Housing to Health

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Project Overview

- Project commenced in **November 2015**
- The project supports patients who are inappropriately housed, where this is putting them at risk of hospital admission or causing a delay in discharge
- 3 Housing Health Co-ordinators – 2 community based, 1 hospital based
- The HHCs take referrals from health professionals in acute or community beds where the patient is **unable to return home**, or in their own homes where the **home is unsuitable**.
- HHCs are housing officers with **extensive knowledge of the housing system**
- The aim of the scheme is to provide the **best possible outcomes for patients and their carers**, and **reduce the number and length of (re)admissions** into hospital and community beds
What are the pathways?

- **H2H pathway for older persons** occupying high-demand beds or in the community (Independent Living)

- **Essential wheelchair users** occupying high demand beds and unable to be discharged. *Introduced April 2017*

- **Mental health patients** occupying high demand beds and unable to be discharged. *Introduced April 2017*
Housing and Health Coordinator (Integrated Discharge)

- As of April 2018, a HHC has been in place within the Discharge Teams at City and QMC hospitals
- Referrals are received from staff within the hospital - IDT and Discharge Coordinators
- Rapid one to one housing support provided upon receipt of referral
Case Studies

Creating homes and places where people want to live
Headline Stats
(Oct 2015 to March 2019)

- **348** people rehoused to live independently
- **Cost reduction to the NHS:**
  - Equivalent to **310 fewer admissions** and **6,700 fewer bed days**
  - Total cost reduction of **£1.4m** for the NHS by reducing hospital re-admissions
  - Return on investment (ROI) to the NHS from their funding of **£5.15 for every £1** invested
- **Other financial benefits:**
  - Total cost avoidance to NHS and ASC for **avoiding potential care costs** by speeding up discharge is **£2.9m** (87% to NHS, 13% to ASC).
  - Total cost avoidance to local authority services, such as adaptations and Housing Aid, is just under **£600,000**.
  - Total additional rental income for NCH is additional rental income **£356,000**
  - The total cumulative financial benefits amount to **£5.4m**. This gives a net ROI of **£11.42**.
Next Steps

- Funding has been secured for **Y4/5 of the project** (Apr ‘19 – Mar ‘21). This funding was provided by Nottingham City Homes and the Better Care Fund.
- Model must be adaptable to suit needs of stakeholders.
Referrals and Enquiries

Referrals: 0115 746 9786

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Full evaluation can be provided on request