

A Call for Contributions – December 2018

The December 2018 “Housing First” edition of *Parity*

Introduction: Why Housing First?

Housing First responses to chronic homelessness have now been in place in Australia for a sufficient time for there to be a broad and inclusive discussion and assessment by all stakeholders of its role and place in the national response to homelessness.

Housing First approaches include programs based on the essential Housing First principles that typically include outreach, rapid access to permanent housing, and wrap-around support. While a consensus is developing around the value and effectiveness of these approaches, there is variation in their application in an Australian context, and in different places, and with different cohorts within Australia.

Chapter 1: Background and Rationale

What are the origins and background to the emergence of Housing First as a distinct response to homelessness?

- How and in what ways does Housing First differ from the policy and service responses that preceded and predated it?
- How and in what context was Housing First introduced into the Australian social policy discourse?
- How and in what ways has the Housing First approach been adapted or modified to suit Australian social conditions?
- What are the essential principles or foundations of Housing First approaches?
- Most importantly, what is it that distinguishes Housing First approaches from other responses to homelessness?

Chapter 2: Models of Housing First

While the Housing First approach has its origins in the response to chronic or long-term homelessness, particularly for those sleeping rough, it has evolved and developed over time and in response to changing circumstances. As a result, there are a number of different Housing First models that are arguably all based on the essential Housing First principles.

- What is the relationship and connection between Housing First and Supportive Housing?
- How do Rapid Re-housing models apply Housing First principles?
- Are there different Housing First approaches relevant and applicable to different cohorts of the wider homeless population?
- Is the Housing First approach suitable for meeting the housing and support needs different cohorts of people experiencing homelessness. For example, young people, women and children escaping domestic and family violence, older people and people in housing crisis?
- How are the clients of Housing first programs and services selected?
- How and in what ways does the selection process for Housing First clients differ from other homelessness services?

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Chapter 3: Housing First in Place

The aim of this chapter is to provide an opportunity for all Housing First programs and services to articulate how they are implementing Housing First principles and likewise, to obtain a picture of the differences in Housing First approaches in all states and territories.

In particular, it would be good to have a discussion around the challenges and opportunities for new programs in implementing Housing First, for example, the Victorian Rough Sleeping Action Plan in outer-metropolitan and regional areas.

Likewise, what role can peer support and input from people with the lived experience of homelessness play in the development and implementation of Housing First Programs?

Chapter 4: Service Models in Housing First

The provision of “wrap around” services following the provision of housing is an essential and intrinsic part of the Housing First model. Indeed, Housing First is often conflated with Supportive Housing per se.

- What are the essential services provided in and through Housing First?
- Are there different service delivery models or strategies depending on the cohort being housed?
- How are services developed and delivered and who determines what services are required?

Chapter 5: Does Housing First Work?

This chapter is devoted to the research that has been undertaken that examines and analyses the work and results of Housing First programs and services.

- What is the evidence for the effectiveness of Housing First programs?
- How have the results of Housing First programs and services been measured and evaluated?
- What are some of the recommendations from evaluations for improving the effectiveness of Housing First programs and services?

Chapter 6: Critiquing Housing First

Housing First is not without its critics.

This chapter provides the space and the opportunity for the constructive criticism of the Housing first model.

- What if any are the shortfalls, weaknesses and limitations of Housing First models?

Chapter 7: Housing First Overseas

This chapter is intended to allow Housing First programs and services in other countries to be included in this discussion.

The key question here is: What can be learned for the application of Housing First models here in Australia from overseas examples and experience?

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