

HOUSING FIRST SCOTLAND

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The video player shows a title card for 'Housing First Scotland'. At the top is a logo consisting of two purple, 3D-style blocks forming an 'A' shape, with a small white heart icon above the right block. Below the logo, the text 'Housing First Scotland' is displayed in a bold, sans-serif font. A thin horizontal line separates this from the tagline 'In Scotland, we are putting Housing First.' which is in a smaller, italicized font. The video player interface includes a progress bar with a red playhead, and control icons for play/pause, volume, settings, and full screen. Below the video, the URL <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L-716iyxyas> is shown, along with like, dislike, share, and save icons. At the bottom left is a channel profile picture and name, and at the bottom right is a red 'SUBSCRIBE' button.

In Scotland, we are putting Housing First.

Housing First is a national priority so that each of us can build and live our lives in an ordinary home as part of an ordinary community. Housing First means safety, choice and peace of mind. While the highest demand is in urban areas, all 32 councils in Scotland have people who could thrive with Housing First.

Housing First provides ordinary, settled housing as a first response for people whose homelessness is made harder by experiences such as trauma, addiction and mental ill health.

The [international body of evidence](#) showcasing the effectiveness of Housing First is far stronger than any other homelessness intervention. Here in Scotland, the Housing First Pathfinder has been running since 2019 in six local authority areas, with a recent [interim evaluation](#) from Heriot-Watt University demonstrating the Pathfinder has been highly effective at sustaining tenancies.

The Scottish Government has committed to scale up Housing First, which is part of all local authority's Rapid Rehousing Transition Plans. [Branching Out](#) is the National Framework for everyone involved in starting up or scaling up Housing First in Scotland, updated regularly to reflect latest research and frame the work that lies ahead.

When Lankelly Chase, Heriot Watt University and The Robertson Trust published Hard Edges Scotland, for the first time we had a detailed study on severe and multiple disadvantage in Scotland. This highlighted the overlapping nature of people's experience with addiction, homelessness, community justice, mental health and domestic abuse. This estimates around 3,500 Housing First tenancies each year over the next 10 years are needed in Scotland.

Housing First Demand Estimates					
Aberdeen City	221	Edinburgh	357	Orkney	6
Aberdeenshire	103	Eilean Siar	8	Perth & Kinross	73
Angus	60	Falkirk	103	Renfrewshire	124
Argyll & Bute	40	Fife	273	Scottish Borders	55
Clackmannanshire	49	Glasgow City	538	Shetland	7
Dumfries & Galloway	109	Highland	91	South Ayrshire	58
Dundee City	181	Inverclyde	44	South Lanarkshire	158
East Ayrshire	79	Midlothian	33	Stirling	62
East Dunbartonshire	20	Moray	39	West Dunbartonshire	136
East Lothian	47	North Ayrshire	132	West Lothian	150
East Renfrewshire	17	North Lanarkshire	185	Scotland	3,560

And here's the help!

Four pillars support Housing First to branch out across the country provided by Homeless Network Scotland in partnership with the Scottish Government.

Housing First Connect



To make sure we are working together across all sector and area boundaries to plan and deliver Housing First. This pillar is to help local authorities and their partners to swap notes and to understand each other's priorities and challenges. This will include a programme of conferences, events, seminars, networks and briefings – in person and online – along with a monthly news bulletin.

Housing First Know-how:



Know-How is the way knowledge, expertise, best practice and evidence about Housing First is gathered and shared. This is important so that we can target Housing First accurately, cost it efficiently and deliver it effectively. Sitting at the centre of this pillar is [Branching Out](#) the National Framework for Housing First – that is the place where know-how is collated, stored and updated every six months to reflect the very latest thinking and practice.

Housing First Check-up



To help plan, cost and deliver Housing First according to the National Framework, the annual Check-up will take learning, coaching, exploring, supporting and benchmarking out on the road to your area. We are getting alongside each local authority to help:

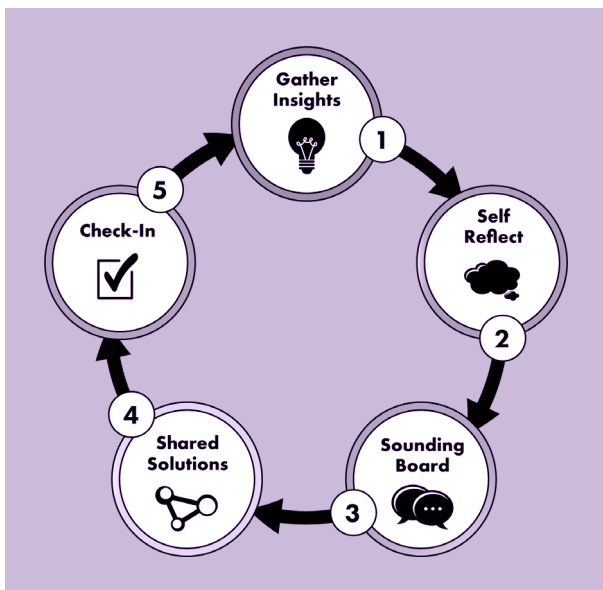
- gather insights from tenants and partners and reflect on progress.
- act as a sounding board incorporating an expert external perspective in confidence.
- present a Shared Solutions Report to help plan the next steps.

Plus, Scottish Government will collect quantitative data four times each year.

Housing First Academy



The Housing First Academy, led by Turning Point Scotland, supports partners at all levels with training delivered by experienced practitioners. This helps build a knowledgeable, confident and expert workforce branching out Housing First across Scotland. Online and in-person, learning opportunities are being extended in partnership with Homeless Network Scotland.



Housing First Connect, Know How, Check Up and Academy.

This is Housing First Scotland – please get in touch with any questions or comments:



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**Housing First is normal, it's fairer,
it works – and we all benefit.**