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Young Homeless People: Curious Minds



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Introduction

- **Centrepont**
- **Raise awareness**
- **Advocacy**
- **Call to Action**



A young man with short dark hair, wearing a blue long-sleeved shirt, is smiling and looking towards the camera while standing in a kitchen. He is positioned on the right side of the frame, with his hands near a cutting board on the counter. The kitchen features white tiled walls with a dark brown decorative border, a wooden cabinet above the counter, and a sink with a chrome faucet. Various kitchen items like a glass, a bottle of dish soap, and a pot are visible on the counter.

**Youth Homelessness: Undermines
physical, cognitive & social
development**



Report on Homelessness in Manchester: Young People

- 45% increase in youth homelessness in Manchester
- 30% without a housing offer
- 1/5 are 16-17 year old
- 4% increase in young women
- 180 street homeless, 1/3 multiple and complex needs 2010-19
- Increasing numbers of care leavers
- Increased competition between young people's groups and adults
- Physical, cognitive, social development



Families

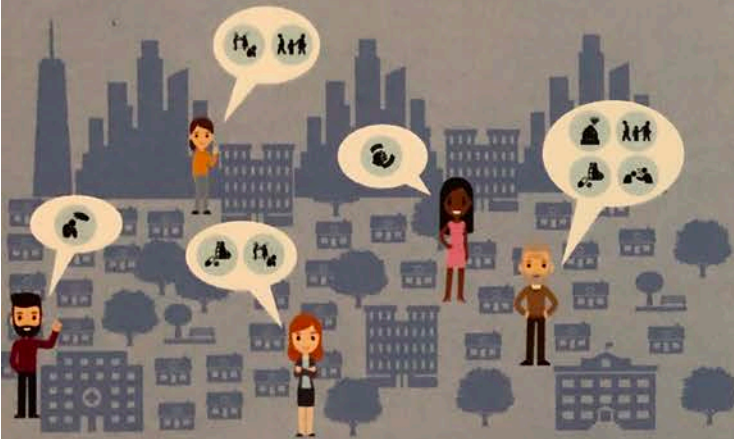
- 739% increase in temporary housing 2010-19;
- No.1 reason rent arrears & evictions from private tenancies
- Mental health, domestic abuse, drugs & alcohol dependency, safeguarding, unemployment
- Lack of 'affordable' housing, adverse events, caregiver disadvantage, nutrition, learning, psycho-social & economic wellbeing



ACE Curious Minds Curious Minds

ACE Adverse Childhood Experiences

We are talking about ACEs.



But what are we doing to support each other?

Our Manchester

In **Manchester** an estimated 12% of people have 4 or more ACEs. That's roughly 65,000 people.

This equals an estimated 2,400 people in **Harpurhey** living with 4 or more ACEs.

Household Dysfunction



Mother Treated Violently – 12.1% English ACE prevalence rate, equal to **66,000** people in Manchester or **2,000** people in Harpurhey.



Parental Separation – 22.6% English ACE prevalence rate, equal to **123,000** people in Manchester or **4,500** people in Harpurhey.



Substance Abuse – 9.1% (alcohol), 3.9% (drug) English ACE prevalence rate, equal to **50,000** (alcohol), **21,000** (drugs) people in Manchester or **1,800** (alcohol), **800** (drugs) people in Harpurhey.



Incarcerated Relative – 4.1% English ACE prevalence rate, equal to **22,000** people in Manchester or **800** people in Harpurhey.



Mental Illness – 12.1% English ACE prevalence rate, equal to **66,000** people in Manchester or **2,000** people in Harpurhey.

Neglect



Emotional Neglect – 23% Welsh ACE prevalence rate, equal to **125,000** people in Manchester or **4,600** people in Harpurhey.



Physical Neglect – 17% Welsh ACE prevalence rate, equal to **93,000** people in Manchester or **3,400** people in Harpurhey.

Abuse



Emotional Abuse – 17.3% English ACE prevalence rate, equal to **95,000** people in Manchester or **3,500** people in Harpurhey.



Physical Abuse – 14.3% English ACE prevalence rate, equal to **78,000** people in Manchester or **2,900** people in Harpurhey.



