

Appendix A - DCLG Gold Standard - Local Challenges

1. **Corporate commitment** – being able to demonstrate a corporate commitment to prevent homelessness
2. **Partnership Working** with voluntary sector and other local partners to address support, education, employment and training needs
3. **Housing Options prevention service**, including providing written advice, to all clients
4. **No Second Night Out model** to ensure that anybody rough sleeping for more than one night has access to a hostel bed for the night.
5. **Housing pathways** agreed, or in development with each key partner, and client group that includes appropriate accommodation and support
6. **Suitable Private Rented Sector offer for all client groups**, including advice and support to both clients and landlords
7. **Active engagement in preventing mortgage repossessions** including through the Mortgage Rescue Scheme
8. **Have a homelessness strategy** which sets out a proactive approach to preventing homelessness and is reviewed annually so that it is responsive to emerging needs
9. **Not to place any young person aged 16 or 17 in Bed & Breakfast accommodation**
10. **Not to place any families in Bed and Breakfast accommodation, unless in an emergency, and if so for no longer than 6 weeks**