

## Project 40

A collaborative supportive housing service for Western Sydney



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COMMUNITY HOUSING

## Project 40 - Supportive Housing Service

- **What is it?**
  - Ending homelessness approach
  - Targets most vulnerable & chronically homeless
  - New vision of community
- **Key features**
  - Housing first model
  - Wraparound support that is client-directed
- **Consortium of homelessness services**
  - Whole service system response

## Collaborative approach

- **Partnership**
  - Over 40 homelessness services in the Consortium
  - All key agencies – specialist & mainstream – participate in collective decision-making (*Coordination Groups in each LGA*)
  - All levels of government involved (*Nepean/Blacktown Regional Taskforce & Regional Homelessness Committee*)
- **Key ingredients**
  - Communication/ strong relationships
  - Governance
  - Transparent processes

## Challenges – a housing perspective

- **Supply**
  - Availability of properties
- **Property configuration**
  - Right property
- **Allocation**
  - How to allocate housing – (Vulnerability Index tool)
- **Strong governance framework**
  - Transparency of decision-making

## A new housing management approach?

- **Good housing management**
- **Working together & collaboration**
- **Paradigm shift**
- **Community housing lead agency**

## Overview of outcomes

- **Results so far**
  - Statistics (numbers of people housed and outcomes)
- **Research**
  - What does evidence base say?

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- **Case studies**
  - Gabrielle (P40 Blue Mountains) & Kimbo (P40 Hawkesbury)



## Benefits

- **Local community focus**
- **Flexible, responsive and innovative**
- **Wholistic approach**
- **System integration – working across sectors**
- **Governance, economies of scale and financial viability**