

## Appendix One: Case studies of individuals who were begging in the city centre

1. A person was begging persistently in the commercial district of the city centre and rough sleeping. Through partnership work involving GMP, Change Grow Live(CGL), the Council's Rough Sleepers' Team and a specialist support service this person is now accommodated, participating in a drug detox programme and has stopped begging. GMP took an assertive and supportive approach, warning the individual regarding the consequences of continuing to beg and offering advice and support regarding the services available in the city centre. To access support around accommodation needs, GMP made a referral to the Council's Rough Sleepers' Team. The individual engaged with the accommodation advice and moved into supported housing. Initially this person continued to beg whilst accommodated. However after further warnings from police officers regarding the offence of begging and encouragement to engage with the specialist support service, this person has since stopped begging and is engaged on a drug detox programme.
2. Reports were received by GMP and the Council's Anti Social Behaviour Action Team (ASBAT) from the business community regarding a person who persistently begged close to a cash machine. The business community described how this behaviour had a detrimental impact on members of the public. This person used Spice and drank alcohol in public spaces. GMP officers issued several warnings regarding the offence of begging and he was served with a Community Protection Notice by the ASBAT. This person initially ignored the warnings issued by the police and continued to beg. They were subsequently arrested on four occasions for the offence of begging. GMP officers liaised with CGL to access support in relation to substance misuse. CGL engaged with the individual through outreach and working together with *Inspiring Change* Manchester. To prepare for a detox, this person attended a 12 week motivational course delivered by CGL. The level of engagement and commitment from this person was excellent and they have entered detox, stopped begging and are now in accommodation.
3. Partners have worked together to protect the public from a person who acted anti socially when begging. This person had an organised approach to their begging and many complaints were received by GMP and the ASBAT from the business community who described the impact on members of the public. This person has stable accommodation but regularly attended the city centre to beg. GMP warned this person regarding the offence of begging and provided advice regarding relevant support services available. The individual continued to beg and was arrested by GMP. The ASBAT worked closely with GMP to secure additional statements detailing incidents of anti social behaviour to prepare an application for a Criminal Behaviour Order (CBO). Partnership support was provided by CityCo, NCP (National Car Parks), British Transport Police and representatives from our city centre bus/coach stations. The court granted a CBO against this person which prohibits them from begging and from entering specific areas where they committed anti social behaviour. The Criminal Behaviour Order was breached, not long after it was granted, and this person was sentenced to four months imprisonment.

Since serving the prison sentence, there have been no further reported incidents of begging in the city centre.

4. A person who persistently begged in the city centre had a long history of non-engagement with services. GMP warned this person regarding the activity of begging and provided advice regarding how to access the Council's Rough Sleepers' Team and the voluntary and community organisations in the city centre. Mandatory Drug Tests (MDTs) took place in custody following several begging offence arrests. On each occasion this person tested positive for Class A drug use. Following the MDTs, GMP arranged an appointment for this person to meet with CGL. They attended, were assessed by CGL and appropriate medication was prescribed. They are now willingly and actively taking steps to address their drug use which has significantly reduced. Through joint work with *Shelter* and access to the Social Impact Bond this person is about to move into their own tenancy.