



## One year on in Home Works (West)..... July 2009 - July 2010

Dear Colleague,

Home Works is a free information and support service for anyone in East Sussex aged 16-64 who needs help and support around housing. It was commissioned by East Sussex County Council from July 2009 and has just celebrated its first successful year. We would like to share with you the positive impacts the service has had to prevent homelessness and promote social inclusion - enabling local vulnerable people to live independently.

### Home Works provides:

- time limited, focused support to gain/retain secure housing
- a rapid response when people are in need
- flexible service 6 days per week (inc. evenings)

### Over the past year we have supported

- **1,854 People in Eastbourne, Wealden and the Lewes District.**
- **41%** of referrals have mental health problems. **We are continuing to see a growth in referrals from families in need – often due to debt and job losses**

### Meets your local needs

- We work with local authority partners to deliver on their strategic priorities
- We reduce homeless applications
- We work with private landlords and owner occupiers
- We reduce Social Service referrals
- We help individuals off benefits and into work
- We help people resolve neighbour disputes

### Prevention is cheaper than cure

Research shows that every £1 of Supporting People funding saves the public purse £2.12. We help develop individuals' skills so in future they are better able to cope.

*"I was desperate. I was drowning and clutching at straws. I just needed support to help me get up and stand on my own two feet....Home Works is great - a short-term tool that helps people to help themselves in the long-term"*

Quote from Service User Troy

### Want to find out more?

We would really welcome and value having the opportunity to let you know more about the service and how it is meeting your local needs.

If you would be interested in having a chat, please call:

**The Gateway Manager, Home Works 01273 898700**