

# The Plymouth Alliance

## Who is in the Alliance

There are 7 members of The Alliance.

- BCHA
- Hamoaze
- Harbour
- Livewell
- Path
- Shekinah
- The Zone

Plus, PCC is part of it, both commissioning and Community Connections.

## What is an Alliance

Alliances are a form of partnership. There is a higher level of collaborative decision making and shared responsibility for all activities than is usually seen in most partnerships. Instead of being a group of organisations who each separately undertake their part, coming together occasionally to review progress and report to each other, an Alliance is a more intensive collaboration where everything from planning, implementation, overall financial responsibility, risk and day-to-day management is shared.

## What does The Alliance do

The Alliance was awarded a single contract by PCC for the provision of support for people who have needs in relation to homelessness and may also have support needs around substance misuse, mental health, offending and risk of exploitation.

Partners therefore, individually and together, provide housing advice and support, along with access to temporary and settled accommodation and treatment and support regarding substance use, including prescribing.

## What are its aims

The aim of The Plymouth Alliance is to coordinate a complex needs system which will enable people to be supported flexibly, receiving the right care, at the right time, in the right place.

Specifically, we aim to:

- enable people to fulfil their potential by resolving underlying issues and causes, the consequences of which are homelessness, substance misuse, offending, mental health and risk of exploitation and in the case of parents, often has a negative impact on their capacity to meet their child(ren)'s developmental, wellbeing and health needs;

- provide support to enable people to become independent, by providing the right support at the right time, reducing the pressure on crisis and emergency services and moving towards independence and wellbeing ;
- support people to achieve their goals (the things that matter most to the individuals) through an honest relationship that changes over time as aspirations grow, develop and are achieved; and

### **What are its plans**

The vision of TPA is to improve the lives of people with complex needs, supporting the whole person to meet their aspirations and to participate in and contribute to all aspects of life.

### **Alliance principles**

All that The Alliance does should fit its principles, as below.

All of Us commit to working to Alliance Principles which are:

- to assume collective responsibility for all of the risks involved in providing services under this Agreement;
- to make decisions on a 'Best for People using Services' basis;
- to commit to unanimous, principle and value based-decision making on all key issues;
- to adopt a culture of 'no fault, no blame' between the Alliance Participants and to seek to avoid all disputes and litigation (except in very limited cases of wilful default);
- to adopt open book accounting and transparency in all matters;
- to appoint and select key roles on a best person basis; and
- to act in accordance with the Alliance Values and Behaviours at all times.

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