



- Follow UP
- Adapt
- Edinburgh Housing Advice Partnership
- Prison Outreach Project
- Connected
- Stopover (Young Persons' Hostel)
- Number 20 (Female Young Persons' Hostel)
- **EFI Superstore**

Shelter Presentation
20.01.2011

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Four Square Social Enterprise

EFI : **superstore**

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EFI – the original service

- Conceived 1988
- Born in 1993
- Conceived by front line workers
- Responding to Identified need
- Aim: to provide basics for a new home to those at risk of homelessness.
- Funded by local government
- Funding Withdrawn



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EFI- Homeless

- People
- Poverty
- Illness-Physical/Mental
- Addiction Issues

Family Relationships

- Anti Social Behaviour
- Exploitation
- No furniture

Services working within the system.



EFI – Benefits/Challenges 1993-2017

- Free service to user
- .5-1 Van load of Furniture
- Fast Response
- Basic Starter Packs.
- Scarcity of some items.
- Issues with entry date/delivery date .
- Unreliable Funding
- Liaising with Referral Agents.
- Tenants requiring additional support.



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EFI – the original service

Challenges and compliance issues

- Distributing furniture from A - B
- Compliance challenges
 - Soft furnishings
 - Electric appliances
 - Gas appliances
 - SEPA regulations



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EFI – *reborn in 2007*

A Social Enterprise

- Small shop extended into full warehouse
- Continued the uplift of donations
 - Charity Shop
 - Open to public
 - Wider range of items
 - Open 7 days a week
 - Assist Card for low income.



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EFI – *Benefits/Challenges*

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- No Stigma
- Choice-furniture-delivery time
- 25% Discount
- Non Intrusive
- Mix and match
- Extras
- Support selecting



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How to register

1. Complete the sign up form.
2. Pick up referral procedures.
3. Pick up some cards.
4. Pick up some flyers.



EFI – A New Beginning- FOUR SQUARE HUB

**All Four Square Homeless Services moved to
the same building**

- Housing Advice and advocacy
- Tenancy support Service
- Supporting Young Parents with Addictions
- Flexible Employability Support
- Training
- Furniture
- Prison Outreach Project



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