



Everyone should have a home

Towards 2012 – new directions for RSLs

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Meeting the 2012 target

- Shortage of affordable rented housing
- Prevention of homelessness - Scottish Government priority
- Importance of tenancy sustainment and support provision
- Already a contribution from RSLs to meeting 2012, but more action still needed

The current picture

- Mixture of systems for councils to refer homeless households to RSLs
- Preventing homelessness as well as responding to households in crisis
- Provision of supported or specialist accommodation
- Some strategic engagement with local authorities

Prevention of Homelessness

- Section 11
- Evictions
 - Mortgage to Rent and Mortgage to Shared Equity
- Tenancy Support
- Specialist / temporary accommodation

The future of section 5

- We welcome the publication of the research on section 5.
 - Little evidence in the report on the experiences of homeless households; taking RSLs' and councils' reflections at face value
 - Section 5 seen as “heavy-handed” in some cases
 - Report does not see as problematic the current mix of systems for referring homeless households to RSLs; referral process is important, not just the outcome
 - Review needs to prioritise: pre-referrals; comparability, support.

The road to 2012 – next steps

- We can build on existing good practice, but there is still work to be done
 - Section 5 to be used to refer all homeless households to RSLs
 - Prevention of homelessness statement for each RSL
 - RSLs need to be involved in local authority strategy development
 - Scottish Housing Regulator has a role in monitoring RSLs contribution to tackling homelessness
 - Better understanding of impact of removal of ring fencing on support provision for homeless households