

Kerslake Commission evidence submission

Mount Edgcumbe Hospice

1. Thinking about the response to rough sleeping during the pandemic, which measures, policies, practices or joint working do you think worked well and why?

The Everyone In policy worked really well in Cornwall. All rough sleepers were put in hotels or camp sites. Agencies were able to target services

2. In contrast, which measures, policies, practices or joint working do you think have not worked well and why?

On the first lockdown rough sleepers were put into a camp site in the middle of Cornwall. Rough sleepers needed to travel to pick up their prescriptions. This also interrupted illicit drug supply and there was some antisocial behaviour due to this.

3. Please describe the specific challenges, and opportunities, in the next phase of the Everyone In programme and helping people to move on from hotel accommodation.

This has not happened yet in Cornwall. I hope, given this has worked well I hope the will is there to continue to fund everyone in. This experience has proved that if the will is there everyone can really be in.

4. And finally, what do you think needs to be put in place to embed the good work that developed during the pandemic, or improve upon it?

The hostel staff are exhausted. I am in awe of the amazing work they do with very complex people. In Cornwall they have poor pay and not much leave. I would love for them to be recognised for the work they do. They have continued to work through the pandemic without anyone clapping for them.