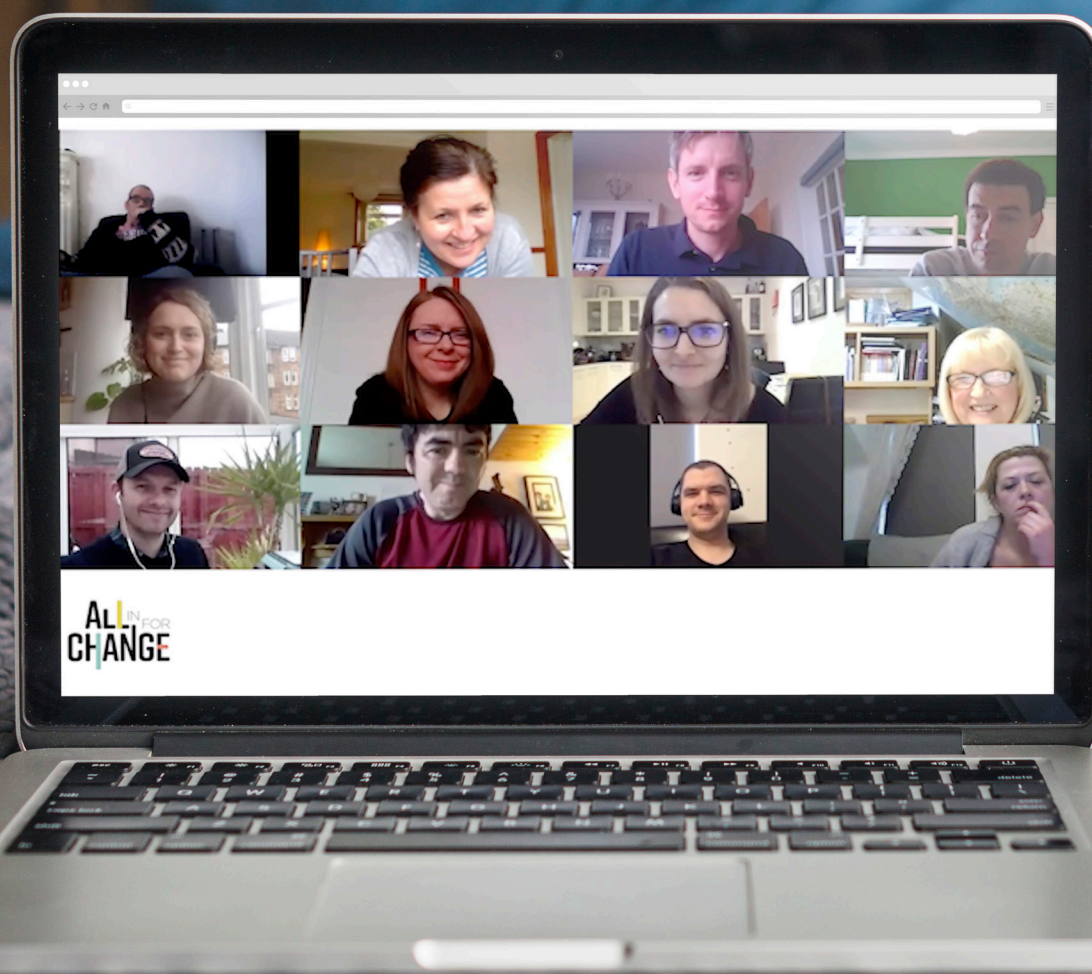


ALL IN FOR CHANGE

REPORT TO HPSG
SEPTEMBER 2020



OUR PRIORITIES

While much is changing regularly, our Change Team priorities remain firm. We invite feedback from HPSG on each of these priorities which are:

FOR PEOPLE CURRENTLY IN THE SYSTEM, OUR PRIORITIES ARE:

- For ending rough sleeping to continue to be at the top of the list when prioritising public spend.
- People having informed choices of where they want to live and strong community-based support to help people integrate into a community after an experience of homelessness.
- Continued person-centred relationships with people currently accommodated in hotel rooms coupled with a strong accommodation offer to prevent them from returning to rough sleeping.

