

Homeless Families Toolkit



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Reducing the Impact
of Poverty on Health.

Homeless Families: Dare to Hope Conference

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Working Together with Homeless Families



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Introduction

What we would like to share

Introduction

Breaking the Cycle in Public Health

Inclusion Health Toolkit for professionals – an overview

Assessment Frameworks

Will you join us in Building the Future?

Next steps and close



Breaking the Cycle in Public Health

Why This Matters now



Over 132,000 HOUSEHOLDS now in temporary accommodation (2025).



Children in TA are 3x more likely to experience anxiety or depression.



Over 172,000 children in England in temporary accommodation



Homelessness is not just the absence of a home — it's a health crisis.



Homelessness has become a generational health issue

OUR INVESTIGATION FOUND THAT
**11 CHILDREN
DIED**
WHILST EXPERIENCING
HOMELESSNESS

BUT WE ALSO KNOW THAT THIS IS AN
UNDERCOUNT. WE KNOW FROM THE
PROJECT THAT MANY TEMPORARY
ACCOMMODATION PLACEMENTS ARE
UNFIT FOR CHILDREN.

MOH Museum of Homelessness



**AWAAB'S LAW UNVEILED
TO STOP SOCIAL HOUSING DEATHS**

IMPACT OF HOMELESSNESS FOR PUBLIC HEALTH



**EARLY
CHILDHOOD**
0-5 YEARS

SCHOOL AGE
6-12 YEARS

ADOLESCENCE
13-18 YEARS

YOUNG ADULTHOOD
18-30 YEARS

LATER LIFE
50+ YEARS

Low birth
weight and
developmental
delay

Poor
concentration,
anxiety
Low attainment

Periods of
rough
sleeping

Mental health
disorder and
social
exclusion

Lower life
expectancy
and complex
health needs



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Our Vision

2025

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2. Gather feedback, work with existing networks
3. Create a 'Think Tank'

2026

1. Pilot the assessment framework
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Foundational
Guidance

Practical Tools

Family Needs
Assessments

Building Skills &
Confidence

Case Studies and
Best Practice

Appendix

The Challenge for Health Professionals

- “Hidden” families fall through service gaps
- Fragmented, crisis care, lack of continuity
- Community/primary care staff may be the first to identify complex risks
- Lack of resource(s), tools, frameworks and confidence to address issues of homelessness
- Early, structured assessment enables intervention and onward sharing of information
- IT systems not talking to each other!

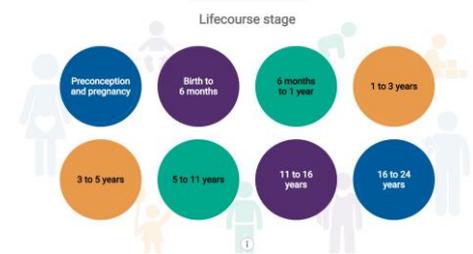


Assessment Frameworks

01 Family Assessment Framework

Six domains:

1. Physical & Mental Health
2. Education
3. Environmental Health
4. Social & Emotional Support
5. Safeguarding
6. Risk / Vulnerability



Co-produced with funding from the Burdett Trust for Nursing.

02 Complexity Assessment Framework

This tool provides dependency score which helps:

- Identify resources
- Prioritise workload
- Highlight risk

COMPLEXITY	5	6	10	15	20	25
	4	4	8	12	16	20
	3	3	6	9	12	15
	2	2	3	4	5	10
	1	1	2	3	4	5
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	12+ Monthly	2-6 Monthly	Monthly	4Weekly contacts	2- Weekly, Twice weekly+ contacts	
	FREQUENCY					

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Dependency 3	Medium – High (8-12)
Dependency 2	Medium (3-6)
Dependency 1	Low (1-2)

01 Family Assessment Framework

Environmental Health Concerns

Accommodation Condition	
Type of accommodation	B&B
Housed in temporary accommodation	Choose an item.
Access to a kitchen	YES
Inadequate bathing facilities eg bathroom, kitchen	YES
Evidence of overcrowding	NO
Use of a safe cot	YES
Shared beds	NO
Limited physical space for walking, playing	YES
Evidence of mould, damp,	NO
Evidence of inadequate heating	NO
Evidence of vermin / infestation	NO
Evidence of safety issues eg very hot radiators,	NO
Lack of privacy	NO
Inadequate facilities eg washing machines, storage	YES
Inadequate access to support services	YES
Mixed single adult/family accommodation	YES
Accommodation location	
Separation from family or social networks	YES
Access to education	YES
Frequent moving	YES
NOTES	

02 Complexity Assessment Framework

Complexity	Frequency	Score	
Homeless and pregnant (advanced pregnancy), requires Antenatal	Weekly, Twice weekly + contacts	5	
Homeless: missed ASQs, no contact with Universal HFTs since NBV	2-4 Weekly contacts	4	
Follow up of recent hospital attendances, accidents or significant illness	Monthly contact	3	
CYP from one of 3 cohorts with chronic condition with recent acute illness	2-6 Monthly Visits	2	
Annual/ opportunistic contacts with GRT families, where previous concerns existed	12+ Monthly Visits	1	

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Who is it for?

What is the benefit?

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Breaking the Cycle... It's our opportunity

Our vision

01

EARLY DESIGN

Scoping
Testing
Collaboration

02

DEVELOPMENT

Funding
Alliances
Collaboration

03

EMPOWERMENT

AI enabled
Digital roll out
Collaboration

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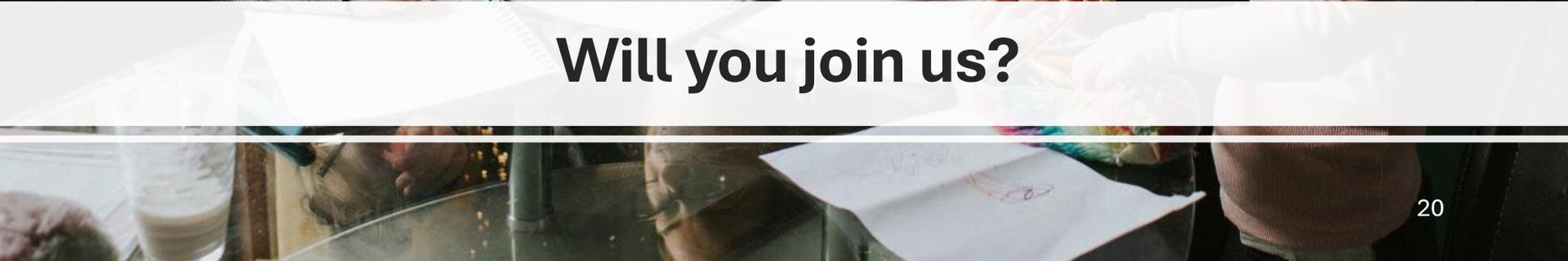
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There are 2 main areas we would like your help....

01

02



Pilot the Assessment Tool

Become part of our informal advisory team

Jan 2026

Dec onwards



If you would like to join us in any capacity or would like to know more

please complete the form on your seat



When frontline professionals are confident, skilled, and equipped, they don't just support families facing homelessness; **they transform lives for generations to come.**