

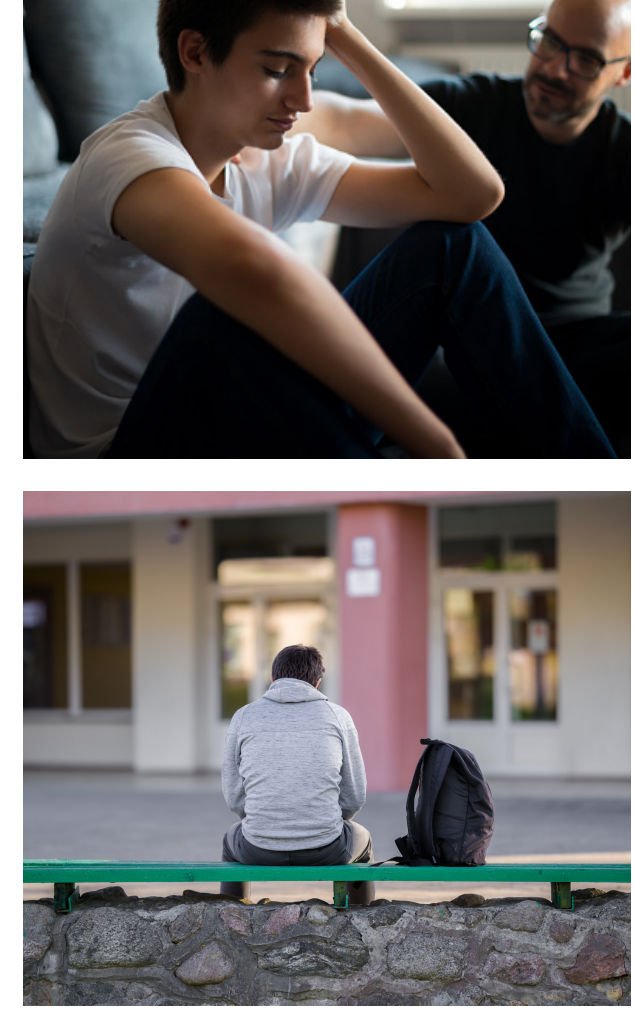
A PLACE TO CALL HOME

Project timeline



2017 Research and understanding

- Consultation with experts, academics, local authorities and youth practitioners to understand the causes of youth homelessness and the support available to young people, led by 'The Centre for Education and Youth (CfEY)'
- In-depth participatory research with young people who have experienced homelessness to understand their journeys and the support they need.
- The findings identified that prevention, focused on the whole family, is key to stem the flow of young people becoming homeless.
- Event to launch our research and tell young people's stories.



2018 Testing and proving the theory

11 YOUNG PEOPLE FROM 10 FAMILIES IDENTIFIED AS BEING AT RISK OF BECOMING HOMELESS.

- Youth homelessness prevention pilot programme with Family Gateway. Family Gateway delivered a bespoke programme using their **Barefoot Professional Model** of wrap-around support for the whole family.
- **Youth homelessness was prevented for these high risk young people.** 8 young people remained in their family home, 3 were supported into independent accommodation.
- Evaluation conducted by CfEY to interrogate the impact of the support and the mechanisms which made it successful.



2019 Expanding the delivery and leaving a legacy



- Event to share our story and emphasise the importance and success of prevention
- Family Gateway funded for 4 innovative programmes of support:
 - Enterprise employment project.
 - Bespoke employability for NEET young people.
 - Sustainability of early intervention work.
 - Fundraiser recruited to help sustain Barefoot Professional work.
- Of the 12 young people who received intensive support:
 - 10 supported to progress into employment, training, or education.
 - 2 went on to receive longer term support.
- CfEY conducted research to highlight the cost benefit of providing early intervention support to prevent youth homelessness'
 - Evaluation report written by CfEY on the impact of the work.

"Failing to prevent homelessness until young people are over 18 costs the state an estimated 37% extra every year compared to preventing it when they are 16 or 17."

https://www.crisis.org.uk/media/20677/crisis_at_what_cost_2015.pdf



2020 Review, understand and improve

- **Roundtable with North East youth practitioners, sector leaders and policy makers.** Consultation with young people to identify gaps in delivery.
- **CfEY produce 3 reports:**
 - Cost benefit analysis to evidence the rationale for funding preventative work.
 - Funders report to consider how best to fund preventative work.
 - Toolkit to highlight the key features of good practice in prevention to support practitioners to provide whole family preventative support.



2021 Transition to The Future of Work



- Working with Movement to Work.
- Developed pre-employment programme to build confidence and skills to help young people in the greatest need prepare for and sustain employment.
- Summary toolkit shared via partners North East Youth Alliance to continue promotion of the message that early intervention is the key to homeless prevention for young people.
- Virtual event to discuss the learning, journey, and the legacy in the North East.

3 events
4 reports

20+ practitioners, policy makers and academics consulted

£300k invested

Youth homelessness
Early intervention leads to prevention