



Shared Spaces:

The future role of supported and shared housing as a response to homelessness in Scotland

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Introduction to the Shared Spaces research project

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Types of shared accommodation

Support on site

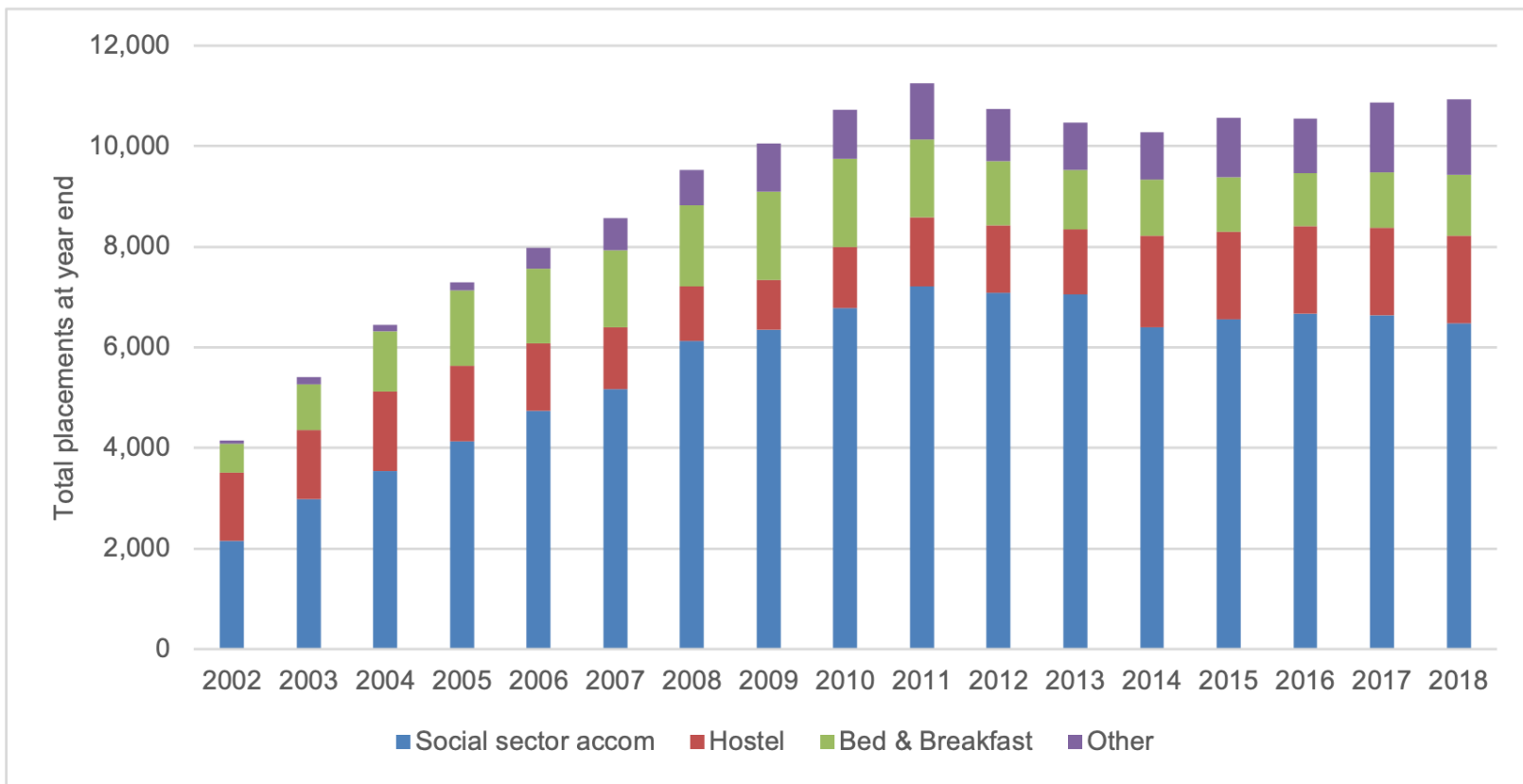
- **Supported accommodation**
- Community hosting/supported lodgings
- Peer flatmate models
- **Hostels** (and shelters)

Floating support

- **Hotels and B&Bs**
- Shared flats

Policy context – where we've been

Homeless households in temporary accommodation – snapshot total at financial year end



Shared accommodation as a response to homelessness: research context



Ending rough sleeping: what works?