Sexual Abuse – 6.2% English ACE prevalence rate, equal to **34,000** people in Manchester or **1,200** people in Harpurhey.

Sources (Although from peer-reviewed research, figures are still estimates. ACEs are very difficult to quantify. Also, Welsh prevalence rates have been used where English rates are not available):
Briere et al. (2014). National household survey of adverse childhood experiences and their relationship with resilience to health-harming

Homelessness Reduction Act

- Focus on prevention
- Better recording of pathways
- Affords Local Authorities more time to find solutions
- Lack of affordable housing
- Longer periods of uncertainty
- Extended periods of insecurity
- Increased instability



Recommendations

- Affordable, good quality social housing
- Benefits & Jobs that pay a living rate
- Access to quality services: health & legal advice
- Measure & Report on children and young people in homeless households
- Young People's Participation
- Urgent inequalities investigation



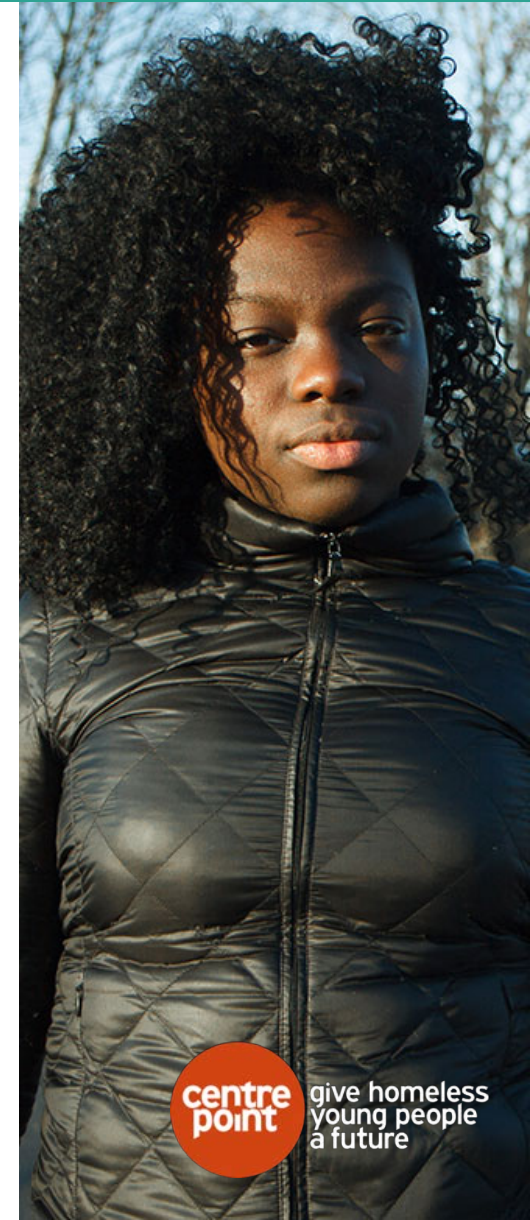


Safeguarding and Advocacy Nina



Every Child & Every Young person matter

- **Be healthy**
- **Stay safe**
- **Enjoy and achieve**
- **Make a positive contribution**
- **Achieve economic well-being**
- **universal services for all young people**
- **targeted support for most in need**
- **IAG and counselling**
- **Empowerment: giving real influence**
- **Access: engaging every young person**
- **Quality: effective services delivered by a skilled workforce**



Evidence

- Age biology transitions
- Inequalities: ACE
- Policies: politically & resource led
- Partnership: transactional v relational
- Services: crisis management led, skilled workforce at risk
- Hunger, Homelessness, poor physical & mental Health, poor Education attainment, CSE: poverty
- intergenerational cycle
- Exclusion, marginalization, exploitation



Conclusions

- **Participation in defining own well-being**
- **Addressing Inequalities particularly gender, BAME, disabilities, outside households, poor families**
- **Access basic good quality services**
- **Workforce wellness**
- **Independent cross sector audit: housing, health, mothers, pay, learning**
- **Partnerships based on values, expertise, long term relationships, to affect community development**
- **Speak the truth, talk about poverty**





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