

GM RSPARG Funding Uplift 2025-2026

Collaborating

Empowering

Delivering

Funding - £592,724

- One-off additional funding as a top up to our Rough Sleeping Prevention and Recovery Grant (RSPARG) for 2025/26
- Funding to be used to ensure greater support for individuals experiencing single homelessness and rough sleeping, or at risk of sleeping rough or returning to rough sleeping
- Specifically, to support –
 - Reducing and preventing rough sleeping through tailored support for long-term recovery
 - Strengthen prevention to improve accommodation outcomes and reduce first time rough sleeping
 - Deliver targeted interventions for individuals transition from asylum accommodation
 - Develop partnership working across local authorities and the VCFSE sector
 - Strengthen multiagency approaches to improve safety in town centres
 - Build strategic structures and develop pilot projects to drive innovation in homelessness services

Timeline

- 24th July – Made aware of available funding
- 5th August – Initial discussion on proposals at Housing Needs Group
- 12th August – Shortlisted ideas proposed at GM RS Leads Group
- 14th August – Shortlisted ideas proposed at Asylum Leads Group
- 18th August – Mayoral Briefing
- 22nd August – Deadline for submission
- 3rd November – Payment received
- 21st January – Presentation of programme to Assistant Directors of Adult Social Care
- February – March – continued engagement with Local Authorities
- April – Funding released and mobilisation begins

Enhanced Live Well: Pilot Integrated Rough Sleeping Social Workers

- **£252,818**
- Direct Grant Award to Local Authorities – 5 x Adult Social Care Workers – Homelessness
- Bury, Rochdale, Salford, Tameside and Trafford
- Taking learning from work in Manchester and Bolton around integrating Adult Social Care workers within rough sleeping teams
- Improving coordination across Homelessness and Adults Social Care
- Need to address long term rough sleeping and those with the furthest barriers to transitioning away from rough sleeping
- Anecdotal evidence from local authorities on challenges with social care engagement
 - Cohort of individuals rough sleeping with considerable care and support needs
 - Acknowledgment of significant barriers to access and maintain any form of accommodation
 - Increased understanding around neuropsychology and learning difficulties
 - Lack of existing integration between rough sleeping teams and adult social care within local authorities

Caseload Proposal

- Maximum 12 cases per Social Worker
- Flexibility built in to split work across target priority group, long term rough sleepers and long term stays in ABEN

Local Authority	Caseload	TPG	ABEN Stays < 6 Months
Bury	12	22	6
Rochdale	12	9	17
Salford	12	34	24
Tameside	12	15	6
Trafford	12	15	10

Beyond Caseload: Multiple Exclusion Homelessness

- Recognising a range of factors and risks that contribute towards people becoming and remaining homeless or rough sleeping
- Childhood experiences, trauma, mental illness, acquired brain injury, neurodivergence and learning difficulties
- Negative experiences of statutory services, stigma and discrimination reducing people's trust in services
- Ability for Social Workers to work in creative and flexible ways to make a difference

Identified Risks and Mitigations

Risk	Mitigation
Buy in and expectations of the role with Adult Social Care	Presented role to Assistant Directors of Adult Social Care – to follow up Rough Sleeping Learning Event focused on Adult Social Care and integration within Homelessness Teams
Lone Working with small but complex caseload	Will connect new Social Workers into existing peer support offer nationally, create opportunities for all 5 Social Workers to connect and shadow across the region
Data Systems and Recording Information	Integration into existing piece of work to understand Local Authority Homelessness data systems and creating cohesiveness across reporting and monitoring
Evaluation and Monitoring	Understanding how we can go beyond quantitative information in presenting value of the role and its impact on individuals in the cohort, how it works well and some of the challenges and barriers
12 Month Funding	Developing robust evaluation to demonstrate value of role Ask for funding to continue under IS approved

Questions?

- **Where does the role sit within Local Authorities?**

The integrated Social Worker post will sit under Adults Social Care for the purpose of supervision. However, caseload will come directly from Homelessness and Housing Front Door Teams

Exact Adult Social Care department is varied across Local Authorities with some placing the role in Safeguarding and others in Adult Social Care front door assessment teams
- **What happens beyond a 12-month pilot?**

Aim to use evidence from initial pilot to support internal business case at Local Authorities for roles to continue to be funded.

GMCA have confirmed funding to continue under Integrated Settlement to extend pilot across other local authorities or extend pilots in existing areas for 2026/2027

April 2026 Onwards

- Supporting Local Authorities in mobilising the roles in each of their localities
- Connecting individuals into peer support and shadowing opportunities
- More engagement and messaging with Adult Social Care (Follow up with AD's Adult Social Care, Rough Sleeping Learning Event etc.)
- Development of evaluation matrix to demonstrate value and impact strategically
- Linking into Enhanced Live Well offers