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RRTPs: What's been achieved - what's next for homeless services?

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In 7 mins....

**RRTP Progress - learning from the
research programme**

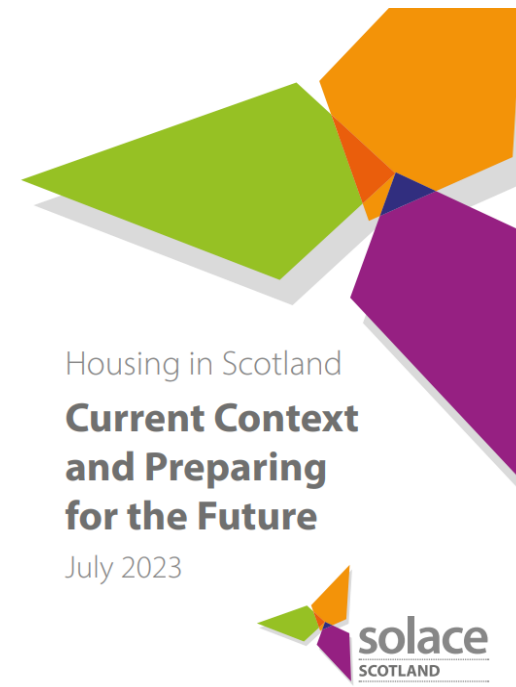
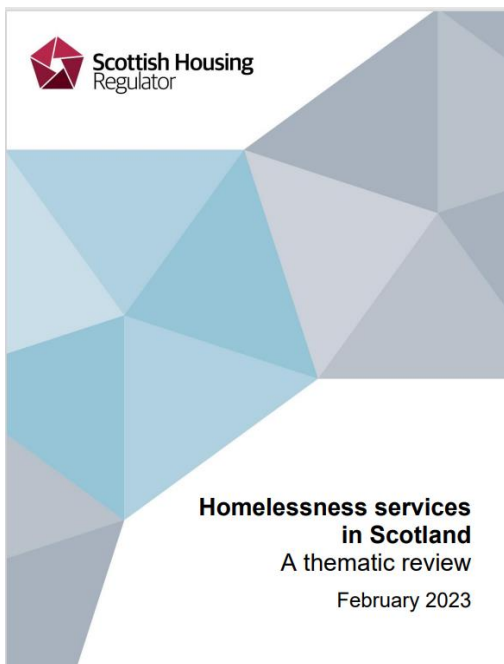
Role of the PRS

**What is needed to tackle
homelessness going forward**

A 'Perfect Storm'?



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Research Findings



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- Housing and Homelessness Services committed to RRTPs - delayed but generated new activity although difficult to quantify
- Growth of Housing First and Prevention / Options based services
- Indicators going in the wrong direction - time in temp -Significant external pressures
- Recruitment and Retention issues - short term funding and lack of investment in supply
- PRS contribution is mixed
- Pace of change is difficult maintain
- Inconsistent contributions from the wider sector - need more leadership

What we recommended...



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More consistent measuring and reporting of progress with RRTPs demonstrating impact and value for money

Long term certainty over funding for RRTPs beyond the initial five-year period to support commissioning of services, recruitment and retention of staff.

A more strategic approach to workforce development across the housing sector.

The Scottish Government should work with the HPSG RRTP Sub Group to revise RRTP guidance, ensuring it's equalities proofed, fit for purpose and supports greater partnership working. While acknowledging and aligning with the prevention duty, clear roles, responsibilities and boundaries must be established.

SG should provide dedicated RRTP funding for a further five years to support the continuation of RRTP work and mainstreaming of service changes.

SG should work with local authorities to agree a fair model of distribution for RRTP funding. Awards should be made initially for a minimum of two years with indicative assumptions provided annually.

SG should work with CoSLA and LA Finance Directors to ensure funding is fully utilised to support the development of homelessness services and the intended purpose, not distributed to other areas of spend

The Scottish Government should set clear expectations for the contribution of partners towards both preventing homelessness and supporting those who do become homeless.

The Scottish Government must make adequate resources available to implement the new prevention duty, including staff training and development.

Role of the PRS



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- The PRS is an essential part of our housing system and can play a positive role in providing housing options for people who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness.
- The PRS is lacking strategic direction and leadership. The Scottish Government needs to set a clear vision for the sector and publish a final rented sector strategy.
- Policy development should be evidence based and developed in partnership with landlords and tenants. The Scottish Government must address data gaps so that future policy can be led by evidence.
- Any new regulations need to be underpinned with advice, information and support for both landlords and tenants and, where appropriate, effective enforcement.



