

DEPAUL

Homelessness has no place

Peer Advocacy

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An overview

In establishing the HHPA program there were 3 key areas of consideration for this, which were:

1. Identify the need
2. Establish the model of service
3. Identify the funding

Identify the need

In Depaul we had seen the following:

1. Significant health related issues for our service users.
2. Poor outcomes as it related to engagement in the current health systems
3. Lack of the service users voice as part of the system

Establishing the model

To ensure the service would work we needed to develop a model of service which was clear on what it was for:

1. To improve health outcomes for service users
2. Ensure service users we supported and heard in a mainstream system
3. Empower the service user and those with lived experience to have a voice.

Identify appropriate funding

It is essential for such programs to ensure the funding identified is appropriate with this in mind we:

1. Identified a philanthropic partner to establish proof of concept.
 1. This was not as successful as we would have liked as we hadn't done enough work on establishing the model
2. When we worked out this we used the data and developed model to seek mainstream funding from the Health services executive (HSE) for the HHPA program to be established within the statutory structures.
3. Following initial funding we worked to establish reoccurring funding for the project which is now in place.

This results in a commitment to the program for those working within it and for those seeking support from it.



Thank You