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Tackling TB in Under-Served Populations: A Resource for TB Control Boards and their partners

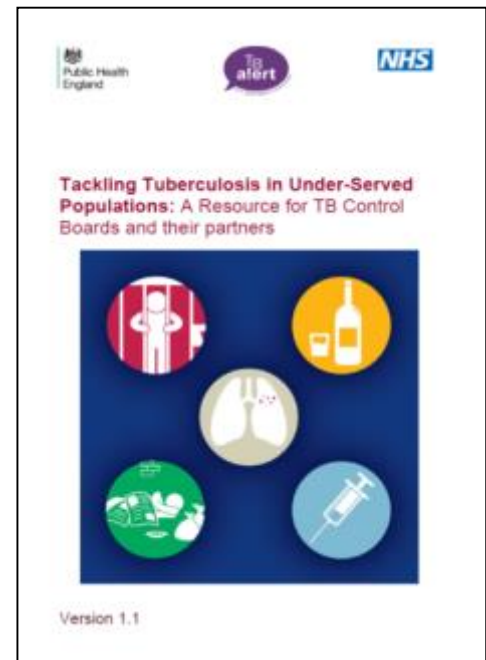
A closer look at **Chapter 6: Homelessness and TB**

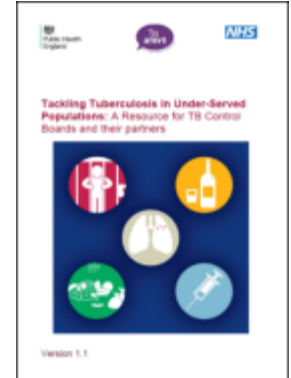
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Purpose of the USP Resource

- to improve our understanding of the health needs of USPs with TB
- to provide a resource to help tackle TB in USPs
- to provide in one place hyperlinked documents, information leaflets, other resources and exemplars of good practise
- to support the design and delivery of multi-agency programmes to better meet the needs of USPs
- Ultimately, to contribute to TB control in the wider population



Who are the under-served with TB?

For the purpose of the USP Resource, people considered as under-served include:

- people who are homeless
- some migrants groups - including asylum seekers, refugees and those in immigration detention
- people who misuse drugs or alcohol
- people in contact with the criminal justice system
- people with mental health needs

and what do we know about them... (next slide)

**Under-served
groups are
most at risk
of TB**

**TB cases with a social risk
factor increased**

8.9%
of cases

11.8%
of cases

2011  2015

Social risk groups:



are twice as likely to
have infectious TB



are twice as likely to
die



Defining homelessness



Legal definition of homelessness: is that a household has no home in the UK or anywhere else in the world available & reasonable to occupy

Not all legally homeless people are entitled to assistance with accommodation.

To determine entitlement a local authority will need to confirm an individual:

- is legally homeless
- has the right to live in the UK & is eligible for assistance
- can be classed as in '**priority need**'** of help
- is homeless through no fault of their own
i.e. is unintentionally homeless



If the person is found to satisfy these four criteria – they are eligible for assistance with accommodation.

****‘priority need’** can include someone who is vulnerable as a result of ‘other special reasons’ e.g. on TB treatment



Defining homelessness - other useful definitions

FEANTSA's European Federation
of National Organisations
Working with the Homeless.

NICE Guidance
adopted a broad and
inclusive definition of
homelessness



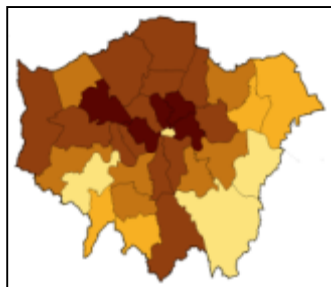
**Drug treatment and
criminal justice
systems**
homelessness as
'rough sleeping' or 'No
Fixed Abode'.

ETS records if a patient is
currently homeless or if they
have ever been homeless in
the last five years.

