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Housing support- its funding arrangements and its role in supporting people to live in communities

Webinar 21st November, 3pm-5pm



Join HSEU and SFHA for a joint webinar about the funding of housing support. By exploring the complex funding arrangements of housing support and sharing good practice examples, this session will consider the need for a coherent system to support people living independently in communities. This event is targeted at providers, regulators, and commissioners of housing support as well as policy makers. This webinar will provide an opportunity to discuss your experience of the planning, delivering and/or funding of housing support and to consider how the system could be improved to ensure support is available for everyone who needs it in order to live at home in their communities.

Speakers:

David Smith, Partnership & Planning Manager in Homelessness and Housing Support at Edinburgh Council

Sharon Freeman, Community Wellbeing Manager at Queens Cross Housing Association

[Register here.](#)

Watch this space! A Quarterly Workforce Data Collection for Third Sector Providers to be launched later this week

CCPS is seeking to gather accurate data on workforce pressures. The survey is open to all third sector social care providers and we wish to encourage all providers of housing support working in the voluntary sector to take part. We will circulate a link to the survey early next week.

Consultation: Enhancing the accessibility, adaptability and usability of Scotland's homes

The Scottish Government is currently consulting on enhancing the accessibility, adaptability, and usability of Scotland's homes. The consultation aims to improve housing accessibility through the review of Part 1 of the Housing for Varying Needs design guide and by introducing a Scottish Accessible Homes Standard through updates to building standards and guidance. Part 2 of the Housing for Varying Needs design guide, which focuses on provision for housing with integral support, is not within the scope of this consultation. The consultation states that this reflects the shift to more care delivered at home, and that most older and disabled people live in homes without integral support and want to continue to do so as long as possible.

The closing date of the consultation has been extended until the 21st of December.
<https://consult.gov.scot/housing-and-social-justice/accessiblehousingconsultation/>

An online event is being held specifically to get the views of people in the health and social care sectors. If you would like to join this event, please register for the session using the link below.

- Friday 17 November – 09:30 to 11:30:
<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/94f71be9-0f04-4635-9a01-d3e99a7a7bd9@0ef77447-1083-4dec-b89f-27c765076840>

Ending Homelessness Together: Annual Report 2023

The Scottish Government has published the [2023 annual report](#) about progress made in the last 12 months by national government, local government and third sector partners towards ending homelessness in Scotland. The report notes the challenges of the past year and reiterates that the Scottish Government and COSLA are committed to a 'no wrong door' and person-centred approach to homelessness services. This will be supported by new homelessness prevention duties, set to be introduced in the Scottish Government's housing bill during 2023-24. As part of the

progress against actions to prevent homelessness from happening in the first place, the report states that the Scottish Government will consider and respond to the recommendations of the [task and finish group on homelessness prevention](#), as well as focusing on tenancy sustainment to avoid evictions into homelessness.

Scottish Parliament Housing Panel: Landlords in the Private Rented Sector

The Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee is recruiting landlords in the private rented sector to apply to take part in a lived experience housing panel. The Committee wants to hear from different people in different circumstances living different parts of the country. For those who would like to register to take part they can complete the survey by clicking this link:

<https://yourviews.parliament.scot/pact/ed07e6f6/>

For further information or support to apply you can contact katie.smith@parliament.scot or PACT@parliament.scot. The deadline is Friday 1st December.

Care to Care Recruitment Campaign: Stakeholder resources

The Scottish Government has developed free resources as part of their new Adult Social Care Recruitment Campaign for stakeholders, including providers. This includes [a stakeholder toolkit](#) with information and links to support providers with recruitment, as well as guides on how to best run your own recruitment campaign, get the most out of local media and use social media for recruitment. All stakeholder resources are [available here](#).

Free job postings for adult social care providers

Did you know that providers of adult social care are eligible for free tokens to post jobs on myjobscotland? Instructions are at the following link:

<https://advertise.myjobscot.info/support/solutions/folders/79000085717>

Connecting to Care fund

The Connecting to Care fund will open in spring 2024 and will focus on digital inclusion across mental health and housing. The Digital Inclusion team within the Digital Health and Care directorate at the Scottish Government are still designing the fund and are hosting an engagement session on the 16th of November. The event is aimed at those *“working or volunteering in an organisation or service that provides housing services or housing support and/or provides digital inclusion support in a housing or related setting.”*

For more details and to sign up for the engagement event, please see the below link:

- **Housing Thursday 16th November 13:00-15:00pm – Sign up and more info:** <https://forms.office.com/e/kH7CAzmyKU>

Digifest Events

CCPS Digifest Satellite Session: Opportunities and risks in integrating social care data and health data

Tuesday 5th December, 13:00-14:30

CCPS is hosting a Digifest Satellite Session on the opportunities and risks in integrating social care data and health data.

Scottish Government published its first health and social care data strategy this year. Is it desirable and possible to fully integrate data from health services with data from social care services. This discussion will consider the distinct purposes of social care and health care, and the extent to which these purposes overlap, from the perspectives of not-for-profit service providers and of academic researchers. Speakers will consider the forces which are shaping the development of approaches to health and social care data integration in the UK; similarities and differences in how data use is managed and is being developed in health services and social care services in the UK; and how Scotland can develop approaches to integration which respect the unique contributions of social care services and health services. [Register here.](#)

SFHA and TEC Satellite Session: Smart Monitoring and Proactive Care

Tuesday 21st November, 10:30-12:00

Scottish Care and TEC Housing will speak to their joint Test of Change that investigates the use of preventative analytics to achieve high level confidence when determining a required level of care. TECH will introduce you to the care technologist role and share how they are utilising their skills and expertise within a housing context. This session would be of interest to housing, health, and social care colleagues interested in using data to inform how services are delivered. [Register here.](#)

Other Digifest satellite sessions are available here:

https://book.shsc.scot/shsc/frontend/reg/tOtherPage.csp?pageID=196759&ef_sel_menu=3878&eventID=538