

Making Every Adult Matter

Update Briefing

Background

In Summer 2018, a proposal was by approved by Haringey's Health and Wellbeing Board, Corporate Board and Mental Health Executive to explore the Making Every Adult Matter (MEAM) approach. The Council's Housing Support Team then submitted a bid to become one of seven new MEAM adoption areas.

In October 2018 we were informed of our success, and officially became a MEAM adoption area in late November 2018.

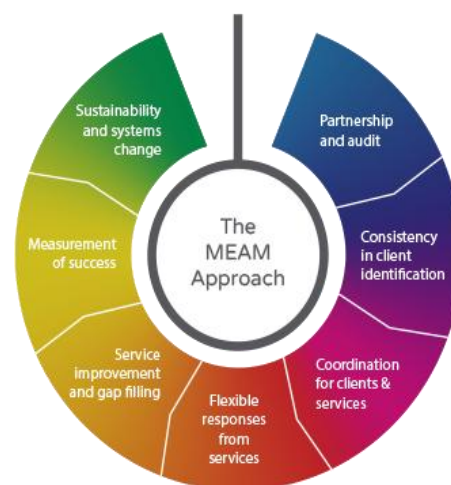
Outline of the MEAM Approach

The MEAM approach looks at the whole system of strategies, organisations, services and working practices involved in the lives of people with complex needs around homelessness, mental health, drug and alcohol dependency and criminal justice. It's founded in the recognition that people's lives are not neatly separated into individual needs and experiences and therefore nor can the organisations, services, policies and practices that they engage with.

The approach has seven broad stages, which starts by bringing together the partnership of organisations, represented at frontline and leadership levels.

The work of the partnership during the initial three-year period is experimental and based on the local context. It could include small changes to service delivery as well as significant strategic changes in commissioning, policy and strategy.

The next step explores what the key elements of the MEAM approach in Haringey will look like. This is led by the Practitioners Group, who will then identify the group of 25 people with complex needs who will be the first beneficiaries of the MEAM approach during its first three years.



Update on Progress

The MEAM approach in Haringey is in its early stages. The table below outlines the key milestones achieved to date and the known next steps.

Project Area	Actions Completed	Next Steps	By When
MEAM Strategic Board	Group formed – chaired identified Draft Terms of Reference Draft Information Sharing Protocol	Agree draft documents	April 2019
MEAM Practitioners Group	Group formed – chair identified Draft Terms of Reference Draft Information Sharing Protocol	Agree draft documents Agree the 'Haringey MEAM offer'	March 2019
Systems Navigator	Job description created and evaluated Role advertised/Shortlisted/Interviews set	Appoint to role	March 2019
The 'MEAM 25' Cohort	NDT Assessment tool agreed Initial nominations made	Agree the 'MEAM 25' Engage a Peer Advisor	April 2019