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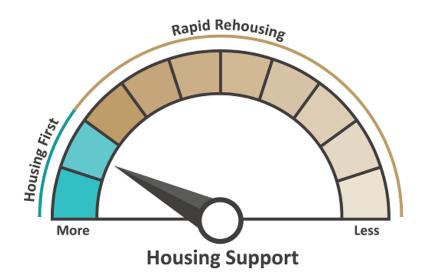
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the bit we all agree on

- Everyone has a fundamental, human right to housing
- In Scotland, everyone also has a *legal* right to housing
- Some people are experiencing deeper exclusion and braving enormous challenges every day
- They need more of our care and attention, not less
- The longer people are homeless, the more damage it causes

Housing First

and rapid rehousing



Scotland's (imminent!) transition to rapid rehousing

- Scottish Government short-life working group, HRSAG
- Set a vision and a timescale to transition to rapid rehousing, including Housing First by default for people facing severe and multiple disadvantages
- Commissioned a market analysis across all 32 local authorities, and a practical implementation framework to assist local authorities and partners
- Framework will be published end-June, and local plans submitted to Scottish Government by end-December 2018
- Process will be integrated with existing Strategic Housing Investment Plans
- Endorsed by Housing Minister, supplemented by £50m Ending Homelessness
 Fund and the challenge welcomed by COSLA and ALACHO

A 3-part framework







Rapid Rehousing a new vision and definition (1/2)

Where homelessness cannot be prevented, Rapid Rehousing means:

- A settled, mainstream housing outcome as quickly as possible;
- Time spent in any form of temporary accommodation reduced to a minimum, with the fewer transitions the better;
- When temporary accommodation is needed, the optimum type is mainstream, furnished and within a community.

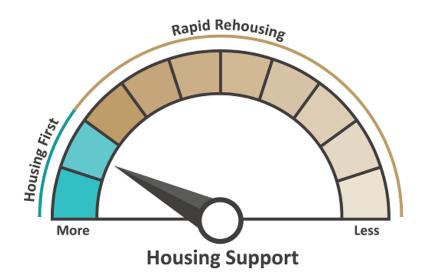
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And for people with multiple needs beyond housing:

- Housing First the first response for people with complex needs and facing multiple disadvantages;
- Highly specialist provision within small, shared, supported and trauma informed accommodation. Integrated within wider health and social care provision

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current housing first delivery

Turning Point Scotland: UK's first Housing First Project in 2010

TODAY -

- Capacity: 106 units currently across 5/32 local authorities
- Social Rented/SST
- Private Rented/PRT

projected housing first delivery

Housing First Scotland Programme (Social Bite and Merchants House Glasgow)...

18 MONTHS

 Capacity: 800+ units across 9/32 local authorities

Based on rapid rehousing plans...

5 YEARS

 Capacity: 5000+ units across 32/32 local authorities

the role of housing association sector

Leadership and Planning

- **Continue** to lead with Housing First, from small projects, to 'by default' for those that need
- Help each local authority area plan and deliver their Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan
- Access to existing and new housing supply, on the same terms as all tenants

On the Frontline

• Collaborate with new generation of housing first support workers on the ground

Culture Change

• Help remove the subjective and repressive language of 'tenancy readiness'