

Path is an independent homelessness charity. It was established out of concern about the levels of homelessness in Plymouth in the early 1990s and now offers a range of services, from work with rough sleepers through to support for people to maintain their tenancies. Details are below.

1. Work with Rough Sleepers

We monitor, support and motivate people who are sleeping rough to move off the street. We visit known rough sleeper sights, providing support and advice and working with partners to meet the needs of clients.

This includes outreach work but also ongoing case work, providing individual support to people during and after sleeping rough.

2. Plymouth Accommodation Gateway

Clients can be referred from Probation for housing support. This entails assessing clients' housing needs and options and supporting them to secure suitable accommodation, from places in hostels to their own tenancies.

3. Mental Health Accommodation Support Service (MHASS)

Like PAG, MHASS provides housing advice and support, this being to people using secondary mental health services. Support may be to maintain existing accommodation or to gain somewhere more appropriate for the client's needs.

This service is based at River View, Mount Gould.

4. Renting Support Service

Renting Support receives referrals from Housing Advice / Options teams and other

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services, including hostels and supported accommodation, of people wanting to move into their own private rented tenancies. The team will provide advice and support, potentially including a Deposit Guarantee. The client is then encouraged to find a sustainable tenancy, which the team will help set up, with the landlord and client.

This service is provided in Plymouth, Teignbridge and Torbay, in each case working with the local authority Housing Dept.

5. Tenancy Support services

Our Tenancy Support workers help people sustain and maintain tenancies where the client has had difficulties in doing so in the past. We work with people in their own homes, especially on practical tasks such as finances and budgeting, tenancy responsibilities and access to other services.

If a person is deemed to be in need of tenancy support, referrals can be made to the Tenancy Services Manager, often coming from GPs, social and housing workers, community workers, refugee services, other Path services and landlords.

Current client groups include:

- refugees
- women at risk of offending
- ex-Services personnel and families
- ex-offenders

Path also contributes to strategic work, including on rough sleeping and 'move-on', implementing local strategies through specific development work.

Other than where stated, services are provided from The Harwell Centre,
Western Approach, PL1 1PY. Main tel no: 01752 255889.

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