



Health and Homelessness

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Health and Homelessness

- Ottawa Charter, 1986
- EU Charter of Fundamental Rights, 2000
- *‘No one should be homeless in a modern and prosperous Scotland’*
Helping Homeless People, Scottish Gov. 2008

Health and Homeless

- Higher levels of Morbidity and Mortality than general population
- Factors
 - Poor nutrition
 - Substance misuse
 - Inadequate access to medical care

Health and Homeless

- Increased rates of chronic conditions
- Increased incidence in mental ill health
- Increased incidence in drug and/or alcohol dependence
- Decreased uptake of screening services

Policy Context

- Health and Homelessness Guidance, 2001
- Health and Homelessness Standards, 2005
- Community Planning/Joint Health Improving Plans
- Homelessness Strategies
- Single Outcome Agreements
- Better Health Better Care, 2007

National Outcomes

- Indicator 22

‘...all unintentionally homeless households will be entitled to settled accommodation by 2012’

National Perspective

- Health and Homelessness Standards
- 'One Year On' Report, 2006
- Targeted Monitoring of compliance
- NHS Board Annual Accountability Reviews 2008
- Homeless Monitoring Group 2008 Report
 - Recommendation to establish a Health & Homelessness Leads Network
- Evaluation and Review of the Standards???

Local Perspective – A&A

- Ayrshire wide Action Plan - multi-agency group
- 3 Locality Action Plans - 3 locality multi –agency groups
- Dedicated PH nurses – integrated referral pathways

The Future

- National support
- Homelessness leads network
- Review of standards
- Integration into SOAs

