Solo Housing, said “We are really excited to be part of this new venture that recognises the potential in people and helps to provide opportunities away from homelessness.” Emilie Hildreth, Community Foundation Manager at Saffron, said: “We are delighted to be able to offer a grant to Solo Housing. The training course Solo are offering is a wonderful way to engage people, providing an exciting opportunity to meet with others and learn new skills.”

The first course is planned to start in January 2022, if you are interested in putting someone forward for future training courses and involvement in this venture, please contact [Zoe Webb via Contact Us – Solo Housing](#).



### Hopestead’s 2nd Round of Funding now available



Following the success of their last funding round Hopestead are pleased to announce their second funding round is open. They will be looking to fund projects from registered charities, social enterprises and community based not for profit ventures, that meet their core objectives. They will offer grants up to £10,000 for projects across Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambridgeshire and Essex. Closing date for applications is **6th December 2021**. To find out more visit their website: [www.hopestead.org.uk](http://www.hopestead.org.uk)

**Coming Soon.....**

The Norfolk Strategic Housing Partnership is seeking to endorse the Strategy and Charter through key leaders. The partnership is also currently working on the delivery plan to bring the Strategy and Charter to life. Follow us on twitter: [@NSHP2021](https://twitter.com/NSHP2021) or contact [lisaOakley@norwich.gov.uk](mailto:lisaOakley@norwich.gov.uk). Further information about the partnership can be found here: <https://www.hopestead.org/norfolk-strategic-housing-partnership/>