**Changing Futures Programme Sussex:**

Client Identification / Nomination Form

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**About the Programme:**

The Changing Futures Programme is a £77 million joint initiative by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) and The National Lottery Community Fund, the largest community funder in the UK. The Programme is for local organisations to work in partnership to better support those who experience multiple disadvantage.

Within Sussex the Changing Futures Programme works across East Sussex, West Sussex and Brighton and Hove with local partnerships to test new ways of bringing together public and community sector partners to help people change their lives for the better.

For more information, please get in touch via email **Changing.Futures@westsussex.gov.uk** or check out our website:[**www.ChangingFuturesSussex.org**](http://www.ChangingFuturesSussex.org)

**Definition of Multiple Disadvantage**:

Multiple disadvantage or multiple complex needs (MCN) is defined by the national Changing Futures Programme as ***‘people who experience three or more of the five primary disadvantages or needs at the same time: homelessness, current or historical offending, substance misuse, violence & abuse, and/or poor mental health’.***

The intensity and frequency of needs and the level of risk as a result of those needs are factors to consider. Some individuals may have multiple and complex needs with a moderate level of risk present whilst others may have a higher risk.

Primary areas of disadvantage or need are defined as\*:

**- Homelessness**: Broadly defined as not having a settled place to stay, such as sofa-surfing (staying with family or friends because the individual affected has no home of their own), staying in temporary or refuge accommodation, or rough sleeping (street homelessness).

**- Offending Behaviour:** Having contact with the criminal justice system, including the police, probation and or Community Safety Services.

**- Substance Misuse:** Broadly defined as not only regular use of illegal street drugs but also over the counter and prescribed medications, ‘harmful’ drinking of alcohol, dependence on cannabis.

**- Violence & Abuse**: Being a victim of interpersonal violence and abuse. Such as having been raped or sexually assaulted or suffering violence or subjected to coercive control by any perpetrator.

**- Poor Mental Health:** Is defined as struggling to cope due to mental health difficulties having a detrimental effect on someone’s wellbeing and functioning. Mental illness may also be present which may or may not be diagnosed. Self-neglect, mental capacity issues and hoarding may also be present. This definition also includes poor mental health as a result of trauma that continues to impact on an individual. This can also include trauma that maybe as a result of loss of child residence arrangements.

**Client Identification & Nomination:**

If you think you have identified someone you think would benefit from our support, please complete this Nomination Form, and send to:

**- East Sussex:** ASCMH.ChangingFuturesDuty@eastsussex.gov.uk

**- West Sussex:** Changing.Futures@westsussex.gov.uk

**- Brighton & Hove**: ChangingFutures@brighton-hove.gov.uk

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| **Nominator Details** |
| Full Name |  | Agency / Service |  |
| Contact Number (s) |  | Department / Organisation |  |
| Contact Email |  | Nomination Date |  |
| **Client Information** |
| Full Name |  | Gender |  |
| Contact Number (s)  |  | DOB |  |
| Contact Email  |  | Religion (if known) |  |
| Best time to contact? |  | Ethnicity(please state) | White British, White Other, Black British, Black Caribbean, White Caribbean, Black African, Black Other, Indian, Irish, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Asian Other, Mixed, Other (please state) |
| Contact Address |  |
| Preferred means of contact? | Phone, text, email, letter, other (please state) |
| Is the client aware of this nomination? |  |
| Has the client consented to share their anonymised data with the Changing Futures Programme? |  |

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| **Identified Areas of Disadvantage** (please highlight those that apply) |
| Homelessness | Offending Behaviour | Substance Misuse | Violence & Abuse | Poor Mental Health |

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| **Reason for Nomination** |
| Please include the following information:- Full details of why you are referring this person- Details of any specific issues or difficulties- How can the Changing Futures Programme support this person?- Please include any other helpful information, such as any current licence agreements and any other agencies already engaged with the person |
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\*The definition is not exhaustive and professional judgement should be used to identify those who are struggling to cope, and those who may need support and safeguarding interventions.