An international evidence review

December 2017

Dr Peter Mackie, Cardiff University
Professor Sarah Johnsen and Dr Jenny Wood,
Heriot-Watt University



Together
we will end
homelessness



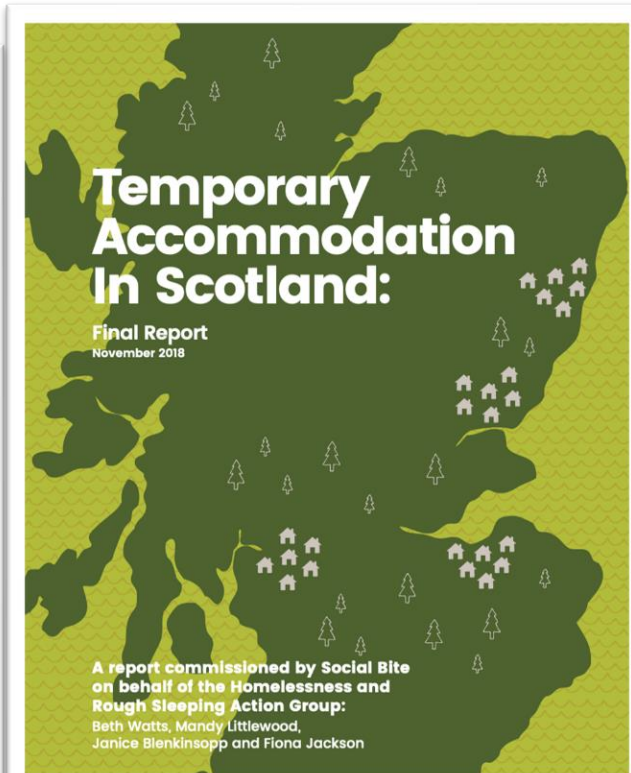
Accommodation-based programmes for individuals experiencing or at risk of homelessness: a systematic review and network meta-analysis

Ciara Keenan, Sarah Miller, Jennifer Hanratty, Terri Pigott, Jayne Hamilton, Christopher Coughlan

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October 2020



Temporary Accommodation in Scotland:

Final Report
November 2018

A report commissioned by Social Bite
on behalf of the Homelessness and
Rough Sleeping Action Group:
Beth Watts, Mandy Littlewood,
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The harms of shared accommodation

- Basic safety and safeguarding concerns & damaging peer impacts as a result of concentrating people in challenging circumstances in close-proximity
- Intuitional rule-bound environments limiting people's control over their immediate environment
- Impacts on health and wellbeing linked to lack of facilities (laundry, kitchens etc.)
- Inhibiting relationships with friends and family
- Stigma
- Poverty traps and work disincentives
- Insufficient and/or ineffective support
- Housing insecurity linked to abandonment, eviction and very limited tenure rights

Policy direction

Ending Homelessness Together

Updated action plan, October 2020

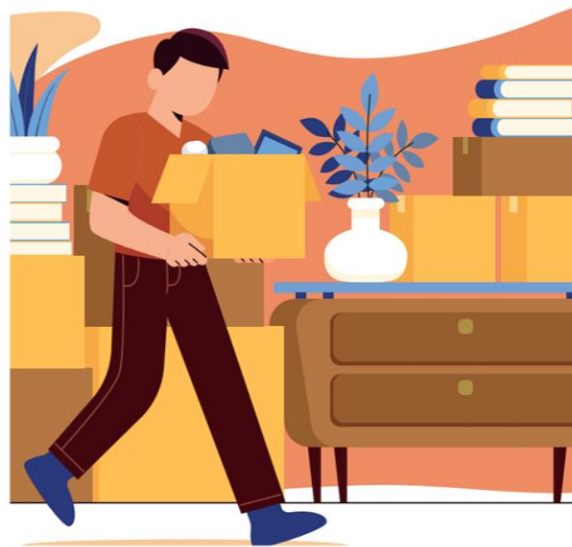


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A National Framework to START-UP and SCALE-UP Housing First in Scotland

2021-2031



PREVENTING HOMELESSNESS IN SCOTLAND

Recommendations for legal duties
to prevent homelessness: A report
from the Prevention Review Group

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The way ahead

RAPID REHOUSING

when homelessness has not been prevented

-  Mainstream housing no floating support
-  Mainstream housing with floating support
-  Housing First
-  Supported with on-site support

PREVENT HOMELESSNESS

before it happens

