

Focus on Influencing Scotland



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What we've been doing

CIH Scotland member survey

Scottish Social Housing Charter Review

The Scottish Social Housing Charter sets out the standards and outcomes that all social landlords should be achieving or working towards. It was first introduced in 2012 and is now being revised for the second time. The Scottish Government is seeking comments on whether the existing outcomes and descriptions are the right ones, if anything is missing from the Charter and whether the Charter has had a positive impact on improving services since it was first introduced. We'd like to hear your views on how the Charter can be improved to make sure our response is informed by members' practical experience. Fill out our online survey [here](#).

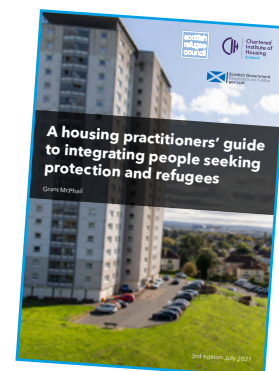


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In the media

New housing guide aims to help give refugees a safe place to call home

The updated [guide](#) published by the Scottish Refugee Council and supported by CIH Scotland explains the asylum process in the UK and includes practical information for housing practitioners.



CIH Scotland calls for whole system approach to ending homelessness

A new [report](#) published by CIH Scotland has highlighted the progress made by local authorities in implementing Rapid Rehousing Transition Plans.

University of Stirling and Chartered Institute of Housing welcome establishment of National Housing and Dementia Forum

The Scottish Government has established a National Housing and Dementia [Forum](#) co-chaired by the University of Stirling and CIH Scotland.

Making housing and dementia a national priority

In this [blog](#), the co-chairs of Scotland's new National Housing and Dementia Forum give a summary of what they have heard from participants so far.

Publications

A housing practitioners' guide to integrating people seeking protection and refugees

This revised guidance published by the Scottish Refugee Council with support from CIH Scotland explains the asylum process in the UK and includes practical advice for housing practitioners. Download the guidance [here](#).

Rapid Rehousing Transition Plans, temporary accommodation and housing options: a survey of Scotland's local authorities

This report explores how local authorities are progressing with implementing Rapid Rehousing Transition Plans and makes recommendations for further support needed to transform homelessness services. Download the report [here](#).

What's coming up

Events

While some of our physical events have had to be postponed due to COVID-19, we have been busy developing a range of online conferences, webinars and training to keep you up to date with the latest developments.

Supporting the integration of people seeking protection and refugees: 19 August 11:30 – 13:00pm

This workshop will explore practice examples from the updates guidance on integrating people seeking protection and refugees published by the Scottish Refugee Council and supported by CIH Scotland

Find out more and book your place [here](#).

Scotland's Housing Leaders Network: In conversation with Darren McGarvey: 26 August 2021 11:00 – 12:00pm

At this event, you'll hear from author and social commentator Darren McGarvey on his assessment of poverty and inequality in Scotland and what policymakers need to do to reduce poverty in Scotland today.

We know the experience of poverty cannot be disentangled from other inequalities that shape society in Scotland. As we look to recover from the pandemic, we need to focus on policies that put tackling poverty and inequality front and centre.

Find out more information and book your place [here](#).



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