



**INFIRMIERS DE RUE
STREET NURSES**

Together, let's
end homelessness

SUMMARY OF THE YEAR 2022

Housing: we stay the course!



FROM THE STREET TO HOUSING

- Initiating change

FOLLOW-UP IN BRUSSELS

On the street:

- A team of 11 people
- Reorganisation of the planning to improve the quality of our accompaniment
- Enlargement of the geographical area for the follow-up of patients
- Division of the unit into 2 teams for better care
- A total of 42 patients passed through the follow-up during the year
- Continuous adaptation of the team to the changing profiles of homeless people
- Development of the clinical part in meetings to deepen the reflection on the mental health of the patients
- Development and strengthening of the position of psychologist within the team
- Start of the “undocumented migrants network” project
- Weekly animal mediation in the field with the dog Frida



FOLLOW-UP IN BRUSSELS

In housing

Housing First:

- A team of 14 people including a peer helper
- 42 people in intensive follow-up at the end of the year
- 16 returned to housing
- 4 patients reconnected with their families and 5 are making progress towards achieving their dream
- 8 patients moved to more suitable housing
- Partnerships with the 4 other Housing First projects in Brussels, including the Sorocité project
- Development and strengthening of the network through exchanges and presentations and immersions
- Collaboration with 11 social estate agencies (AIS), social housing or Public Centres for Social Welfare (CPAS) landlords
- Hosting of the Affiliation project, which accompanies tenants to deal with loneliness and well-being

Creation of housing:

- Establishment of this new circle managed by 2 workers to meet the need for housing
- Engagement of the coordinator to create the real estate foundation
- Development of the modular housing project: access to 2 new plots, construction of 3 modules, 5 modules installed in Neder-Over-Heembeek
- Tapping of a total of 16 homes



My Way:

- A team of 6 workers
- Support for 53 people, including 30 in Housing First
- More than 500 visits carried out
- Creation of specific tools around self-esteem building, professional reintegration, project evaluation, etc.
- Participation of 2 specialised psychologists in team meetings
- 6 people moved to housing that better meets their expectations
- Reinforcement and expansion of networking to cultural, sports, etc. sectors
- Engagement of 8 volunteer visitors
- Organisation of a community meal
- Active participation in the Affiliation project



FOLLOW-UP IN LIEGE

- A team of 10 workers who work simultaneously in the street and in housing
- Intensive follow-up of 18 patients
- 3 placements in housing
- 2 moved to more suitable housing
- 2 patients reconnected with their families
- Focus on networking through 25 presentations
- Objective to overcome the lack of access to affordable housing through the hiring of a housing manager and the development of the modular housing project



TRAINING:

"Hygiene, let's talk about it"

- Professionalisation and improvement of content
- Face-to-face training for 47 professionals
- Development of online training in the form of modules
- Raising awareness of homelessness and the work of Street Nurses among 393 students

MOBILISATION OF SOCIETY

Political advocacy

- Organisation of the national conference "From dream to reality: ending homelessness in Belgium"
- Membership of different international organisations to improve our practice
- Accompaniment by the Advocacy Support Centre
- Choice to focus on facilitating access to social housing for homeless people



External communication and awareness raising

- Implementation of the Dream Of A Roof, Wake Up Home campaign with the Belgium Sleep Out solidarity night, the Dream of A Roof, Wake Up Home exhibition and the national conference

OBJECTIVES 2022

- Improve the well-being of patients
- Increase the quality of follow-up
- Develop psychological support
- Increase awareness and mobilise professionals and the general public in the fight against homelessness

THE FIGURES

In Brussels and Liege

189

people rehoused
in 16 years

19

people rehoused
in 2022

11

patients who died
(7 of whom were
on the street)

16

removals

11

modular
housing units

5,031

meetings

20,083

approaches
(meetings, calls)

1,455

accompaniments,
care, transfers

51

average age
of patients

62,5 %

mental
pathologies
on the street

71,9 %

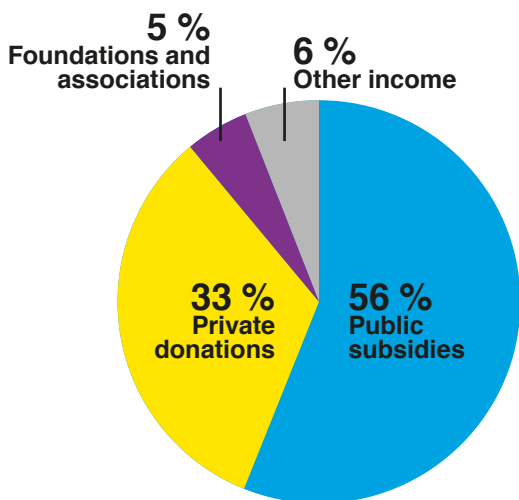
physical
pathologies
on the street

79,7 %

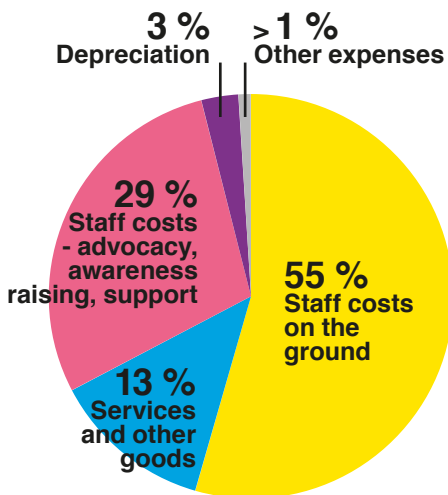
of street addicts

FINANCES

Revenue



Expenditure



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