

FIONA CARDEN AND LAURA GREENHILL : CO-LAB

- Colab hosts a number of agencies and organisations who work together to support people with complex lives. The organisations most closely aligned to homelessness are Julian House outreach team, two City Council Housing Officers and the City Council Complex Lives Navigator team, Bournemouth Churches Housing Association and Seetec Training Provider and its Interventions Alliance system who provide housing support for those in the criminal justice system. CoLab work closely with the Clocktower Doctors' surgery and its One Mental Health team offer a joint provision between the Clocktower surgery, a Community Mental Health Team in the building and Mental Health Navigators for Mind.
- its work included re-housing, probation and specific housing support in liaison with the other teams;
- 6,500 people had been seen in the last 6 months, 17% of enquiries relating to housing and homelessness. The numbers seen on a daily basis had increased from 20 to 80-100 being self-referrals or referrals from other agencies; and
- it was independently funded making external bidding projects, but worked closely with the City Council, the Exeter Housing Partnership having finished in May. It worked with the County Council funded Gabriel House and CoLab. Funding also through the lottery and Comic Relief. It was a very successful project.