

St Mungo's Working with Drug Users in a Housing Setting

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Who are St Mungo's?

- London's largest RSL
- Over 1500 Bed spaces
- Housing and Specialist Services
- High percentage of drug using clients
- Working and inclusive drugs policy.



Our Approach

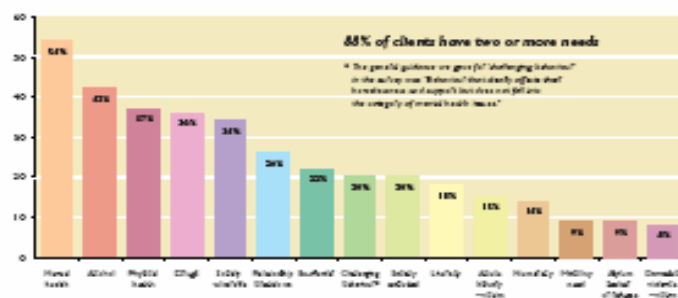
- Our approach comes from who are clients are:
- 59% have drug or alcohol issues
- 37% have physical health issues
- 54% have mental health issues
- 88% of clients have 2 or more needs



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The Needs of St Mungo's Clients

The needs and problems of St Mungo's clients



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Key Facts

- In 2004 / 05 we referred over 600 people into detox, rehab and prescribing services
- Last year we helped over 850 people with mental health problems
- We supported over 600 vulnerable clients into primary health care.



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The Substance Use Team

- The Programmes Directorate
- Management Structure
- Hostel based Workers
- Peripatetic Workers
- Alcohol Arrest Referral Workers
- Portuguese Multi needs Worker
- TST Worker



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Specialist Services

- Harm minimisation approach
- Assessment, careplanning & referral
- Keyworking
- Groupwork, Drop-in and Training
- Enhanced Needle Exchange
- On-site prescribing services



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Tiered Housing

- Opening up pathways – “Two way Traffic”
- Levels of support – shelters, hostels and semi-independent housing
- Maximising potential
- Specialist projects



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Partnership Work

- Police, courts, DAAT's, PCT's, Social Services, other voluntary services
- Integrated pathways
- Participation in local forums
- Input into local and national strategy, policy and legal frameworks
- Conferences.



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Future Developments

- Greater service user involvement
- Residential detox centre
- "Rolling out" the NX model
- Developing the work with street based sex workers
- Services to other Housing Associations



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