Housing Related Support Cost Benefit Analysis

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Background

- CLG commissioned Capgemini in 2009 to look at the financial benefits of the Supporting People Programme
- B&HCC applied the tool to local services in 2009 as part of the development of the current commissioning plan
- Validated by internal audit as a robust approach to value for money
Methodology

- Uses a ‘peer review’ method by looking at alternative scenarios i.e. if housing related support was not available what are the likely costs to the city
- It is time limited and only looks at immediate or near immediate costs
- Uses local costs inputted into the CLG tool
- Gives a breakdown of where likely costs would be incurred and thus implied savings from HRS investment
Refresh Data

- We can state that for every £1 spent on housing related support services the city saves £4.11. This is 87p better than the analysis in 2009 which is equivalent to the life of the current strategy.
Client Groups

- Alcohol 1:10
- Single Homeless 1:4.9
- Mental Health 1:4.3
- Older People 1:4.5
- Young People 1:1.64
- Learning Disabilities 1:3.4
Case Study – Mental Health

£1.5m Housing Related Support saves:

• £12.2m – Residential & Acute Care
• £0.5m – Benefit claims
• £0.1m – Tenancy failure costs

So the B&HCC West Pier Project can be inferred to save the city £1.1m for a £250k spend
Main Reasons For Improved Cost Benefit

• Ongoing efficiency savings made with the Integrated Support Pathway with year on year cuts
• Remodelling of services with previous accommodation or outreach services operating as floating support
• Decommissioning of services that were not value for money or delivered poor outcomes
• Increasing costs for comparison
• Lack of inflationary uplifts
• Newly commissioned services that deliver better value for money
• Change in the classification of older people alarm services
• Changed client group for major hostel
• Change in referral pathways
Benchmarking

- Compared to similar authorities our hourly rates are within value for money benchmarks with B&H rates being approximately the mean of these costs (£15 per hour)
Next Steps

• Use the CBA to inform strategic planning for the Housing Related Support Strategy
• Use CBA to inform savings plan