**1 year fixed term 1st April 2025 – 31st March 2026**

**Background and Purpose**

This role has been funded by the Ministry for Housing and Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) Rough Sleeper Initiative (RSI) in partnership with Arun District Council. It is recognised that some of our most vulnerable clients across West Sussex have unmet multiple needs which can often cause difficulties when trying to engage with services in a productive and long-term arrangement.

This role forms part of the ongoing efforts to create accessible pathways and support for those who have found themselves rough sleeping within the Arun District.

The RSI team and commissioned services work together across the district to assist rough sleepers to access support, short term accommodation (where possible) and longer term accommodation solutions, whilst accessing services to support with any barriers that may be contributing to individuals experiences and circumstances.

**Commissioned requirements of the role**;

1. To be a first point of contact and record all new rough sleepers accessing the hub and provide data to the local authority as requested

1. Obtain partnership consent from new clients and to ensure that external RSI services are made aware of new contacts.

1. Carry out an assessment of needs to establish what support agencies may need to be accessed and make relevant referrals/support to access.

1. Sign post and support rough sleepers to attend Local authority housing options team to establish if any duties owed.

1. To have regular contact and update records of rough sleepers within the area who access hub services, ensuring partner agencies are kept up to date with relevant information.

1. To be based from the hub but to work flexibly to cater to the needs of clients as and when required.

1. To assist the Councils outreach team on early morning outreach to identify sleep sites of new rough sleepers and to introduce rough sleepers accessing the hub to the support services available through the council’s internal RSI/Options team

1. To assist and support with group work within hub settings to maximise clients living skills and employment opportunities.

1. To ensure the most entrenched rough sleepers are referred to other support interventions for more intense support by completing referral forms and actively discussing their case at joint partnership meetings such as the rough sleepers panel.

1. To maximise use of tools and services available in the area to reduce rough sleeping (referrals to supported accommodation providers, build CV’s, referrals to drug and alcohol support services as well as support to access GP and MH services).

1. To work with a varying case load of clients as the link worker ensuring that clients are appropriately picked up by specialist services for whatever needs/requirements they may have.

1. To attend all multi agency meetings in relation to the ongoing support and needs of clients, specifically the rough sleepers panel (monthly) and any other relevant meetings relating to rough sleepers held by the local authority or other agencies.

1. To support with winter provisions included SWEP as required. This may include night working on a planned rota provision, late/early starts/finishes and weekend working.

1. To take part in regular early morning counts and the annual rough sleepers count.

1. To attend specific training as organised by the local authority which is deemed appropriate to your role when required.

1. To work across the whole of the Arun District where required

**Organisational requirements of the role;**

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| **Current RSI pathways within Arun** | **Responsibility of /Where to access** |
| Voluntary access by clients in need of support | Hubs/Local Authority |
| Outreach Identification | RSI team outreach workers/Navigators |
| Assessment of needs and identified support services required | Carried out by first access point (Hub Navigator, Outreach workers) |
| Ongoing floating support at hubs (referrals, sign posting, accessing relevant support) | Hub Navigator/Outreach workers |
| Intensive individual support (most entrenched) | Target priority navigators (ADC) |
| Off the street accommodation | ADC |
| Skills and move on support | ADC accommodation sustainment and move on workers |
| Suitable and affordable move on and resettlement | Supported accommodation providers / Accommodation sustainment workers for PRS/social accommodation without onsite support. |
| Longer term employment and independent living skills | Accommodation sustainment workers and support groups |