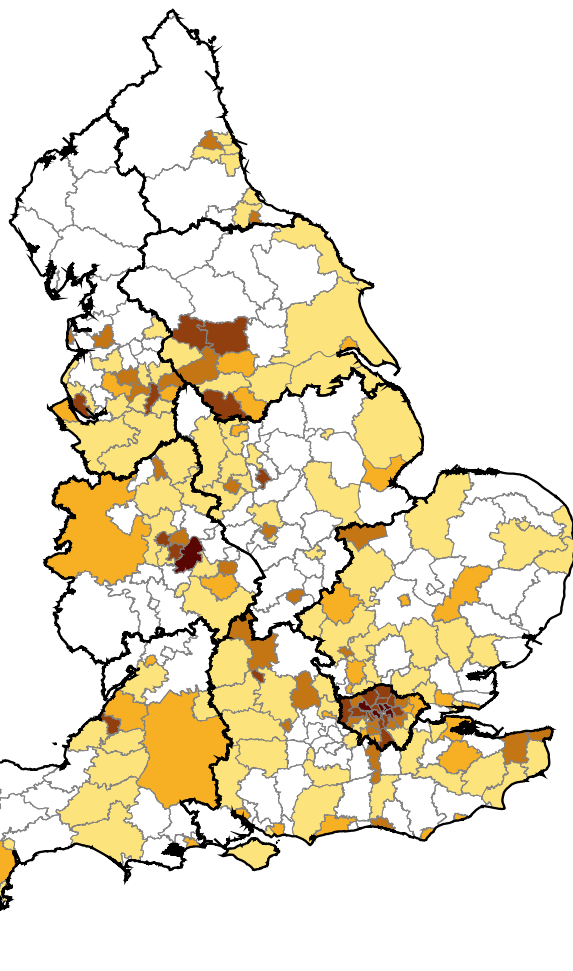
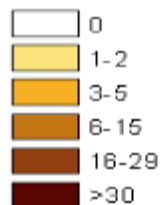
Homelessness Act 2002 include
all households who may be at risk
of, or experiencing, homelessness –
this should include people at risk of,
or with, TB



Burden of TB among the homeless



Number of cases



Between 2010 and 2015

- TB cases who were homeless increased from 3% to 4%
- Over half (54%) reported homelessness at the time of diagnosis or during care
- 35% had a history of homelessness in the five years prior to diagnosis, 14% more than five years prior to diagnosis



Challenges for TBCBs and their partners working with homeless people for TB



Housing Sector Perspective

- insufficient affordable housing
- high cost and poor quality housing in the private rented sector and overcrowding.....
- complex statutory framework for homelessness
- a diverse homelessness sector

TB Control Board Perspective

- no recourse to public funds
- funding accommodation for homeless TB patients..
- ability to offer DOT
- access to primary care services

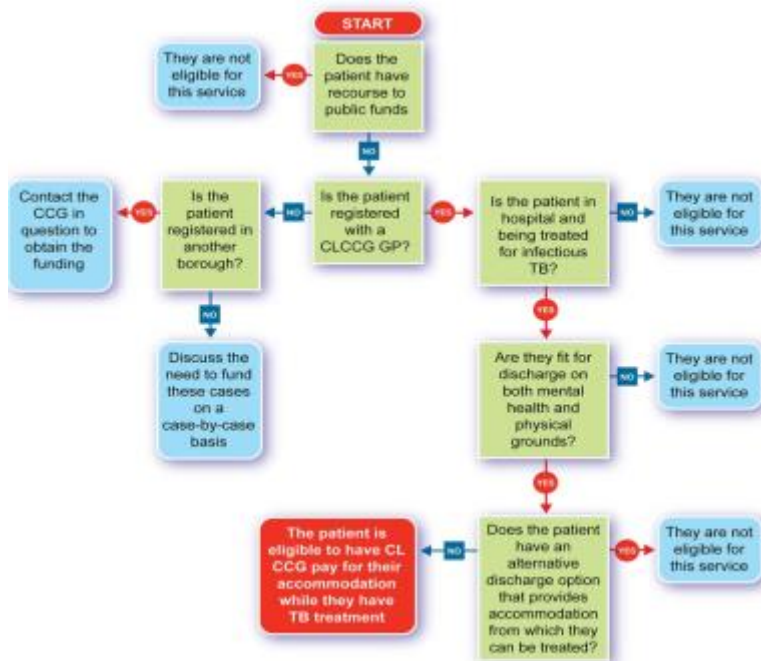




ACTIONS to support homeless TB patients - 1

1. Streamline accommodation pathways to help house homeless patients ineligible for local authority funded accommodation particularly those with NRPFs

