

# Supporting People

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# Overview

- Supporting People – what has it done for people who face homelessness?
- Cost benefits and unit costs
- Removing the ringfence – no more Supporting People?
- Measuring outcomes

# What has SP done to alleviate homelessness?

- Recognition that some people need support, advice, assistance or counselling to move into and/or sustain occupation of their home
- Recognition that sustaining a home may involve other disciplines: health and social work

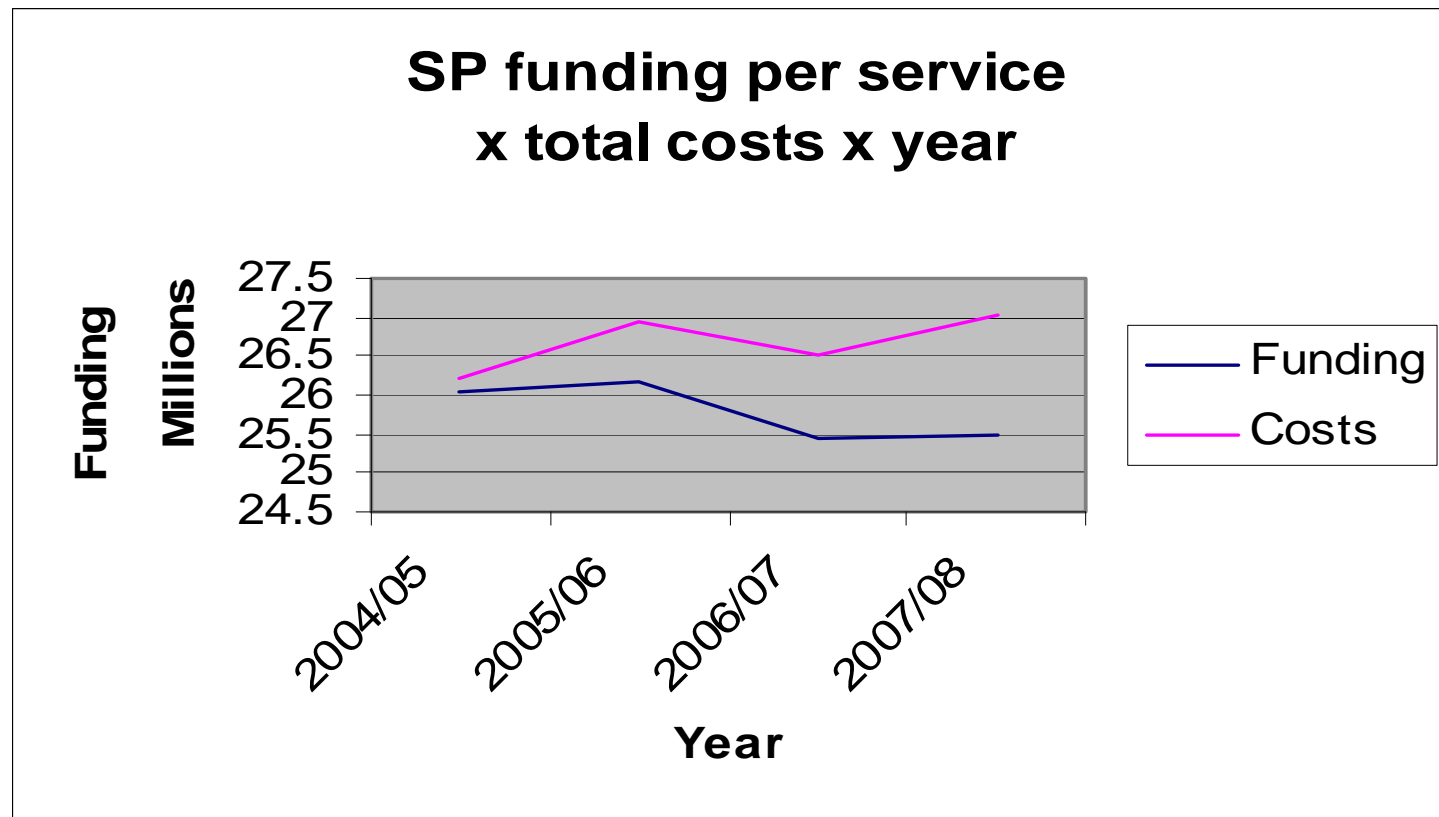
# Profile of people using SP

- Largest group using services funded through SP – Older People at 49%
- Next largest group – people experiencing / at risk of homelessness 20%

# Cost Benefits of SP

<b>SP Supergroups</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Identified Monetary Benefit</b>
Older People and Physical Disabilities	£124 million	£137 million
Mental Health and Related	£44 million	£38 million
Learning Disabilities	£127 million	£137 million
<b>Homeless and Related</b>	<b>£107 million</b>	<b>£129 million</b>
<b>Total for Supergroups</b>	<b>£402 million</b>	<b>£441 million</b>

# Services have faced increasing shortfall in funding



# Spending Review : 2008/09 – 2010/11

- Revenue funding for LAs is set to increase by 4.2%, 4.1% and 3.4% in the next 3 years, but
- SP is being taken out of ringfencing
- No redistribution of funding for housing support

# Lifting the ringfence - opportunities and threats

- Reduce bureaucracy
- Service model not dictated to by funding stream

But....

- LAs will face competing demands for funding
- Providers may face greater diversity in approach between LAs



# Single Outcome Agreements

- Menu of outcomes and indicators for LAs to use
- 15 Outcomes and 45 Indicators
- Possibly more from Community Planning Partnerships
- Where does housing support feature?

# Outcomes with housing support link

- We live longer, healthier lives
- We have tackled the significant inequalities in Scottish society
- We have improved the life chances for children, young people & families at risk
- We live our lives safe from crime, disorder & danger

and more outcomes...

- We have strong, resilient & supportive communities where people take responsibility for their own actions & how they affect others
- We take pride in a strong, fair and inclusive national identity

and some more...

- Our public services are high quality, continually improving, efficient and responsive to local people's needs
- We live in well-designed, sustainable places where we are able to access the amenities and services we need

# Indicators with homelessness and housing support link

- Decrease the proportion of individuals living in poverty
- All unintentionally homeless households will be entitled to settled accommodation by 2012
- Reduce overall reconviction rates by 2 percentage points by 2011

# Housing Support Outcome Framework

- Distance travelled model
- Pilot complete
- Evaluation underway
- Scope to link this with the single outcome agreement to be explored

# Conclusions

- The role of housing support in tackling homelessness has been established
- Increasingly important to have an impact on local strategy development
- Essential for services to demonstrate outcomes but not yet clear if there will be a national framework

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