Appendix 2 – BDBC MEAM Model

The BDBC MEAM focuses on those who are sleeping rough or vulnerably housed and to whom services are unable or struggling to engage. Strategic overview and ownership of the MEAM is by the BDBC SIP.

There is an operational MEAM group which meets fortnightly and focusses on a caseload of 10-15 individuals. These are the agreed cases with the most complex needs (as determined by an assessment form) and agreed by the partnership.

All partners refer clients in and discuss cases. The groups represents a genuine partnership approach, serviced by multiple organisations which include:

- Police
- Community safety partners
- Alcohol nurses from Basingstoke and North Hants Hospital
- South Central Ambulance Service
- Inclusion substance misuse team (community)
- Adults’ Mental Health and Substance Misuse Team
- Housing department
- Two Saints May Place House direct access hostel
- Julian House MEAM rough sleeper outreach service
- P3 and probation services

The group identifies the blocks and barriers to a client’s success in moving away from street living and the key determinant of their lack of engagement. Importantly, this is undertaken in partnership with clients and those with lived experience rather than what historically might have been a more traditional case conference style.

Identified actions and outcomes from the joint assessments develop realistic and accountable shared actions which are client-led agendas and underpinned by real system change.