65280 Money Awarded to Streetwork

How much money has been awarded to Streetwork (specifically for housing first and VHS) by Edinburgh council in the last 12 months as funding?

Simon Community Scotland (also known as Streetwork) was awarded a contract for services including Housing First and Complex needs visiting support in 2024.

In 2025 26 their annual contract amount was £926,050 for Complex Needs Visiting support and £1,140,633 For Housing First.

What is the proposed amount for them to receive next year from CEC?

In 2026 27 the annual amount for Complex Needs Visiting Support Is £964,102 and for Housing First is £1,140,633.34

Why are they still being funded for HF when they have 82 clients on their 'not in tenancies' housing first list?

The principles of housing support are clear that support and tenancies are separate so people can still receive support from housing first while not in a tenancy.

In Edinburgh Housing first clients primarily bid through our choice based letting system to secure offers of housing, due to the housing emergency and the suspension of allocation for City of Edinburgh Council properties limited properties have been available for Housing First clients. In addition, for some clients there may be restrictions in place on where they can be housed which can lead to challenges to access appropriate tenancies.

Who is monitoring the progress and them adhering to the housing first model, making sure that council funds are not misused?

The Place Contracts and Commissioning Team monitors the service and ensures they meet the conditions of their contract, including meeting targets and using council funds appropriately.

Who is responsible for the decision on how many million of pounds they are given annually from Edinburgh council?

All proposed contracts of this value will need to go through a procurement process where all potential providers are evaluated to ensure they meet the quality and price required. They will also be subject to financial and legal checks.

Once a preferred provider is selected the Award of Contract will be sent to Full Council for approval