Attention: Charli Newton, Mandurah Mail

Date: Friday 22 February, 2013

Deadline: 5pm, Monday 25 February, 2013

Background: Writing a general piece on homelessness in the Mandurah/Peel region.

Please attribute all quotes to Department for Child Protection’s Director General Terry Murphy

1. How many homelessness services does the DCP fund in the Mandurah/Peel region?
In the Peel Region, the Department for Child Protection funds four services under the National Affordable Housing Agreement (NAHA) and three services under the National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness (NPAH). These services provide the following support:
- crisis accommodation for women and children homeless due to domestic violence;
- domestic violence outreach for women who have experienced domestic violence, at the time of issuing a police order;
- advocacy and support for people in private tenancies who are at risk of homelessness;
- crisis accommodation and support for homeless young people aged 15-25 years;
- support to at risk young people aged 11-25;
- housing support worker – drug and alcohol: assists people who have undertaken drug or alcohol rehabilitation and who are homelessness or at risk, to secure long term accommodation and support; and
- Homeless Accommodation Support worker assists people exiting homelessness services to secure long term accommodation.

2. What are the figures for homelessness in this area? How many of those are under 25 year old?
On Census night 2011, there were 208 people classified as being homelessness in Mandurah. Of these, 51 were in improvised dwellings, tents or sleeping out, 20 were in supported accommodation for the homeless, 112 were staying temporarily with other households and 25 were living in ‘severely’ crowded dwellings. Data is not available by age.

3. What is the funding model for homelessness services in WA, is it State or Federal Government funding?
Homeless services in Western Australia are funded under the NAHA and NPAH, both of which are joint Commonwealth/State funding programs.

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