

Reporting on Homelessness Strategies

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Current Reporting Arrangements

- Homelessness Strategy - annual update
- Local Outcome Agreement (for HTF Implementation Funding and RSI funding)
- HTF Implementation Funding - Expenditure
- HL1 and other statutory statistical reporting
- Pros & Cons?

New Reporting Arrangements

- AIMS

- Measure progress in
 - implementing homelessness strategies
 - achieving HMG Outcomes
- Monitor use of homelessness funding
 - funding to aggregated into one stream
- Monitor progress and capacity in achieving 2012 target

- OUTCOMES

- Focus on outcomes
- National trends & direction
- Identify problems both locally and nationally
- Identify and share things that work well
- Facilitate dialogue between SE and LAs
- Target support from SE
- ‘Lightness of touch’

HMG Outcomes

- No one need sleep rough
- Existing homelessness becomes more visible
- Sustainable resettlement is secured for people who have become homeless
- Fewer people become homeless in the first place
- The duration of homelessness is reduced

Draft Homelessness LOA Progress Report

OUTCOME 4: Fewer people become homeless in the first place

Current position: [When issued this to include information from HL1 on applications and any other centrally available information (eg on success or otherwise of any local prevention projects) – LAs will be asked to comment and to provide any further relevant local information – eg regarding success or otherwise of local projects]

Planned activity*	Planned spend*	Anticipated outcome*	Actual activity**	Actual spend**	Actual outcome**

Homelessness Task Force recommendations – preventing homelessness**

Recommendation***	Progress (RAG)	Comments
Review & improve identification of housing difficulties, support provided and housing education.(18)	At end of financial year LA to indicate whether Red/Amber/Green	
Preventative services.(19)		
Eviction programmes(20)		
Arrears management and ASB(21)		

* To be completed at beginning of financial year

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Draft report - monitoring progress towards 2012

Proportion of households assessed as homeless then assessed as having a priority need for accommodation)	
Baseline position (2003-04)	2009 target (2008-2009)
To be completed by SE prior to issue	To be completed by SE prior to issue
Current position	To be issued containing most recent information on levels of priority need assessment – for comment by LA.
Approach being taken locally to reach interim target	For LA to describe approach being taken locally.
Key challenges/achievements	For LA to describe.

Information being used as basis for assessment of capacity to meet the 2012 target	
Impact on social lets	To be issued referring to most up to date central data and 2012 pro-forma – for LA comment.
Temporary accommodation	To be issued referring to most up to date central data – for LA comment.
Sustainability of solutions	To be issued referring to most up to date central data – for LA comment.
Progress towards SHQS	To be issued referring to most up to date central data – for LA comment.
Void and void management	To be issued referring to most up to date central data – for LA comment.
Support needs	To be issued referring to most up to date central data – for LA comment.
Hidden homelessness	To be issued referring to most up to date central data – for LA comment.
Preventative activity	To be issued referring to most up to date central data – for LA comment.

Issues

- National - v - local
 - getting the right balance
- Developing and measuring meaningful outcomes
- Developing and using existing information sources
 - HL1/Profile of homelessness/monitoring trends/performance
 - Hsg mgt info - lettings/evictions/tenancy terminations/ASB
 - Monitoring/reviewing of homelessness strategies
- Measuring outcomes of all homelessness services
 - statutory & voluntary
- Contribution & performance of RSLs?

Questions

- Is the proposed approach the right one?
- Is it possible to wrap up monitoring of local homelessness strategies, HMG outcomes, and progress towards 2012 target into one reporting regime?
- Are there other ways of monitoring and measuring progress?
- How well placed are LAs to provide the level and quality of information required?