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New provider for Thurrock homeless service

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Support for homeless people across Thurrock is set to receive a major boost as national supported housing provider Sanctuary Supported Living takes over a service supporting local people affected by homelessness.

From September 2020, Sanctuary Supported Living will be providing accommodation and support to more than 45 people affected by homelessness.

Sanctuary Supported Living already runs another service in the local area - Thurrock Young Parents Supported Housing - supporting young parents who are at risk of homelessness, so the new Thurrock Homeless service, located at Charles Street



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and Clarence Road, will be a welcome addition to their service provision.

The purpose-built homes are made up of a range of rooms suitable for single people, families and people with disabilities. Each resident will receive a tailored support package covering a variety of areas including managing finances, accessing education, training and work, and planning a successful move-on.

The team will also provide a floating support service to people in the local area who are still living in their own homes but at risk of eviction.

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In addition, staff will run an outreach programme for entrenched rough sleepers across the borough, as well as a Housing First project – providing intensive support for people who are long-term or recurrently homeless.

Keira Harrison, Local Service Manager for the new service, said: “We are all delighted to offer more support for people who are homeless, or at risk of homelessness, across Thurrock.

“One of the most important things is that we are offering a range of different options to suit different needs, including young people, people with disabilities and those who need more intensive support. Everyone deserves a chance for a safe, secure home, and this is what underlies everything we do.”

People can be referred to the service by Thurrock Council and a range of local agencies, with self-referral available for the floating support.

