Rapid Rehousing Transition Plans

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How did it all start?...

Local Government and Communities Committee inquiry on homelessness

The Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Action Group was set up by the Scottish Government in October 2017 to produce long and short term solutions to end homelessness and rough sleeping and transform the use of temporary accommodation in Scotland.



What is a Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan?

Each Local Authority was asked by Scottish Government to prepare a Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan by December 31st 2018, to be implemented over a 5 year period from the April 1st 2019,

Their plans should demonstrate

- how the local authority will move to a rapid rehousing model over a term no longer than five years.
- how homelessness households will be rapidly rehoused,
- how any backlog of demand from homeless households currently in temporary accommodation will be permanently housed.
- Consider a housing first model



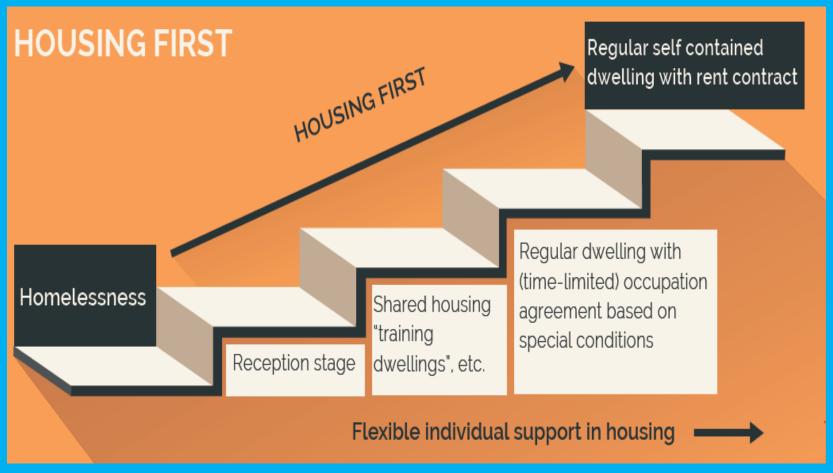
What is Rapid Rehousing?

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;



What is Housing First?





Why Housing First?





Putting our Plan in place

- Getting the message out there
- Partnership working
- Further information required to support housing first



Areas of consideration

- Getting the right outcome for our community
- Temporary accommodation needs
- Housing Contribution Statements
- Funding and partnership working
- Legislative changes/challenges intentionality and local connection
- Brexit



The Challenges

- Prevention
- Affordable temporary accommodation
- Moving away from tenancy readiness
- New housing supply
- Demand meeting housing need
- RSL's legal obligations

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