



#HealthNow- Health creates a foundation for moving out of homelessness

#HealthNow Vision

An inclusive health system where everyone has equal access to the health care they need

Aims of #HealthNow: The vision will be achieved through building a national #HealthNow alliance that is led by and built upon lived experience of homelessness. It will unite people with lived experience of homelessness with health and homeless sector partners to co-produce local level and national solutions to the problem of health system inequality.

A. Awareness and Understanding

Raise awareness and understanding of barriers to accessing health services for people experiencing homelessness.

A.1 Annual published literature review, which outlines the trends in health inequality of people experiencing homelessness.

A.2 Deep dive thematic piece of peer led research undertaken to grow understanding of the barriers and issues.

A.3 Regular #HealthNow alliance meetings utilise research intelligence to focus on joint action planning.

B. Local System Change

Identify barriers to homeless people accessing care and treatment at a local level in three key partner cities and develop action plans to eradicate the barriers.

B.1 Local teams of peer researchers produce health inequality reports and recommendations for key stakeholders.

B.2 Local #HealthNow alliance partners co-produce collaborative peer led actions based on their homeless health action plan.

B.3 Participatory approaches are used to create three-year local homeless health action plans.

C. Supporting Individuals

Support homeless people to access the health care they need through locally tailored Homeless Health Peer Advocacy (HHPA) services.

C.1 HHPA services are established in Birmingham, Greater Manchester and Newcastle.

C.2 Create a commissioning toolkit, quality framework and indicators for HHPA.

C.3 Provide tools, advice and information to support the HHPA network.

D. Taking National Action

Harness insights from peer-led research and robust HHPA data capture to create annual “national actions”, which the alliance can mobilise around to create long lasting change.

D.1 Annual #HealthNow alliance conference to agree a national action plan for the year ahead.

D.2 National action campaign delivered through the alliance.

D.3 Ensure that insight and action from the #HealthNow alliance are adopted nationally.

E. Participation and Progression

Participation is the catalyst for the success of #HealthNow. Participation of people who are and who have been homeless. People who have experienced the inequalities. People who understand what needs to be done to change the system.

All #HealthNow volunteers and many of its staff have been homeless. In return for their contribution, they receive support through the Progression Programme.