

# The Specialist Homelessness Sector Transition Plan (2018-2022)

## Share and use data to inform SHS practice

The Specialist Homelessness Sector Transition Plan (2018-2022) outlines 15 goals.

Action tables have been developed to provide more specific detail on what each goal means, why it is important, future vision, relevant literature, good practice examples and helpful resources.

The action tables are designed to be a useful reference and a good starting point for organisations or individuals wanting to action any of the 15 goals in the SHS Transition Plan.

All 15 action tables can be found at: [chp.org.au/shs-transitionplan18/](http://chp.org.au/shs-transitionplan18/).

15. Share and use data to inform SHS practice	
<b>What we mean</b>	Providing data and evidence to SHS service providers and practitioners to help inform their work.
<b>Why is this important</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sharing data and evidence of 'what works' will build more consistent practice across the SHS</li><li>• Implementing evidence based practices will improve outcomes for consumers.</li></ul>
<b>Future Vision</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• An accessible research and evaluation platform for the SHS</li><li>• The SHS effectively uses data to inform practice</li><li>• Research summaries describe emerging evidence and how it can be used in practice.</li></ul>
<b>Literature</b>	Previous studies show that evidence is more likely to be used in policy and program development when the following elements are in place <sup>1</sup> : <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mechanisms to ensure ready access to research findings and summaries of research</li><li>• Frequent interaction between researchers and policy makers</li><li>• Organisational readiness to use evidence from research</li><li>• Supportive resources and tools to implement research into practice</li><li>• Research is relevant to sector stated priorities and applicable to local circumstances.</li></ul>

<sup>1</sup> Moore, G., Todd, A. and Redman S. (2009). Strategies to increase the use of evidence from research in population health policy and programs: a rapid review. Sax Institute.

Good practice examples	<a href="#">AIHW Homelessness Data Cubes – allows analysis of de-identified SHIP data at a national and state level.</a>
Helpful Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strategies to increase the use of evidence from research in population health policy and programs: a rapid review - <a href="#">Strategies to Increase Research Use</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Evidence Based Homelessness Practice - New Hampshire Coalition to End Homelessness provides an outline of current evidence based practices in homelessness service provision</a></li> <li>• The Frequent Users Project initiated by Launch Housing identified a group of 'frequent users' of homelessness services through a data review and developed specific responses to meet the needs for this group.</li> </ul>