Exemplar E 6.3 flowchart for accommodation of those with NRPF



E 6.8: Housing of TB patients with NRPFs in City and Hackney





TB patient pathway to accommodation

Main task is for multidisciplinary TB teams is to ensure that a patient's accommodation needs are met for the duration of their TB treatment.

How can this
be achieved ?



Homeless?
Your local council has a duty to help you find accommodation

Work to address the issues of homelessness & TB – apply to all USPs for TB treatment



ACTIONS to support homeless TB patients - 2

2. TBCBs to encourage TB services to identify housing needs at an early stage

Exemplar E6.2: Checklist to help accommodate TB patients with NRPFs

Appendix 3: Checklist to help accommodate TB patients with no recourse to public funds

This checklist aims to reduce some of the delays in finding accommodation for patients who have no recourse to public funds (NRPF) by loosely identifying the main steps of the process and with whom each responsibility lays. It is very important to establish from the outset who is taking overall responsibility for co-ordinating this process until a case resolution is held.

This document has been developed in 2016 by the London TB Control Board in collaboration with the NRPF network, Find and Treat, TB Reach, Imperial College Healthcare Trust TB services and discharge team, the Whittington Hospital TB Social Care team and Islington NRPF Team.

Process	Responsible team:
Identify which agencies (including street outreach teams, drop-in centres, night shelters, citizens advice, solicitors etc) have they been to for housing before or the patient is already known to. They may have already established that the case is NRPF. If the case is not known to any of the above agencies, look in CHAIN (street homeless database) or refer to find and treat who can look in CHAIN.	TB case manager
Establish eligibility for state funding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What is the immigration status of the patient (in order to 	Hospital homeless/discharge team

I have a right to register & receive treatment from a GP practice

Healthy London Partnership
groundswell
www.healthylondon.org

- I do not need a fixed address.
- I do not need identification.
- My immigration status does not matter.

As stated in Patient Registration - Standard Operating Principles for Primary Medical Care (General Practice)

If I have any issues registering or accessing a GP practice my local **healthwatch** can direct me to advice
03000 68 3000
www.healthwatch.co.uk



ACTIONS to support homeless TB patients - 3

3. Agree a process to fund accommodation for homeless patients with TB

Exemplar E6.7 Olallo House - a residential unit for destitute TB patients in London

olallo services
Housing London's Homeless

About Us
Olallo Services, based in central London, offers advice, training and short-term and medium-term accommodation to support people, including migrants, who are homeless with no recourse to public funds, in order that they are able to find a place in society, or return to their country of origin.

Transitional Care Unit - supporting people with TB
This service provides care and support for rough sleepers suffering from tuberculosis within a transitional care unit at Olallo House. The service enables people to be treated for their disease within a safe, comfortable environment where they are supported to complete their treatment regime.

Olallo Services
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Email: olallo@sjog.org.uk

Registered charity no. 1188428

Working in partnership with the Poor Servants of the Mother of God

Meeting the face of homelessness



Homeless people in the UK
don't die from exposure.
They die from treatable
medical conditions.

