

RPH Homeless Team

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Pathway Program

- ◆ London 2010
- ◆ Dr Nigel Hewitt and Dr Aiden Halligan
- ◆ Specialist Homeless GP inreach into hospital
- ◆ Spreading across UK
- ◆ pathway.org.uk

Why?

- ◆ **Hospitals provide:**

- ◆ Acute care for injury and illness

- ◆ **Hospitals don't:**

- ◆ Deal with the underlying cause – homelessness
- ◆ Manage chronic disease or do health prevention

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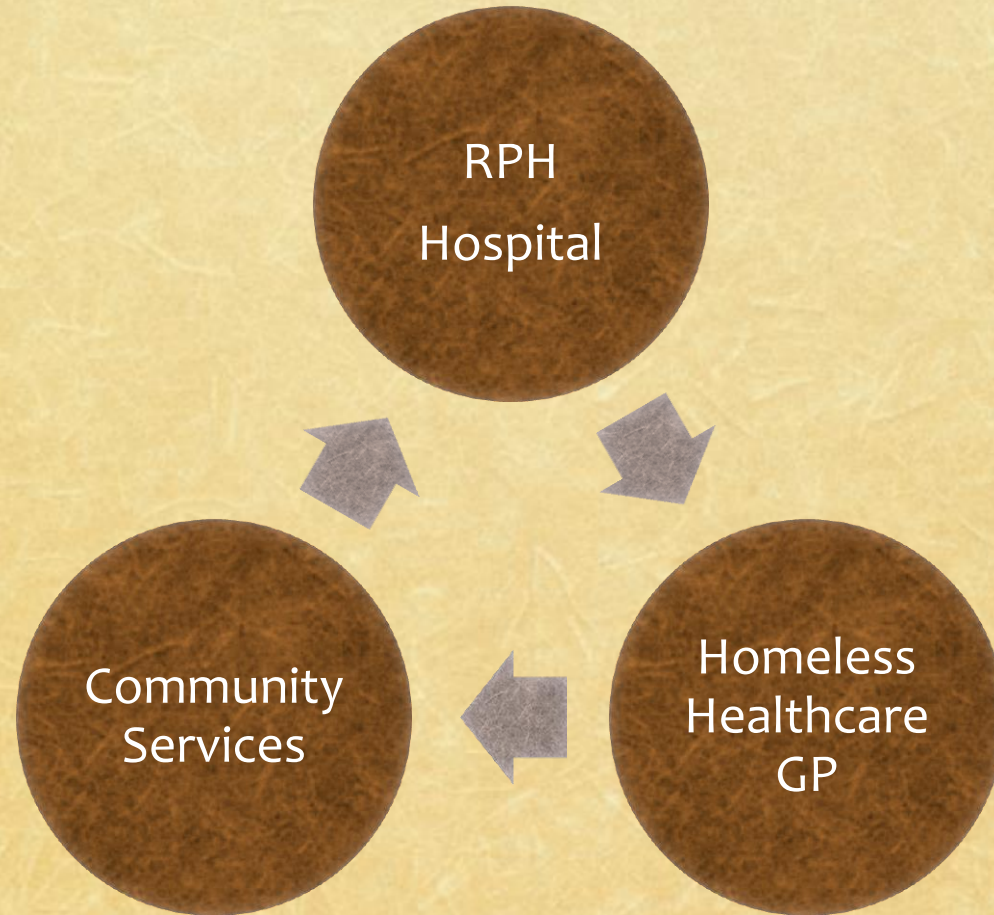
- ◆ Homeless Healthcare GP 9-11am Mon-Fri
- ◆ Homeless Healthcare Nurse 9am-1pm Mon-Fri
- ◆ RPH Homeless Assistant : 8.30am- 3.30pm Mon-Fri
- ◆ RPH Clinical Lead: around most of the week

- ◆ Round on homeless patients in ED, Observation ward and inpatient wards – especially psychiatry

What do they do?

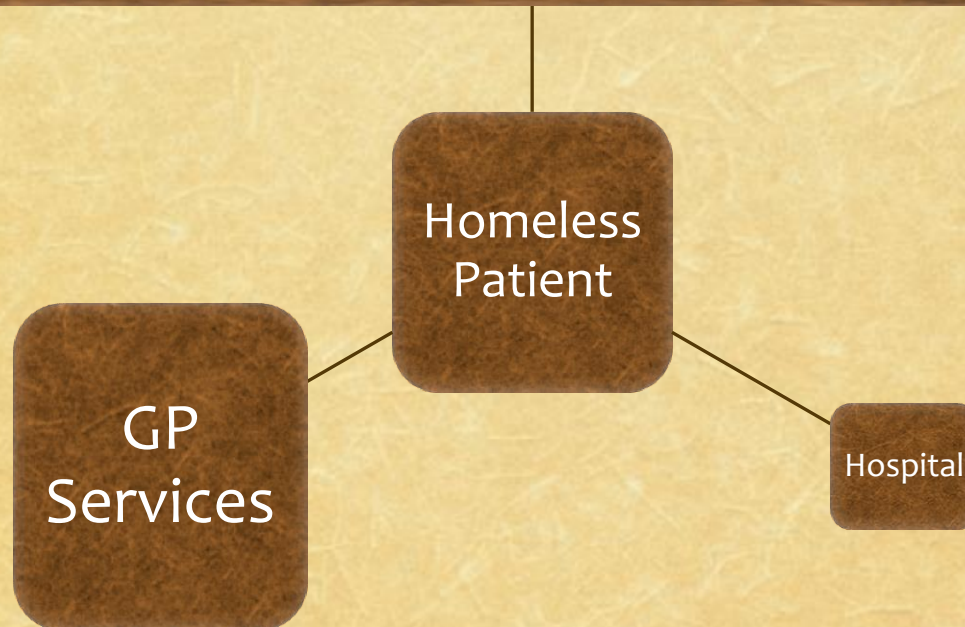
- ◆ Focus on the patients' real problem – homelessness
- ◆ Provide links to community services for homelessness
- ◆ Improve discharge planning and follow up
- ◆ Provide advocacy and support for better care for homeless patients
- ◆ Educate RPH staff on speciality of Homeless Healthcare

