

## Useful Information

Here are some facts, stats and notes which might help when completing the form. There is also a general Information Pack available on the consultation webpage.

- If cuts are made to our funding it is likely that we would have to **scale back our services which could put people's lives and chance of escaping homelessness at risk**. It is likely that we would have to **reduce our range of wraparound support and our ongoing support for former residents**.

- The consultation refers to Stage One and Stage Two accommodation. As The Winchester Beacon is now open and staffed 24 hours a day we are classed as Stage One accommodation.

- Hampshire County Council says it is **responsible for helping people who need care and support to be independent and stay safe** - this is exactly what we do at The Winchester Beacon.

- Our services help people **across Hampshire** and not just in Winchester.

- Hampshire County Council wants to support services that **'help people who need a lot of support to stay safe'** – this is exactly what we do at The Winchester Beacon.

- The Winchester Beacon **helps people find a place to live**, funding from HCC is used to support our residents and does not pay for our running costs.

### In numbers:

- In the past ten years alone, The Winchester Beacon has helped **1068 people to escape homelessness**.

- In 2020 - 2021 we ran at **98% occupancy** with 3235 bed spaces used.

- We have consistently high demand for service. In 2020 - 2021 we received **153 referrals but were only able to accommodate 43 people**, 14% of our referrals.

- We provide **move on accommodation to 12 people** who come from various locations across Hampshire including Eastleigh Borough Council and East Hants.

- 838 people were on the local Home Choice Housing List in need of one-bed accommodation in September 2021 (according to Winchester City Council).

### What our residents say:

"Without this support work I am not sure where I would be"

"It's not a box ticking exercise, there's a real heart here."

"Counselling at The Winchester Beacon has been the best thing I did"

"I have the opportunity to rebuild. I am indebted to this place."

"I have been empowered because of this service."