



St Mungo's
Broadway
Rebuilding lives, day by day

Charter for homeless health

People who are homeless face some of the worst health inequalities in society. They are at much greater risk of mental and physical health problems than the general population and their experiences of homelessness often make it more difficult to access the healthcare they need.

The **Health and Wellbeing Board** is committed to changing this. We therefore commit to:

Identify need: We will include the health needs of people who are homeless in our Joint Strategic Needs Assessment. This will include people who are sleeping rough, people living in supported accommodation and people who are hidden homeless. We will work with homelessness services and homeless people to achieve this.

Provide leadership: We will provide leadership on addressing homeless health. Our Director of Public Health has a key leadership role to play in tackling health inequalities and will lead in promoting integrated responses and identifying opportunities for cross boundary working.

Commission for inclusion: We will work with the local authority and clinical commissioning groups to ensure that local health services meet the needs of people who are homeless, and that they are welcoming and easily accessible.

Signed:

Chair:

Health and Wellbeing Board

Date: