

ALL IN FOR CHANGE



TOP TABLE BRIEFING | FEBRUARY 2026

About this Briefing

This briefing is what we want the Homelessness Prevention and Strategy Group (HPSG) to know and to prioritise. It is based on the evidence and information that the Change Team has considered and the broad range of conversations we have had since the last HPSG meeting.

Who we've connected with

Over the last three months we have connected with our own networks and colleagues across Scotland to ensure our response to the Temporary Accommodation Standards Framework consultation reflects the priorities of people going through homelessness and those who are there to support them. One aspect we want to highlight from our response is how much people value having access to fresh air, natural light and accessible green space – all the time, but especially when using temporary accommodation. One change lead told us:

“When you're in temp, you can feel really low. Having windows that you can open to let fresh air in, or being able to walk round a park can make a huge difference.”

Consultation aside, we have been sharing our Mapping Journeys Through Homelessness report through our networks since its launch at Scotland's Annual Homelessness Conference in October last year. Launching the peer research to a 200-strong audience gave the research the audience it deserves, and we continue to plan how to embed these messages across the country.



We also hosted our own workshop, in partnership with comedian and actor Viv Gee, where people joined All in for Change to learn about telling your story, how to keep people engaged and how to remember the most important parts of your narrative.



What we want you to know

The team are currently preparing to take the messages from the peer research report out to different parts of the country, to focus in on missed opportunities for prevention. Our ambition is that a deeper dive into what needed to change for some people to avoid homelessness, building an understanding of when things do go right and homelessness is prevented will help All in for Change to contribute to the creation of Ask and Act guidance, informed by people who have lived through the experience themselves.

Mapping Journeys Through Homelessness
<https://homelessnetwork.scot/change-team>

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These are our questions for HPSG members *and/or* the operational or development teams that you lead across your organisation or wider sector.

		Our questions or requests
	Scottish Government	With the announcement of the More Homes Agency causing excitement amongst the sector, how will you ensure this progress is protected during an election year? And what plans are in place to ensure the agency is able to meet the needs outlined by independent research?
	Local Authorities	What plans are in place at local level to prepare for prevention duties? And how can the Change Team help in the roll-out of a training and awareness programme for those with a duty under the new Housing Bill?
	Housing Associations	We still need more homes let to homeless households across Scotland, especially in areas of high pressure. Can the Change Team share good examples of local collaboration led by housing associations to inspire other areas? And if not, what stands in the way of housing associations leading collaboration locally?
	Health and Social Care	People need a No Wrong Door approach from HSCPs especially when experiencing homelessness. What good practice in creating seamless transitions between services can the Change Team use as examples to encourage clearer care pathways to ensure no one slips through the net?
	Advice and Advocacy Organisations	The Change Team are interested to understand the circumstances people experience in the lead up to facing homelessness. Can you share information on what the “presenting” issues are in your caseload where the eventual outcome is a housing issue?
	Third Sector Support Services	Our research participants’ journeys highlighted that having someone who they could rely on who listened, respected them and genuinely cared was often the turning point in their journey. How are support staff being encouraged to take relational approaches and how are organisations factoring in the emotional toll on staff of building and sustaining these relationships?



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