

SFHA From Homeless to House Conference 2018 - 13 December 2018

Ministers Address

Many partners are ready to work together, but this could be undone by welfare reform and the punitive nature of universal credit. Would you agree?

Will training be available to help support leadership at every level to bring about the culture change we need?

At the moment only local authorities have the power to make assessments relating to homeless, this creates a bottleneck, can we change this?

Will the prevention duty ensure the totality of public service engage in the prevention, alleviation and ending homelessness?

Does frontline staff include local authority homelessness officers? - staff numbers often absolutely inadequate with officers with 100+ homelessness cases

Will Rapid Rehousing Plans be evaluated by the the SG to ensure they promote HARSAG recommendations? How will this be done?

Whilst it is rightly recognised that person centered support is required, there is a huge lack of this in rural areas.how can we tackle this?

We currently work with our LA to allocate 50% of our vacant properties to homeless applicants - how do we balance other housing needs?

How will individuals be supported to maintain positive tenancies when support services have been reduced?

In the Highlands we are restricted in building larger or specialised housing. What can the Sco Gov do to help RLS with grant funding?

When will the tenancy sustainment action plan be developed/published and will there be any funding available for landlords to develop their role in this?

Did the Health and Homeless Data Set from Andrew Waugh give you any cause for concern in relation to Healths understanding of the needs of homeless people?

CBL schemes do not appear to work for vulnerable people. Whats your view on this

Can the funding resources support effective projects long term - so we can plan long term solutions that achieve sustainable change?

Health and Homelessness in Scotland- Dr Neil Hamlet, NHS Fife

Are there plans to do more data linking at a national level

Brilliant research. What initially jumped out to you about what we've been doing wrong based on the wrong assumptions ?

As a health professional was this data and it's learnings a surprise to you

How does the data capture hidden homeless - do we need to do more to reflect on health outcomes of those that don't necessarily present as homeless?

As a gp would you have benefited from housing expertise in your practise

Of those within the study were there higher homeless groups such as those leaving prison or armed forces

Based on this data, is homelessness Scotland's most lethal pathology?

What Works – Centre for Homeless Impact, Dave Russell, Centre for Housing Impact

How can organisations contribute to the tools , are they able to get in touch directly?

Who do you see as the main audience for the tool, is it commissioners?

Within homelessness prevention have you evaluated or 'gap-mapped' approaches landlords use to minimise arrears/evictions? If not would it be possible to do so?

Hidden homelessness is also people sofa surfing who wouldn't present as homelessness to LAs they turn to housing associations for help. possible to capture this

Have you had much input from people directly affected by homelessness?

Housing First/Rapid Rehousing Transition Plans/Scottish ‘Homes for Cathy’ Charter

How many people in Scotland are currently housed as part of Housing First? And where is this data held?

How is the tenancy support service funded?

How are 'Housing First' tenancies being allocated in relation to homeless applications/mainstream allocations? Is a homeless application a requirement?

What happens to people in housing first schemes who dont sustain their tenancy?

How do you ensure the support offered is accepted by the individual in the housing first programme and how do you ensure they stay engaged with this?

Perth and Kinross seem to be doing what has been deemed impossible by some other LAs... What is the secret?

What role does/can the private rented sector have in assisting in the Housing first approach? How can you engage private housing providers?

Critical Time Intervention - Robin Wallace, Simon Community & Developing Psychologically-Informed Practice - Pauline Lunn, Y People

What if you can't get the other supports in place in the time given by CTI yet you have created a great relationship? Does CTI worker have to pull out?

When did you start your CTI pilot and how is it going?

Can you have a team/project which is a PIE if your organisation/management isn't PIE? If it isn't doesn't your PIE just go mouldy or get squashed?

Is Pathways commissioned and is it indefinite support?

It all sounds great but RSLs also have a raft of targets and indicators to comply with particularly SHR and financial regulation. Can we be stretched too far?