

Focus on Influencing Scotland

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The National Housing and Dementia Forum, co-chaired by CIH Scotland and the Dementia Services Development Centre (DSDC), was established in July 2021 and has been gathering evidence on how people with dementia can be better supported to live well at home.

The Forum has brought together stakeholders from architecture, housing associations, and the third sector, to share good practice and make recommendations for longer term policy changes to improve housing and create better lives for people with dementia.

A report on its findings, along with recommendations, will be published in August and will help to inform national policy and propose ways to create better links between housing, health and social care, reflecting the vision for a national care service reported in the recent [review of adult social care](#) chaired by Derek Feeley.

You can find out more from the report authors at a special [online event](#) on 24 August.

You can also find out more about CIH Scotland's work on housing and dementia on our website:

[Dementia Pathways: Housing's Role: Practice Guide](#)

[Scottish Housing and Dementia Framework](#)



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Influencing

Our Influencing work

CIH Scotland responds to health and social care consultation

CIH Scotland has responded to the Scottish Government's consultation on a new health and social care strategy for older people. Read the response [here](#).

Scottish Housing Day

Scottish Housing Day will take place again this year on 14 September focusing on housing and sustainability. We've already been hearing ideas from the sector through a survey and online workshops. If you want to find out more and get involved there's information on the Scottish Housing Day website www.scottishhousingday.co.uk or follow us on Twitter [@ScotHousingDay](https://twitter.com/ScotHousingDay)

Skills and education for the housing sector

Callum Chomczuk, national director of CIH Scotland, met with Paul McLennan MSP to discuss the need for greater support to develop skills in the housing sector. This discussion around skills in the sector often focusses on meeting net-zero but CIH Scotland is calling for a more strategic approach to workforce development across the sector to ensure that staff have the skills needed to deliver excellent services at every level and across different roles.

Rapid Rehousing Transition Plans

We are continuing to progress work to ensure that local authorities have the support they need to achieve the ambitions set out in RRTPs. With support from Fife Council, we have established steering groups, carried out initial scoping work and are now gathering input from local authorities through an online survey and a series of workshops to ensure that the project reflects the experience and priorities of local authorities across Scotland.

Latest from CIH

A round up of some of our latest news, policy, blogs and publications

CIH Scotland calls for greater recognition of housing's role in the delivery of health and social care for older people

[Responding](#) to the Scottish Government consultation on a new health and social care strategy for older people, CIH Scotland has welcomed proposals for a new strategy but has expressed disappointment that the consultation only briefly mentions the importance of housing in improving health and social care outcomes for older people.

CIH Scotland looking for new board appointments

The Chartered Institute of Housing in Scotland (CIH Scotland) has [announced](#) it is looking for three new members to join its Scotland Board. With Mike Campbell, Jim Hayton and Bryony Willett all due to complete a maximum six-year term ahead of this year's AGM, three places are available for ambitious housing professionals who want to make a difference to their professional bodies. For more information, please download our board recruitment [pack](#).



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