



Groundbreaking study to help homeless people

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Professor Tony Warrens and Dr Maureen Crane at the University of Sheffield will conduct the research in partnership with six of the UK's leading homelessness organisations - Broadway, Contempit, St Mungo's, Thames Reach, Framework, and St Anne's Community Services.
As part of the study, 400 single homeless people aged 16 or over, including those with mental health, drug and alcohol problems, and those who have been in care and prisons, will be interviewed, immediately before they are rehoused and then six and 18 months later.
Professor Tony Warrens said: "Homelessness organisations know that rehousing homeless people is far more complex than simply providing a roof over someone's head. This new study will aim to establish the factors associated with the outcomes of resettlement. It will help the homelessness organisations understand what makes some people abandon their tenancies and what makes others stay.
Dr Maureen Crane added: "We are determined to deliver the evidence that will enable the organisations to provide more effective resettlement. If the success rate of resettlement is increased, lives will be improved and there will be significant savings in supporting those who return to homelessness."

