

## **Greater Manchester to benefit from £9.7 million of funding to improve health and unemployment.**

We are delighted to announce that two of our Home-Starts in Greater Manchester will be working on this vital piece of work in our local communities.

The award has come from Building Better Opportunities, a programme jointly funded by the Big Lottery Fund and the European Social Fund- the project aims to improve the lives of our most vulnerable people here in Greater Manchester.

We will be working with people from the ages of 25 and upwards who may be experiencing homelessness, long-term unemployment, living with disabilities/health conditions or who are alcohol or drug dependent.

The project will tackle the barriers that prevent these groups of people from accessing support with more opportunities for education and training, improved health and well-being services, better financial help and new programmes to build people's confidence.

The project will be led by social housing landlord New Charter Group who will be working with housing partners in areas right across our region. Home-Start will be one of several specialist partners working alongside them.

We will be providing support to parents accessing the project to help to raise their confidence and increase their coping ability. Using our core home-visiting work, we will offer a range of practical and emotional support through a weekly visit from a trained volunteer. We will also be providing a range of training opportunities right across Greater Manchester.

Greater Manchester is one of 38 areas in the UK to benefit from this funding, and we believe it will have a huge impact on future generations of local people.