What we now have

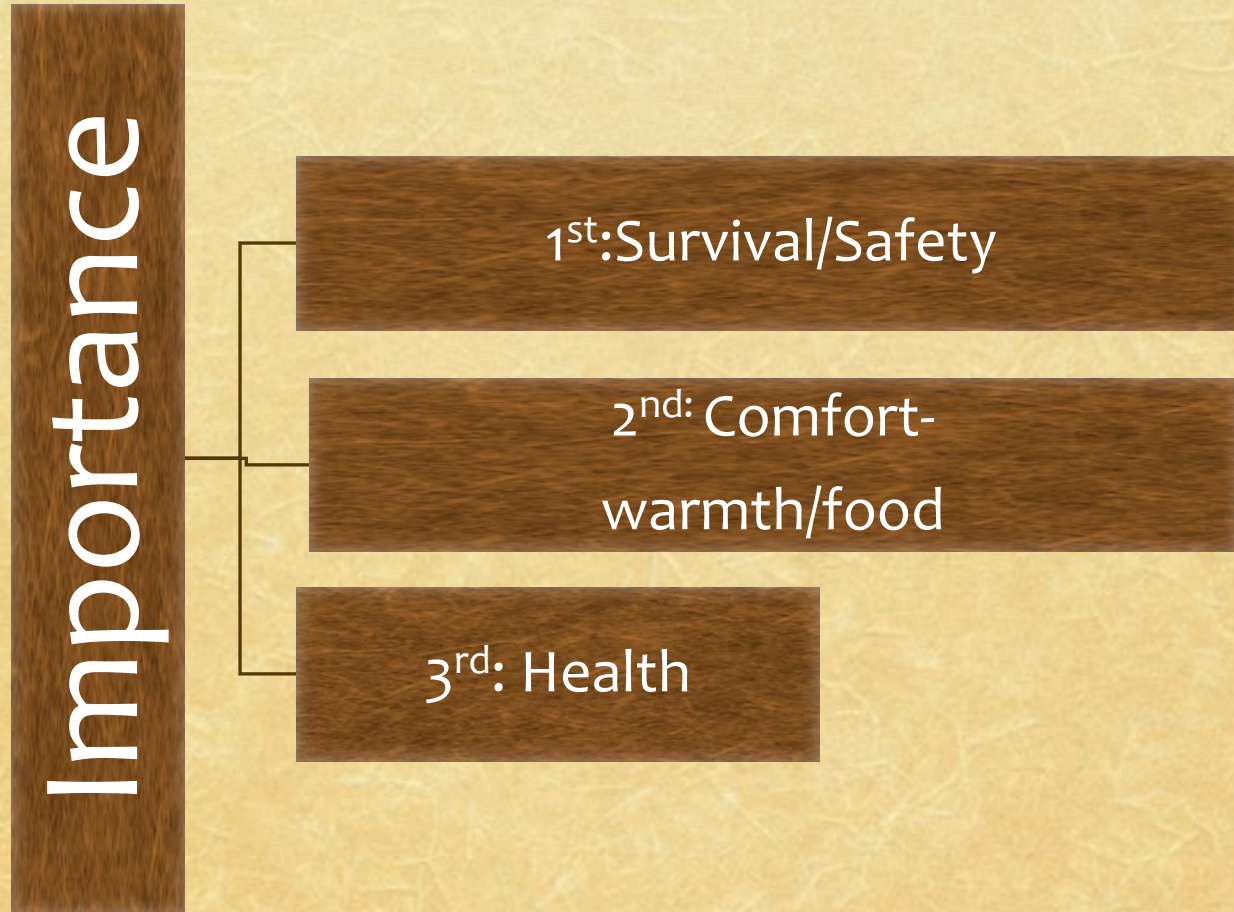


Who is making the difference?

Community Services



Hierarchy of Needs



What will help this man?



This woman?



This young man



This pregnant woman?



This man?



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The best healthcare for Homeless People:



Perth: how many are there?

- ◆ Chronic, high acuity street homeless: ~300
- ◆ Trimorbid – physical +mental health + alcohol/drug
- ◆ Cost huge amounts of money:
- ◆ Healthcare/Justice/Welfare Benefits/Child Protection

Example: MCOT –Street Homeless Psychiatric Patients

Current case list is 94 patients

Average of 47 days per year in hospital (90% psych)

Simple bed cost is \$58,750 per person per year

Cohort cost is \$5.5 million on 94 people

= \$1130/week or \$4510 per month

Subgroup: >90 IP days per year

14 patients who averaged 177 bed days per year each

= 2472 bed days per year

Bed Cost \$ 3.3 million

Each patient: \$236,250 per year

= \$4500 per week or \$18,173 per month

All schizophrenic and street homeless

My Questions?

- ◆ Why are we wasting so much money?
- ◆ Why don't we just treat the problem?
- ◆ Why do we expect to get a different result by doing the same thing?

Thank you

