

CHANGING HOMELESSNESS IN PRACTICE

Partnership Working

Langstane Housing Association &
Aberdeen Cyrennians

Background

- Est. 1977
- Impetus – founding cttee had close links with the Model Lodging House and wanted to provide decent & affordable housing
- Focus – housing single people
- Area of operation – former Grampian region

Why work with the Cyrennians?

- Shared ethos/philosophy
- Established track record for working with the client group
- Willingness to work in partnership
- Cross cttee membership

The projects

- Margaret House 1980 – women's hostel
- Wernham House 1988 – men's hostel
- Craig House 1998 – young person's hostel
- Trinity Lane 2002 – housing with support
- Enhanced Management Support

The challenges

- Forms of agreement – leases, management agreements, direct tenancies
- Capital funding – furnishings, adaptations, enhancements
- Revenue funding

Client focused

- Respond to demand
- Tenure
- Move on
- Liaison meetings

Future plans

- Further housing with support
- Initiative with LA