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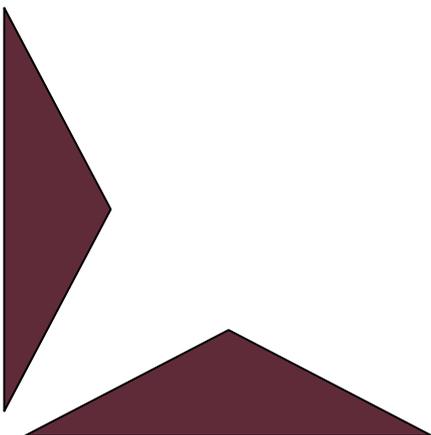


Co-designing Services for Young People

Project Brief Summary November 2013

The housing needs of children and young people are quite distinct to that of other customer groupings.

This project aims to set out how Wheatley and JRF will use young people not only to inform service provision but to help co-design the housing model most suitable for them.



1. Introduction

- 1.1 This project aims to use action research with young people, to help identify the housing issues for this group and provide practical solutions which the Wheatley Group could take forward.

2. Why this project and why now?

- 2.1 This project is timely given both the work currently being undertaken by The Glasgow Poverty Panel and the fact that young people have been significantly impacted by a variety of policy reforms and the general economic climate.

2.2 Impacts include:

- Changes the rules on housing benefit. Previously those under 25 qualify for a “room allowance”; this has now increased to those under 35
- Reducing the Local Housing Allowance to cover only the lowest third of private rents. This has reduced the supply of affordable private rented housing to those on housing benefit
- With the reduction in high loan to value mortgages (and therefore the need for large deposits), there is expected to be an increase in the average age of the first time buyer. The market may, therefore, be unable to provide young people with this housing option in the short term
- Employment indirectly affects the housing options to young people. Those on higher salaries will have access a greater choice of housing in terms of size, location and tenure type compared to those out of work.

3. Who will be involved?

- 3.1 The project will be sponsored by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation and the Wheatley Group. However, due to the nature of the project we will approach a number of other organisations to assist a number of other organisations may also be interested in working with us including:

- Scottish Government
- Glasgow City Council
- NHS
- Poverty Truth Commission
- Glasgow Centre for Population Health
- Young Scot
- Poverty Alliance

4. Research Methods

- 4.1 The literature review has demonstrated that co-produced could be done using an action research methodology. This would involve the young people not only identifying the issues for them, but actually carrying out the research and analysing the findings.
- 4.2 The young people will also be given training and mentoring to ensure that they are able to increase their skills and confidence in a real and meaningful way.