MEETING THE HEALTH AND RELATED NEEDS OF EASTERN EUROPEAN MIGRANTS.

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HEALTH NEEDS

- Increasing numbers sleeping rough
- Alcohol related problems
- Drugs related problems
- Blood Borne Viruses
- Tuberculosis
- Mental health problems
- Occupational hazards
- Dental health

BARRIERS TO HEALTH

Homelessness

Perceptions of health services

Access to health services

WELFARE SUPPORT

New restrictions for jobseekers (JSA):

- JSA 3 months wait
- 6 month limit
- Not entitled to Housing Benefit
- Have to show evidence of work
- Minimum income level
- Work must be genuine and effective

PARTNERSHIPS AND JOINT WORKING

 Weekly walk-in clinic at the Greenhouse focussing on needs of E Europeans

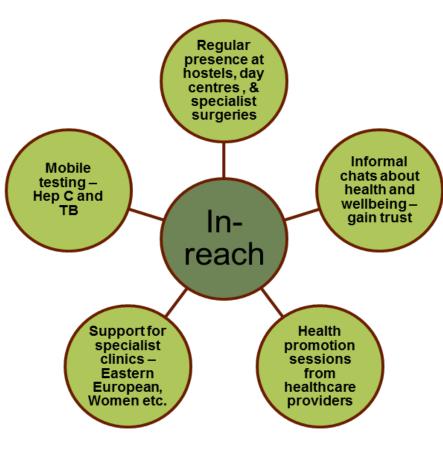
Health and welfare advice

 The Greenhouse, Groundswell and Thamesreach

Interpreting and peer advocacy

Groundswell Homeless Health Peer Advocacy:





"As a Peer you can share your experience and show there is a solution, then clients can find their own confidence and begin advocating for themselves." (Advocate)