## Homeless Link 7-minute briefings

These briefings are designed to give a top-level view of the key findings. This briefing provides and overview on how the Lambeth Supported Housing Commissioning Team identified the housing and support needs of young people in their borough.

### 7. Next steps

Lambeth are in the process of commissioning a pathway that is responsive to the needs young people identified, including: mental health, gang affiliation, criminal exploitation and youth violence, access to education, employment and training, substance use, insufficient move-on options for young people in the borough.

#### It will include:

- An assessment hub acting as a single point of access into a range of holistic, integrated services.
- Smaller units of accommodation that are tailored to meet specific needs.

#### 1. Introduction

In 2020, Lambeth conducted a needs assessment: 'Young people who require housing-related support.

The needs assessment collected information on housing-related support available in the borough. This included an intensive review of the needs of and outcomes gained by young people in the borough, and identifying gaps in service.

#### 2. Aims

The main aim of the needs assessment was to ensure the council delivers the right range of housing-related support solutions to young people in need. And that these solutions take into account the often complex, interlinked challenges this age group faces and their resulting support needs.

#### 6. Consultation

Between January and August 2020, Lambeth conducted face-to-face consultations with young people and all relevant stakeholders. This included:

Young people in semi-independent accommodation, supported accommodation and independent placements.

Professionals from youth offending services, community safety teams, children's social care teams, housing needs teams, public health, and voluntary sector organisations

## 5. Needs assessment framework

The needs assessment focussed on four areas:

- 1) Preventing homelessness 2) Assessing need
- 3) High quality specialised, small housing related support services
- 4) Successful and sustained move on into independent living.



# 4. Methodology

The needs assessment combined people with mental quantitative multi-source data analysis with qualitative data gathered through face-to-face consultations with young people and a range of stakeholder professionals. Information was collected on housing-related support available in the borough and included an intensive review of the needs of and outcomes gained by young people in the borough.

### 3. Target groups

who require housing-related support in the borough, whether they were a homeless young person under Part VII of The Housing Act 1996, a 16-17-year-old looked after child, or a care leaver entitled to housing under Section 20 of The Children Act 1989. Attention was given to unaccompanied asylumseeking children, young parents, victims of domestic abuse, victims of criminal and sexual exploitation, young people involved in gangs and serious youth violence, young

The needs assessment considered all young people

ill-health and those identifying as LGBTQ.