



# Consultation Briefing: A new Dementia Strategy

## Background

The [national Dementia Strategy](#) ran from 2017 – 2020 at which point it should have been revised. However, due to the pandemic, the Scottish Government put the development of a new strategy on hold in favour of publishing an interim [Dementia and Covid-19 Action Plan](#) to ensure that people living with dementia could continue to receive the services and support they needed.

The Scottish Government has now launched a [national conversation on dementia](#) that will be used to inform a new dementia strategy.

The conversation is based on a [discussion paper](#) and the Scottish Government is particularly keen to hear from **people with lived experience of dementia**, offering a number of online workshops and support for in person events in communities.

The **consultation is open until 5 December** and the Scottish Government will receive written responses and video submissions for people that would find the format easier. It is anticipated that **the new strategy will be published in April 2023**.

## The discussion paper

The national conversation is open to anyone living with dementia, caring for, or offering support to someone living with dementia, and anyone with an interest in dementia policy.

The discussion paper includes six open questions designed to encourage discussion. The Scottish Government is seeking views on the following:

1. What does dementia mean to you and those around you?
2. What supports work well for you?
3. What challenges need to be addressed?
4. How would addressing these challenges change lives?
5. What do we need to build on/learn from what has been done before?
6. What else would you like to tell us?

**About this briefing** - This is a new type of briefing exclusively for CIH members. These briefings are designed to inform you about current consultations, highlight potential implications for the sector that you might want to consider in your own response and set out CIH Scotland's position.

## The CIH view

The right housing and services are key to supporting people to live well with dementia, whether they live in the social or private sector.

We recognise that the housing sector could do more to raise awareness of dementia among housing staff, and to improve housing outcomes for people. The [Housing and Dementia Framework](#) published in 2019 can help organisations to identify steps to improve.

However, there also needs to be strong leadership from Scottish Government and closer working with partners such as health and social care. We'd like to see the role of housing much more explicitly recognised and reflected in the new dementia strategy.

**We will be developing a response to this consultation and would like to hear what CIH members think. You can share your thoughts by emailing [scotland@cih.org](mailto:scotland@cih.org) we're particularly keen to see examples of good practice in supporting people to live well with dementia.**