

HSEU eForum

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Welcome to the November eForum. Read below for more information about housing support costs and benefits research, the Housing Support 2025 networking event, housing support funding announcements, and the Housing Justice manifesto.

Housing Support Costs and Benefits Research Report Published

A new report was launched in October, [‘Delivery and Funding of Housing Support in Scotland – Assessing Costs and Benefits of Typical Services’](#). The research, undertaken by leading experts from the UK Collaborative Centre for Housing Evidence (CaCHE), examined two typical housing support services – one for sheltered housing and the other aimed at preventing homelessness – and found that they deliver cost to benefit ratios of £1:£4.85 and £1:£12.88 respectively. The research was commissioned by the Housing Support Enabling Unit (HSEU), Scottish Federation of Housing Associations (SFHA), the Scottish Commission for People with Learning Disabilities (SCLD), Hanover Scotland, Blackwood Homes and Care, Eildon Housing Association, Simon Community Scotland, and Frontline Fife.

Yvette Burgess, Director of the Housing Support Enabling Unit, said: *“This report confirms what our sector has long known – that housing support is critical to enabling people to live good lives, independently, where they want to be. It seems that, with increased visibility and attention, existing housing support models could be exemplars for the kind of reform and renewal the Scottish Government seeks. Without greater visibility and attention, however, these exemplar services run the risk of being cut or withdrawn, to the detriment of health, wellbeing and social care in Scotland, now and in future.”*

Housing Support 2025

On Tuesday 4th November, the Housing Support Enabling Unit hosted Housing Support 2025, a networking event to share examples of good practice, to discuss the future of housing support and to identify challenges facing the sector. A panel discussed the findings of the CaCHE report on the costs and benefits of housing support, followed by a presentation of good practice case studies by several provider organisations. Attendees also participated in roundtable discussions regarding the

most impactful actions for the sector in the immediate future and how to improve outcomes in the absence of additional funding.

Scottish Government makes funding announcements

The Scottish Government made several funding announcements in October, including £99 million investment in [Discretionary Housing Payments for 2025-26](#) to support households struggling to afford housing costs, £100,000 to expand funding through the 'personalised budgets' scheme to support the immediate needs of people at risk of or experiencing homelessness, and £500,000 further investment in the [Fund to Leave](#).

Housing Justice Manifesto Launched

The Everyone Home Collective and All in For Change have launched a [housing justice manifesto](#) ahead of the 2026 Scottish Parliament election, calling for five housing solutions to be scaled up. The manifesto recommends: implementing an ambitious, rapid expansion of social housing; joining up housing, health, social care and justice services; matching policy commitments with funding; enacting and enforcing housing rights; and ensuring fast-track access to housing and support for groups facing systemic disadvantage and exclusion.

Draft Scottish Learning and Improvement Framework Published

The Scottish Government has published a draft [Scottish learning and improvement framework](#) for adult social care support and community health. The framework is intended to support an approach to improvement which builds on learning, manages quality and tracks improvement through outcomes which matter. Stakeholders in the health and social care systems will now operationalise, test, review and shape the framework to support its implementation, with the framework open to further development.

Homelessness Statistics Released

In September, [homelessness statistics](#) for 2024-25 were published, showing a record number of households in temporary accommodation (17,240). This represented a 6% rise compared to the year before, with the average time spent in temporary accommodation for cases that closed in 2024-25 reaching 238 days. The numbers of people rough sleeping also rose, although there was an overall decrease in homelessness applications made during the year. Younger applicants were more likely to require basic housing/living skills and have a learning disability, while older

applicants were more likely to have a medical condition and physical disability. Drug and/or alcohol dependency and mental health problems were most common in 35-64 year olds. The proportion of households reporting at least one support need was 51% - similar to the last few years.

Temporary Accommodation Standards Framework consultation launched

The Scottish Government has launched a [consultation](#) on legal enforcement of the Temporary Accommodation Standards Framework. The framework was published in April 2023, but formal consultation is required before the standards can be legally enforced. The deadline to respond is Wednesday 28 January.

Scottish Housing Day

Scottish Housing Day was [celebrated](#) on Wednesday 17 September, with this year's focus on the importance of good neighbours and communities.

Housing Bill Passes

The Housing (Scotland) Bill was [passed](#) by the Scottish Parliament at the end of September. This bill will place a duty on certain public bodies to prevent people from losing their homes through "Ask and Act" measures. Other provisions include expanding ministers' powers to implement Awaab's Law and allowing ministers to introduce long-term rent controls.

Case Transfer of Disability Benefits Evaluation Launched

The Scottish Government has commissioned an evaluation of the case transfer of disability benefits process by The Lines Between, and is seeking feedback from anyone involved in any aspect of delivering support for clients going through the case transfer process. Options to respond include an [online survey](#), which should take 10 minutes to complete, or a 30-45 minute interview. If you would like to register your interest in taking part in an interview only, please get in touch with Ian Christie at The Lines Between by emailing ian@thelinesbetween.co.uk or by calling Ian at 0131 235 2012. The deadline for responding to the online survey is Friday 28 November. Interviews will take place from October 2025 to January 2026.