

Centrepoint awards contract to Corps Security

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Security services provider [Corps Security](#) has secured a two-year contract with Centrepoint, the UK's leading youth homelessness charity.

The contract, which commences on 30 November 2023, will see the security expert provide night concierge security and security guarding services to seven locations in London. While there is a strong emphasis on front of house security and safeguarding, the company's team will do more than keep people and properties safe and secure – the 14 officers that are due to TUPE over from the incumbent service provider will be the friendly face of the charity, offering a warm welcome to those who arrive at the night shelters. Following enhanced DBS checks, each officer will receive the latest safeguarding training to comply with updated regulations.

Centrepoint's mission is to help the young people through support with mental and physical health, life skills and accessing education and employment, Centrepoint's work is about empowering vulnerable young people. The charity's ethos feeds into the security guard provider's mission to protect the communities it serves.

Both parties are passionate advocates for the Living Wage Foundation, and the London Living Wage will be implemented into the contract at the new rate announced in October 2023.

These shared values underpinned Centrepoint's decision to award the security contract to the social enterprise with a 160-year history of delivering social value. Another reason is the company's commitment to driving stigma change when it comes to mental health in security.

"We feel privileged to be working with Centrepoint," said chief executive officer Mike Bullock. "This is an

exciting win for us because we love working with charities, and this particular contract covers a large area of the city and will allow us to demonstrate our resilience. As a security partner that is focussed on delivering not just expertise but social value, we will do whatever we can to give back to this vulnerable community. We are already discussing ways we can collaborate outside of the contract, such as supporting the charity with job fairs and mentoring. For us, it goes beyond safeguarding and security excellence. It's about protecting and improving lives."

Centrepoint director of services Ed Tytherleigh said: "We awarded the contract to Corps Security because they share our values and want to improve the lives of vulnerable people. Corps' personal touch during the tender process was fantastic - they were responsive, attentive, and proactive throughout. We're looking forward to this next chapter and to working with a 'people first' security expert."