

Expert Review Panel: Workplan

This is the current agreed workplan of the Expert Review Panel convened by Crisis and chaired by Prof. Suzanne Fitzpatrick, to consider legislative issues and recommend detailed solutions to reform the law.

Timeframe	Theme	Core panel agenda items/ briefing areas	Consultation work (<i>wider stakeholder engagement running parallel to experts by experience/ in conjunction with legal work provided by Liz Davies KC, Garden Court Chambers</i>) To be accompanied by wider stakeholder engagement paper.	Purpose of meeting/ potential outcomes	Notes
August	Purpose/overview of panel and workplan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agree on ToR • Agree on workplan and themes • Establish aims and scope of panel work 	<p>N/A</p> <p>Send papers to panel ahead of first meeting</p>	By the end of this meeting the panel should have a firm grasp on its purpose and a broad agreement of workplan for the next 12 months	
September	Prevention and relief duties for local authorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the current duties? • How do they work in practice? • How can they be strengthened/ expanded? • What is missing? 	<p>Briefing papers will inform initial discussion. As per wider stakeholder engagement plan, engagement should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LA housing officers 	By the end of this meeting there should be a consensus of direction for draft legislative recommendations surrounding the	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Existing models Key concerns/ solutions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WRLA Housing associations Homelessness providers ACEs hub <p>Engagement session in November with these groups will inform January review on these areas.</p>	current prevention and relief duties	
October	Priority need, intentionality and local connection, evictions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Changes resulting from COVID provision Current situation in Wales Legal interim duties Rough sleeping as priority need Each legal test Reviews/ regulatory issues Existing models/ examples Key concerns/ solutions 	<p>Briefing papers will inform initial discussion. As per wider Stakeholder engagement plan, engagement should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Orgs representing priority need categories LA housing officers RDCs <p>Engagement session in November with these groups will inform January review on these areas.</p>	By the end of the meeting there should be a consensus on what direction recommendations should take regarding PN/ intentionality/ LC – or a clear path for which areas need further evidence to reach a consensus on influencing legislation	
November	Access to housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allocations law <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local authorities 	<p>Stakeholder engagement should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Housing officers 	By the end of this meeting the panel should have identified existing	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Housing associations ● Eligibility ● Temporary accommodation ● Housing gateways/ referrals ● Suitability ● Existing models/ examples ● Key concerns/ solutions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Housing associations ● Homelessness providers 	<p>legal barriers in Wales to accessing adequate housing and began drafting recommendations on legislative reform for dismantling these barriers</p>	
January	Workplan review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Considering evidence so far and direction of work ● Reviewing outcomes from the Experts by Experience consultation events 		<p>By the end of this meeting, panel members will have decided whether or not to rejig the workplan for the remaining months and providing feedback to the experts by experience group</p>	
February	Children and families, including leaving care, youth homelessness, and violence against women, domestic abuse and sexual violence (VAWDASV).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● How homelessness providers are funded (HSG) ● The duties of social services ● The function of refuge ● Welsh context of homelessness caused by VAWDASV 	<p>Stakeholder engagement should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● VAWDASV national advisors ● New Pathways ● BAWSO ● Llamau/ End Youth 	<p>By the end of this meeting the panel should have identified how current housing and homelessness systems work to accommodate Children, young people, families and survivors of</p>	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suitability of provision • Existing models/ examples • Key concerns/ solutions 	<p>Homelessness Cymru</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welsh Women’s Aid • NSPCC • CAFCASS Cymru? • Homelessness providers • Race Equality Cymru • Disability Wales • Stonewall Cymru • Tai Pawb 	VAWDASV – where there are persistent gaps in provision and what areas of the legislative review could work to address these	
March	The role of health and social care in preventing and ending homelessness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning from the Housing First/ Rapid Rehousing models • Substance Use • Mental health • Trauma informed framework/ ways of working • Existing models/ examples 	<p>Stakeholder engagement should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Substance misuse network (chair) • Ainsley Bladon - National Adult Mental Health Clinical Lead • Social Services Representative • Housing First Network chair • IRIS project 	By the end of this meeting the panel should have a clear idea of the gold standard of health and social care’s role in prevention and early intervention and how legislative change could enable greater engagement in this role	Trauma-Informed Wales: A Societal Approach to understanding, preventing and supporting the impacts of Trauma and Adversity
April	Criminal justice systems and prevention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Devolution • ‘Prisoner Pathways’ • Local connection 	<p>Stakeholder engagement should include:</p>	By the end of this meeting panel members should have a good	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Illegal evictions • Existing models/ examples 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Justice commission • PCCs • CAF/CASS Cymru • Women's Prevention Unit (Wales) 	<p>understanding of the housing barriers facing people leaving the criminal justice system, the role of criminal justice in prevention and what legislative powers Wales has to positively influence this system</p>	
May/ June	<p>Contextual check and review of proposals</p> <p>Panel wrap up</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enforcement • Regulation 			

- Crisis will act as secretariat for the group with some support from Welsh Government officials to manage logistics for meetings.
- The core panel will meet eight times from 31 August 2022, and report after 12 months. Before meetings Crisis will issue papers for consideration and, if relevant, draft reform proposals for discussion. Meetings will be primarily online but the panel will meet in-person occasionally when required and if Covid-19 requirements and government guidance permit.
- Crisis will also convene consultation meetings before core panel meetings, to explore themes in greater detail and feed into core panel discussions. These meetings will take in perspectives from a broader group of stakeholders beyond the core panel membership.
- The panel will consider and incorporate the results of consultation work with people with lived experience of homelessness and people working professionally to end homelessness. Cymorth Cymru will lead this work on behalf of the panel.
- Throughout the process there will be consideration of panel members fulfilling the role of 'thematic leads' in certain areas to provide additional expertise and aid Crisis in drafting stakeholder invitations.
- The core panel will provide input into the agenda in advance of each consultation meeting and will receive a report from Crisis following each consultation meeting and advance policy papers and briefings before each core panel meeting.

- This work will happen in conjunction with legal work provided by Liz Davies KC, Garden Court Chambers.
- The experiences of people who require specialist support, marginalised groups, and people with protected characteristics will be considered in every part of the Expert Review Panel's work.
- Crisis will produce a report reflecting the conclusions of the review.
- Meetings will be held under the Chatham House Rule.