

What you need to know about the ending homelessness outcomes framework

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Background

The Welsh Government's programme for government included a commitment to reform housing law and reform homelessness services to focus on prevention and rapid rehousing. This feeds into Welsh Government's vision of a Wales where everyone can have a safe home that meets their needs and supports a healthy, successful, and prosperous life. A Wales where we work together to prevent homelessness and where homelessness cannot be prevented we ensure that it is rare, brief, and unrepeated.

The ending homelessness outcomes framework has been developed to provide strategic direction for the preventing and ending of homelessness in Wales. It will do this be identifying the desired long-term outcome s and will illustrate progress towards achieving these through data indicators which will measure progress.

The consultation is seeking views on the overarching strategic outcomes, the detailed outcomes that underpin the strategic outcomes and the data indicators. The consultation is also considering the impact on the Welsh language and the opportunities it provides for people to use the Welsh language.

How the ending homelessness outcomes framework will be used

Welsh Government is aiming to publish the finalised ending homelessness framework in winter 2023 alongside the response to the consultation. In early 2024 a baseline report will be published to reflect the final agreed data indicators. An annual update against the baseline report will be published so that progress towards achieving the detailed outcomes can be measured.

The ending homelessness outcomes framework will provide a clear narrative of where progress has been made in achieving the long term outcomes. It will also inform future policy proposals. The framework will continue to evolve over time to ensure it is relevant and responsive the operating environment and the availability of data. Following the forthcoming policy and legislative reform the framework will be received to ensure the outcomes remain relevant in evidencing progress towards ending homelessness across Wales.

The proposed ending homelessness outcomes framework

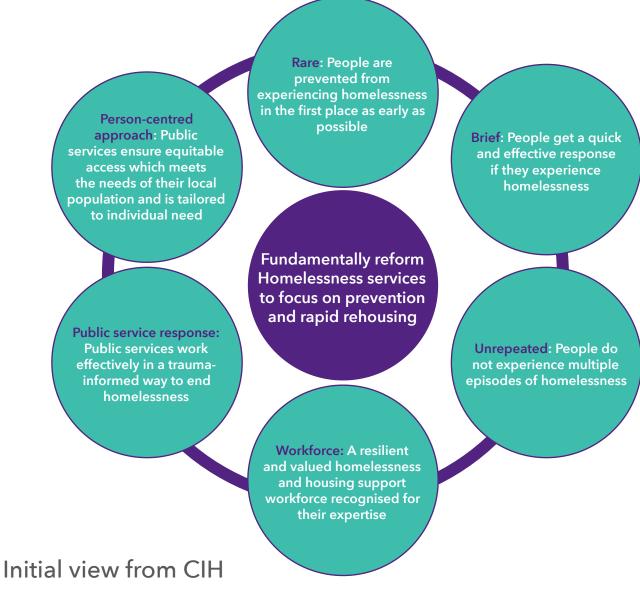
The strategic outcomes, detailed outcomes and data indicators will feed into each other as follows:



The strategic outcomes

There is a total of six strategic outcome areas. The outcomes capture key themes in the ending homelessness action plan to make homelessness rare, brief and unrepeated. They also underpin policy principles. The following diagram outlines the strategic outcomes.

Full details of the rationale for each of these strategic outcomes and how they align with the ending homelessness action plan can be found <u>here</u> alongside a proposed list of data indicators.



At CIH we welcome the opportunity to provide our views on the proposed ending homelessness outcomes framework. The additional data sources contained in the framework will help inform our knowledge of homelessness in Wales. It will enable us to evaluate the implementation of the high level ending homeless action plan and how all stakeholders are working together to ensure that homelessness in Wales is brief, rare and non-repeated.

The ending homelessness outcomes framework also contains detailed outcomes on building a resilient and valued homelessness and housing support workforce. We look forward to working with you, our members, as part of this outcome ensuring the voices of those who work with in the sector are heard.

Further information

If you would like to contact us about this briefing paper or provide your views as part of our consultation response please contact Cerys Clark our policy and public affairs manager at cerys.clark@cih.org.