

Prevention of Homelessness

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Ask and Act

- Responsibility to prevent homelessness should be a shared public responsibility and not rely primarily on the homelessness service.
- Intervention to prevent homelessness should start as early as possible. In many cases, this will be before issues have escalated to a point where homelessness appears imminent.

Prevention Framework

- **Universal prevention** - preventing homelessness risk across the population as a whole.
- **Targeted prevention** - early intervention focusing on those at the highest risk of future homelessness e.g. people leaving prison, young people, people leaving care.
- **Crisis prevention** - working with people threatened with homelessness within the next 2 months.
- **Emergency prevention** - working with people at urgent risk of homelessness e.g. of sleeping rough that night.
- **Recovery prevention** - working with people who have previously been homeless to prevent the experience being repeated.



Services we work with

- Home First and the Hospital Discharge teams, along with rehab facilities and Bellsdyke Hospital
- CLD workers in High Schools – currently working directly out of St Mungo's High School
- Go Youth Trust
- ETU
- In house debt and welfare services
- Conflict resolutions
- RSL's (Registered Social Landlord) Link, Paragon, Places for people etc
- Housing Services
- Adult and Children social work services
- Woodlands
- Private Landlord forums
- Police and Ambulance service
- CVS – the third sector interface for Falkirk
- DWP (Department of work & pensions)
- SPS (Scottish Prison Service)
- Aberlour
- Falkirk College
- Community Settings, such as emergency services day and family days
- Cyrenians

Any questions?