FOR THOSE WHO WORK WITHIN THE SYSTEM, OUR PRIORITIES ARE:

- To work with the sector to create a clear set of shared values for all homelessness services to commit to.
- To see more resources to help people and services work in partnership with a common goal to end homelessness.
- To explore how support services could be less specific about the need they meet allowing more flexibility for people to choose what's important to them, with a focus on consistent, nonjudgemental relationships and able to provide practical, pragmatic support when a need arises.

FOR THOSE AT RISK OF ENTERING THE SYSTEM, OUR PRIORITIES ARE:

- To see an end to night shelters and large hostels as an emergency response to homelessness and more suitable options being made available to people in crisis.
- Where there is pressure on housing stock, we want to see as many void properties as possible being allocated to households who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.
- Investment in communities to break down perceptions of undesirable neighbourhoods and build from the existing strengths of the community.

FOR THOSE LOCKED OUT OF THE SYSTEM, OUR PRIORITY IS:

- We want to see more in Scotland to make things easier for people with No Recourse to Public Funds.

OUR INFLUENCE

Over the last period, Change Leads have been invited to participate in several forums giving the opportunity to build on our priorities and explore what these mean in different contexts. At the same time, we are reflecting on the experience of All in for Change so far, where we have excelled as a team and what we can build on for the future.

EVERYONE HOME

Since July, the Team have contributed to the development of 2 Route Maps from the Everyone Home Collective, on No Recourse to Public Funds and the yet to be published Route Map on use of the Private Rented Sector.

Our stance remains that more must be done in Scotland to support those with NRPF, and we will prepare a consultation response to the Collective outlining our views and sharing ideas. Key points from our response will be shared with HPSG.

We held a workshop to discuss use of the private rented sector (PRS), exploring how to make it as secure as possible for those who want to access it, highlighting different issues across Scotland, and key industries that impact on the PRS e.g. tourism and entertainment. We believe increases to LHA rates being protected are key to making this sector more accessible in areas of low social housing stock. There's work to be done to create consistency across local authorities in Scotland to remove barriers to the PRS, like improving Discretionary Housing Payment provision and encouraging Rent Deposit Schemes in every local authority area.

We look forward to working with the Collective to encourage more meaningful involvement of more people who work and live with these issues.

Read the Route Maps on the Everyone Home website

<https://everyonehome.scot>



CENTRE FOR HOMELESSNESS IMPACT IMPACT FESTIVAL

Change Leads chaired a webinar as part of the Impact Festival, with Graham Thomson joining to share the Scottish Government perspective on working in partnership with those on the ground. It was truly owned and facilitated by the Team and positively received.

“I have been at a lot of great webinars since lockdown but this has been a whole other level of inspiring — thank-you all so much for sharing your insights and experience, would love to see a Change Team style project in Northern Ireland!”

#CHIFest2020

Watch the webinar at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vxfZw5XsNN0>

PROVISION OF RESIDENTIAL REHAB WORKING GROUP

The Change Team are represented by David Pentland on this working group looking at best practice and value for money in the first instance. David has ensured that the agenda going forward will include discussion of the lack of regulatory bodies in the rehabilitation industry, a longstanding personal concern of his.

MOVING FORWARD

The Team want to increase the potential of their role within Scottish Government planning structures as an equal partnership between people who live and work with homelessness.. As trust between team members grows, the last month has raised an opportunity for reflection.

It now feels the right time to ensure that everyone's role in the Change Team has equal value and to plan the recruitment of new Change Leads, ensuring diversity of views and experiences are represented. This will allow the Team to better respond to various requests for participation and further the reach to ensure we don't return to broken systems and old ways of working as we recover from the pandemic.



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