

KEY FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS AT A GLANCE



Year 1 - 2022/23

This report presents the evaluation findings of the first year of the Gwent BOOST Helping to End Homelessness programme. It has understandably taken time to develop the partnership and the five activity strands during this first year and so the data presented here does not constitute a full year of operational delivery. The monitoring data presented in this report covers the period February 2023 to the end of August 2023. The below table provides a summary of the key activities and successes in the first year of Gwent BOOST.



2 Roadshows delivered by The Wallich exploring the concept of a Social Enterprise

4 Tenant and landlords recruited by Tai Pawb

6 have started the 'Learning to Advise' course with St Giles

8 Organisations have signed up to take asylum seekers and refugees by the WRC

12 People have been involved in the co-design of Gwent BOOST activities

20 People have been offered psychological support by Aneurin Bevan Health Board

55 People attended the Torfaen Landlord forum organised by Tai Pawb

74 people supported by the Gwent BOOST Helping to End Homelessness Programme overall



Despite the successes of the first year, there are of course a number of challenges that have been identified. We have identified three key areas for consideration:



THE PARTNERSHIP

There needs to be a clearer sense of partnership working across the strands of activity. Partners need to understand how they fit into the overall aims of the Gwent BOOST programme and feel they are working to a clear plan.



ENGAGEMENT WITH OTHER AGENCIES

It has been noted that Local Authorities have not been engaging with the programme thus far, and neither have organisations that work with substance misuse. Partners have identified these as important gaps given their role in working with people who are homeless (or at risk of being). We suggest The Wallich explore how to bring these partners into the project.

THE DEVELOPMENT A CO-PRODUCTION PLAN

The challenges of recruiting a co-production coordinator have been unavoidable. We suggest a co-production planning meeting is convened with all partners when the post is filled. This should explore current activity and gaps so that priority areas are understood and addressed.