



NOMAD
opening doors

Annual Report
2017-18



A message from the CEO

2018 has been a year of great change for Nomad. Like many other charities, we were badly hit by cuts to local government spending, and the loss of our last commissioned floating support contract back in 2016 encouraged us to take stock and reevaluate our mission and purpose. We have worked hard over the last few years to navigate this period of change and uncertainty. We asked ourselves some very difficult questions about why we do what we do, what we do well (and not so well), and most importantly, whether there is still a need for us to exist in Sheffield at all.

Sadly, the housing crisis is showing no sign of abating, and homelessness is increasing. The private rented sector is often the only viable housing option for single homeless people, particularly those who are not entitled to any housing from the council. However, supply is scarce, and it is generally far more expensive than people on benefits can afford. This leaves people with nowhere to go.

We therefore concluded that Nomad must continue to exist for three reasons:

1. To improve access to decent, affordable housing
2. To help people transition out of homelessness quickly and positively
3. Support people to develop the skills and resilience to help them avoid homelessness in the future

Our strengths lie in the management of shared private rented sector housing, which we do through our Smart Steps programme, so this is what we will focus on.

I have great pride in the work we do at Nomad, and the commitment and expertise of the staff team. We are particularly grateful to our funders and supporters for their continued belief in our approach.

I hope that our continued efforts to improve the standard, affordability, and accessibility of private rented sector housing will mean that eventually, single people in Sheffield do not have to experience homelessness at all.

**“Thanks for all your
help and support, it’s
really reassuring to
have access to your
knowledge and input.”**

- Comment on Coaching 2018



Demand for Services

There continues to be high demand for Nomads services to young homeless people and we know that this service is likely to be needed for the foreseeable future. For many people, the PRS is their only available housing option.

30% Rough sleeping increase between 2017 and 2018.

189 Referrals for young people seeking housing were made to Nomad between 2017 and 2018.

61% Of the homeless households owed a full housing duty were under 35

5% Increase in Sheffield cost of renting, bringing the average Sheffield cost to £575 per month.

We desperately need to make the private rented sector more accessible for people on housing benefits.

38% of landlords have said they had stopped renting to young benefit claimants under the age of 35 because of concerns about rent shortfalls, and 54% said that they did not intend to renew existing tenancies for young people on benefits.

**“I've got my
confidence back, I can
call you when I need a
little extra support.
When I have had a bad
day you help me to feel
better in myself.”**

- Comment on Coaching 2018



Facts on Housing

14,227 Days of sustained tenancies

355 Days - length in the average tenancy

40 People housed in private rented accommodation

£4,669 Average saving to the public purse, per person in private rented accommodation

33 People housed in training flats accommodation

80% Of people moved on positively

£5,140 Average saving to the public purse, per person in the training flats

Keeley's Case Study

Keeley had lost her children, and was going through a horrendous time when she came to Nomad. She moved into a female-only shared house where she could feel safe and secure.

While Keeley had been scared of living in shared housing at the start, the reality was something far more positive than she expected.

Keeley told us that she and her housemates pull together to help each other. Her housemates have become her friends.



Asad's Case Study

Asad is a care leaver who entered the country as an unaccompanied child refugee.

Assad now lives in a training flat where he has learned to sustain a tenancy.

Now Assad has a home and goes to college. He has completed level 2 courses in Media, English and Maths and is about to move onto level 3 study.



Facts on Personal Transitions Service

37 People worked with a coach towards their goals and aspirations

95% Of people sustained their tenancy while working with a coach

92% Of people avoided the use of expensive public services

26 Placements achieved in employment, volunteering, training, education and meaningful activity

4% Increase in peoples personal assets, such as constructive use of time, social competency and positive identity

Gemma's Case Study

Gemma came to Nomad at a very turbulent time in her life. Before this, Gemma was a confident caterer and enjoyed nothing more than being in the kitchen preparing meals for others.

Gemma's Asset Coach secured Gemma a placement at a local non-profit café. She now trains other volunteers and runs sessions showing members of the community how to prepare simple meals.

Gemma has made close friends and has stated that she is eating healthier, sleeping better and feeling more sociable. Her confidence has grown, and she feels 'right at home'.

**“Thanks to Nomad I
now have a home, a
job, a life. I am so
grateful for everything
they did for me.”**

- Smart Steps tenant 2018



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