[0362-rapid-rehousing-transition-plans-report-2024-v1.pdf \(cih.org\)](https://www.cih.org/0362-rapid-rehousing-transition-plans-report-2024-v1.pdf)

Future of RRTPs



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Record numbers in temporary accommodation and reports of increasing rough sleeping – Local Authorities systemically unable to cope and under financial strain

Work of the Task and Finish Groups – taking forward the recommendations

Scottish Government Budget decisions

Housing Emergencies – prospect of a domino effect?

What more can be done...

- **Need a commitment to short term housing supply**
- **Local commitment needs national leadership**
- **Need long term funding commitment – RRTP and Prevention**
- **Housing and homeless services are resilient and will drive improvement but need more engagement**





A Career in Housing





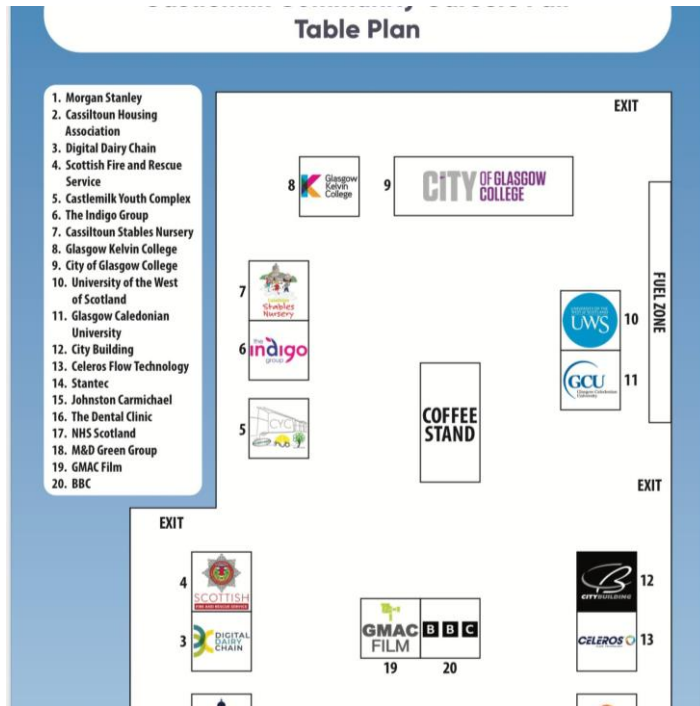
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General work experience

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Chamber of Commerce

Grant funds

Housing

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HR

Corporate

Net Zero

Nursery
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Cook

Reception

Gardener

Estate
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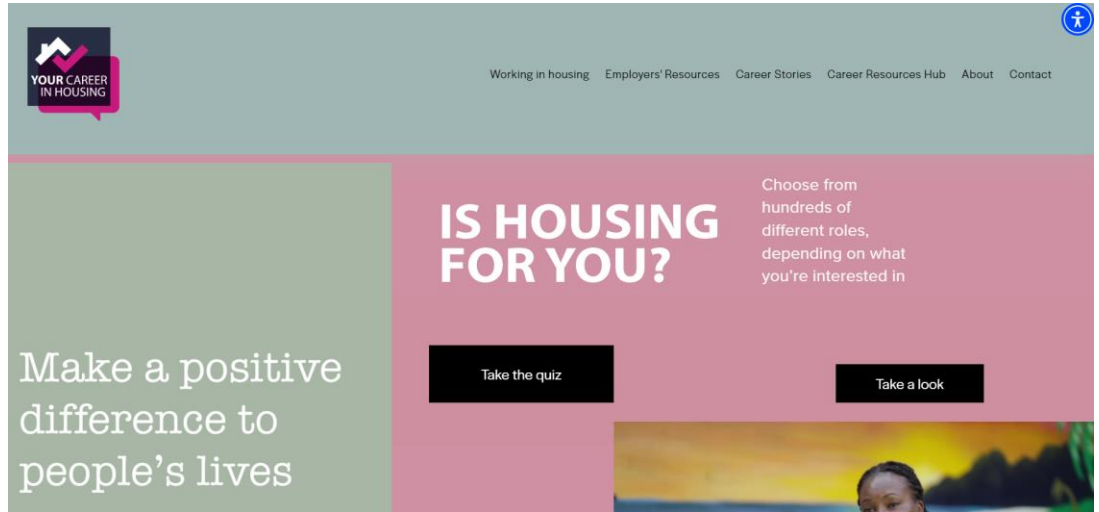
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