Dr Nigel Hewett, Medical
Director Pathway





ACTIONS to support homeless TB patients - 4

4. Consider contingency funds to fund accommodation

Exemplar E 6.12 A CCG risk share arrangement to fund accommodation for TB patients with NRPFs in London



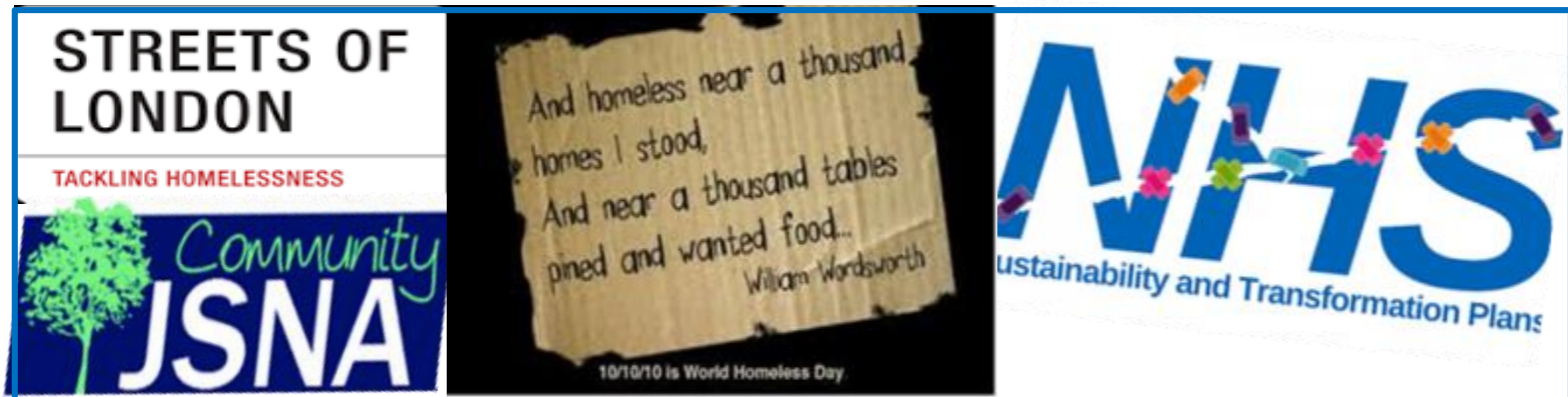
Exemplar E 6.11 London Commissioning Guidance for the homeless



ACTIONS to support homeless TB patients - 5

5. TBCBs to work with local authority Directors of Public Health to influence wider strategic partners who commission housing related support services

Exemplar E6.1 of good practice of Buckinghamshire Council working with homeless people



6. TBCBs, via their DPH lead, to encourage local authority JSNAs to include strategic assessments of health and housing needs for TB patients



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ACTIONS to support people in contact with the homeless TB patients - 6

7. TBCBs are encouraged to raise awareness of TB as an issue for homeless people among non-health groups

National Knowledge Service leaflets

TB and homelessness: information for homelessness service managers

TB and homelessness: information for homelessness sector staff



Resources from TB Alert

TB and homelessness
information from TB Alert





ACTIONS to support homeless TB patients - 7

8. TBCBs and local partners to consider whether the use of a mobile X-ray unit visiting homeless hostels on a periodic basis could help them meet the needs of the homeless

Exemplar E6.10 The Find and Treat Service, London





OVERALL: USP Resource consists of 10 chapters

Chapter 1: defines who USPs are, outlines the burden of TB in these groups and maps where found in England

Chapters 2 to 6:

- take each USP in turn: defines them; outlines the burden of TB within these groups; discusses their challenges and makes recommendations on how to meet USP needs
- each chapter includes hyperlinked resources (e.g. leaflets & websites) exemplars of innovation and good practice to stimulate local action

Chapters 7, 8 and 9: outline roles and responsibilities of local government, TBCBs, CCGs and the third sector in meeting the needs of USPs

Chapter 10 outlines 'models of care' that can be used to meet the needs of USPs with TB

PLEASE do view and use the other chapters



Message from the National TB team

We hope this brief presentation raises awareness of the content of the USP Resource and helps you and your stakeholders develop services that better meet the needs of **the homeless with TB**

We encourage you to read the full USP Resource discuss it, work with it & share it as widely as possible

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Thank you