

Trafford Council

Supported Housing Strategy 2023-28

Summary Statement



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Introduction

Trafford Housing Strategy 2018-2023 highlighted a need to draft a Supported Housing Strategy to determine current and future need for supported housing in Trafford. The Supported Housing Strategy covers the five years from 2023 to 2028 and forms part of a suite of specialist housing strategies that sit under the main Housing Strategy.

Supported housing provides a vital service for vulnerable people and has a critical role in supporting people who are vulnerable and disadvantaged because of age, ill-health, disability, or their circumstances and cannot live independently. Appropriate housing is a crucial element of preventative services and is necessary to allow those who require support to receive it in a settled and secure environment.

This statement will provide a summary of the Supported Housing Strategy 2023-2028.

Vision

The Supported Housing Strategy 2023-28 vision is:

“Work collaboratively to provide a range of quality supported housing, and housing related support, to enable those with support needs to live independently in Trafford”

Strategic Priorities

Following the review of Policy, supported accommodation and those with support needs in Trafford, consultation with residents and stakeholders, and analysis of the data, the following strategic priorities have been identified.

1. Enable people with support needs to live as independently as possible within Trafford.
2. Ensure an adequate supply of quality, accessible and affordable supported housing, and move-on accommodation, is in place.
3. Establish closer working relationships with external services, organisations, and charitable bodies to ensure appropriate support is available and easily accessible.

4. Ensure housing advice is promoted and easily accessible to those with support needs in Trafford.
5. Explore and review good practice in other Local Authority areas in relation to supported accommodation and support services and implement within Trafford where possible.

Each Strategic Priority has several key recommendations which the Council and its partners must deliver to achieve the overall vision of the Strategy. These recommendations are listed at the end of the Summary Statement and will be used to create an Action Plan to facilitate the delivery of the Supported Housing Strategy.

Individual Analysis

The Individual Analysis section of the Supported Housing Strategy contains a breakdown of supported housing need, current provision, future provision, and strategic objectives relating to each of the following need groups:

- Domestic Abuse
- Ex-offenders
- Learning disabilities and Autism
- Mental Health
- Physical and Sensory Disabilities
- Substance Misuse
- Young People
- Complex Needs

Each section gives a definition of the cohort, introduces the cohort in a Trafford context, provides an analysis of current provision for that cohort, and outlines what future provision should consist of as supported by research, data, and evidence. At the end of each section a cohort-specific strategic objective is outlined along with the recommendations that are unique to that cohort. Several recommendations apply to all cohorts and have been captured within the Supported Housing Strategy under the heading “Recommendations for all cohorts”.

Delivery of the Strategy

The strategic priorities and recommendations will be delivered through the Supported Housing Strategy Action Plan.

The key partners in delivering the vision and aims of this strategy will be Trafford Council, Registered Providers, the NHS Commissioning Body, CCGs Care Providers, private developers, and the planning department. Further suitable partners will be approached to contribute where appropriate.



The Action Plan has been developed in partnership with stakeholders, partners and agencies and agreed by the Strategic Housing Partnership (SHP). The Strategic Housing Partnership was established to provide strategic leadership in the delivery of key priorities of the Trafford Inclusive Growth Board and the Trafford Housing Strategy 2018-2023. It will provide detailed actions and targets to ensure that we achieve the priorities identified over the next five years by 2028. The Action Plan will be reviewed annually to ensure that all new changes in legislation and policies/strategies developed by the Council are reflected.