TASS: FAQs

What does TASS stand for

TASS = Targeted Accommodation and Support Service

What is the aim

The overarching aim of this multiyear programme is increase access to new private rented sector tenancies for ex-offenders who are, or are at risk of becoming, homeless.

Tenancies being sustained from a previous service will be looked at as a secondary outcome. However, the primary outcome should be to create new private rented sector tenancies through this funding.

Who's it for

The service is targeted at adults:

- ✓ With a history of offending of all genders who are aged eighteen or above.
- ✓ Assessed as ready to take on an Assured Shorthold Tenancy.
- ✓ Homeless or at a risk of homelessness/rough sleeping
- ✓ Not likely to be assessed as having 'priority need' for accommodation
- ✓ With an entitlement to the housing cost element of Universal Credit
- What is provided

The aim is to successfully house ex-offenders in new private rented sector tenancies for 12 months plus.

TASS will therefore be focussed on supporting people into tenancies and then to keep them, assessing people's needs and options and providing ongoing support. This capacity and the funds supplied will enable individual offers for people, according to their needs, entitlements and options.

• Who provides it

Path is the organisation delivering the service, working with Plymouth City Council, the Probation Service and others.

How long are people supported

People taken on by the service will be supported for at least 12 months.

Where is it based

The service is largely based at The Harwell Centre, Path's offices, but with some staffing based with Plymouth City Council and also a commitment to seeing people in appropriate venues and sites and with home visits once people are accommodated.

• When does it start

It starts on the first of April 2023.

- When does it finish
- It finishes on 31st March 2025.
 - Who funds it

The scheme is funded by the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities