

Changing Homelessness in Practice: assisting practitioners to make change

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Homelessness Task Force

- ⇒ Homelessness Task Force set up
'to review the nature and causes of homelessness and make recommendations for change'
- ⇒ 1st report and Housing (Scotland) Act 2001
- ⇒ 2nd report: key themes



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Homeless Task Force 2nd report

Key themes

- ⇒ Everybody is entitled to some form of accommodation
- ⇒ Implementation should be matched by resources
- ⇒ Housing supply is crucial (quality and quantity)
- ⇒ Role of informal and formal support
- ⇒ Changing practice/culture is as important as changing legislation
- ⇒ One size fits all approach doesn't work
- ⇒ Recommendations apply to all homeless people – families and single people



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Changing Practice

- ⇒ 54 recommendations relating to changing practice:
- ⇒ empowering homeless people and increasing their choice
- ⇒ preventing homelessness
- ⇒ delivering an effective response
- ⇒ changing the culture of service provision
- ⇒ Increasing opportunities for building social networks



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The HMG Seminars

- ⇒ 6 Seminars held October-December 2002 to engage with practitioners
- ⇒ Feedback forms gave practitioners views on the report and the challenges ahead
- ⇒ The need for further opportunities to feed back
- ⇒ Need for national homelessness website



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HAI Project (England)

- ⇒ Homelessness Act Implementation Project in England
- ⇒ Worked directly with LAs to produce homelessness strategies
- ⇒ Website which facilitated practice discussions
- ⇒ Scotland's target much more ambitious



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Changing Homelessness in Practice Project

Providing information and help for practitioners, by way of a

- ⇒ Website
- ⇒ Training
- ⇒ Seminars
- ⇒ Briefings
- ⇒ Newsletter



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- ⇒ Information on changes to legislation
 - ⇒ Practice
 - ⇒ Training and seminar programmes
 - ⇒ Publications
 - ⇒ Discussion Forums
- ⇒ The holding site. Online now- register at the break



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The Homelessness etc (Scotland) Act 2003, to be implemented over a 10-year period, states that every homeless person in Scotland will have the right to accommodation by 2013.

Welcome to Shelter Scotland's innovative new project that aims to support local authorities, registered social landlords and others in implementing the recommendations of the Homelessness Task Force over time. Huge demands and expectations have been created, and no-one underestimates the effort that will be required to bring about the necessary changes - we want to engage, inform and support stakeholders in a variety of ways, including this website.

Explore the options on the left of the page, sign up for our [newsletter](#) to stay informed and complete our [questionnaire](#) to let us know how we can help you to implement the Taskforce recommendations.

We hope you find this first version of our website useful and relevant, and welcome any comments or suggestions you have for the next version. To

Local intranet



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Training and Seminars

- ⇒ HTF report recognised need for well-trained and well-informed staff.
- ⇒ Practitioners recognised this need in the six HMG seminars
- ⇒ CHiP to develop training to respond to part of that need
- ⇒ Seminars to give opportunities to provide feedback and discuss practice



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Working with elected representatives

- ⇒ Engaging elected representatives identified as a major challenge by practitioners
- ⇒ CHiP to liase directly with councillors by way of briefings and assistance with strategy reviews.



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Your views

- ⇒ The success of CHiP depends on the views of practitioners.
- ⇒ Fill in questionnaire at end of final workshop
- ⇒ Your views will help design a project to meet your needs



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