

**Rebalancing the homelessness equation:
A best practice webinar to share learning from the Covid pandemic and the
Everyone In strategy**

**Wednesday 3rd February 2021
10.30 – 2.30pm**

Homelessness services have become increasingly burdened over the last 10 years as the numbers of homeless and precariously housed people have grown. Rough sleeping has surged in all parts of England and areas of the country that previously had not seen a significant homelessness problem are now facing similar issues and pressures to London Boroughs.

The pandemic arrived in this context and as the country went into lock-down the government asked councils to implement their “Everyone In” policy to ensure that rough sleepers were given a safe place to stay for both their own health and for the public’s health. Practically over one weekend the government met their rough sleeping target as local authorities, ALMOs and other partners worked tirelessly to house everyone who was sleeping on the street and move as many people and families in hostels or shared accommodation into self-contained accommodation.

During this crisis period organisations worked in different, more joined up ways and were able to offer some very excluded people a housing led support package. Lessons were learnt and good practice developed that so far have had significant success. Government has provided additional funding and MHCLG are working with councils up and down the country to try to ensure as many people are supported into long term accommodation as possible.

This NFA webinar provides everyone working in preventing and dealing with homelessness across the country an unmissable opportunity to hear from both MHCLG officials and experts on the ground about what is working and how Councils and ALMOs can act in partnership with a wide variety of organisations to help reduce rough sleeping and prevent homelessness.

Join us on the 3rd February 2021 to hear from Steve Douglas, Chief Executive at St Mungo’s, Catherine Bennion and Isabelle Connell at MHCLG, alongside service users and their lived experience in Blackpool as well as a number of council and ALMO officers with specific case studies about what works and what doesn’t. Our Chair for the event is Fiona Hughes, Chief Executive at Solihull Community Housing who lead on homelessness for their council and will be able to offer her insights across the event on how Councils and ALMOs can continue to improve their ways of working to help support some of the most vulnerable people in our communities.

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10:30 am	Welcome, introduction and opening comments from the Chair Fiona Hughes, Solihull Community Housing Chief Executive
10.40 am	Setting the scene – Why is action so important now? Steve Douglas CBE, St Mungo’s Chief Executive
11.10 am	Government strategy and first steps programme Catherine Bennion and Isabella Connell, MHCLG
11.40 am	The NFA Rebalancing the homelessness equation report Lisa Birchall, Policy and Research Officer, NFA
12:10 -12.55	Break for Lunch Followed by an afternoon of case studies and experiences from service users and supporting ALMOs and Councils.
12.55 pm	Blackpool Coastal Housing and Blackpool Council - What is it really like moving from the streets to a home? Maggie Cornall, Director of Operations A Blackpool Coastal Housing Customer
13.25 pm	Ending homelessness in Newcastle: Your Homes Newcastle and Newcastle Council Helen Neal, Assistant Director: Support services Suzanne Halliwell, Senior Manager: Support and progression Neil Muslow, Service Manager: Active Inclusion (Newcastle City Council)
13.55 pm	The view from the capital – Homes for Haringey Denise Gandy, Executive Director of Housing Demand
14:25	Chair’s summing up
14:30	Close

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<p> Name of Delegate: Job Title: Email for WebEx Joining link: Contact Tel No: </p>	<p> Terms and Conditions: To register delegates, we must receive a completed registration or booking form. An email reply will be sent to you on receipt of your form and is your proof of a confirmed booking. If you have not had a reply within 5 days, please contact alli.ward@almos.org.uk or call the NFA office. Our cancellation policy: •Notice of cancellation must be made in writing. •The attendee can nominate a named replacement at no extra cost. •If notice of cancellation is given at least 10 days before the event, only an administration fee of £20 will be charged. •If notice of cancellation is given less than 10 days before the event, or a delegate with a confirmed booking fails to join the event, the full attendance fee will be payable. </p>
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