

National Conference 2020 – Keynote Speakers

Steve Benson and James McDermott, Two Saints



Steve joined Two Saints as their Chief Executive in February 2014 and is responsible for providing leadership and strategic direction to the organisation having previously worked in the housing sector in the south and south west. Steve worked for a variety of local authorities and held senior roles in several housing associations. Steve is a past President of the Chartered Institute of Housing and serves on the Board of Homeless Link and has served on the boards of several housing associations.



James has been working in the sector for 28 years and has worked with Two Saints for the past 18 years. Responsible for homeless services across Hampshire, Portsmouth, West Sussex and on the Isle of Wight James had previous roles working in Substance Misuse, Youth Work and Mental Health. James is member of Homeless Link's National Advisory Council and serves on the Board of a local drug and alcohol treatment charity. James is also an associate member of the Chartered Institute of Housing.

'Tackling Rough Sleeping in Hampshire'

Steve will describe Two Saints and set out the latest position on rough sleeping in Hampshire.

James will then look at the various ways Two Saints are working with Hampshire County Council, the unitary authorities and the local housing authorities to meet the government's objective to end rough sleeping.