



Cymorth Cymru Annual Conference 2018 Meeting the challenge together

PROGRAMME

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15 March 2018, Marriott Hotel, Cardiff

07.30 – 08.30	Exhibition Set Up
09.00 – 09.30	Registration, Refreshments and Exhibition Viewing
09.30– 10:00	<p>Welcome Conference Hall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Katie Dalton – Director, Cymorth Cymru @Katie_Dalton
10:00 – 10:05	<p>Ministerial Address Conference Hall</p> <p>A video address from Welsh Government Minister Rebecca Evans AM, highlighting her priorities for her new portfolio.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rebecca Evans AM – Minister for Housing and Regeneration @wgmin_housing
10:05 – 11:00	<p>Welsh Government policy update Conference Hall</p> <p>Delegates will hear from Welsh Government officials about the latest homelessness and housing-related support policy developments, including funding flexibility projects, the devolution of supported accommodation funding, the Supporting People data linkage project, the rough sleeping action plan and Housing First.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul Webb – Housing Policy Team, Welsh Government • Sarah Lowe – Knowledge and Analytical Services, Welsh Government • Rob Owen – Housing Policy Team, Welsh Government
11:00 – 11:15	Break and Exhibition Viewing
11:15 – 12:15	<p>Showcasing Homelessness Prevention Grant projects Conference Hall</p> <p>This session will highlight some of the projects currently being funded by the Homelessness Prevention Grant, including those focused on the private rented sector, Housing First and mental health. We hope to share good practice from across different parts of Wales to inform service development elsewhere.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adam Golten – Street Homeless Information Network, The Wallich • PRS Incentive Scheme team, Caerphilly County Council • More speakers TBC
12:15 – 13:10	Lunch and Exhibition Viewing



<p>13:10 – 14:05</p>	<p>Workshops</p>		
	<p>Health & Care</p> <p>Practical ways to improve partnership working with health and social care. This session will look at how different organisations have developed and improved their partnerships with health and social care services in order to deliver better support to vulnerable people.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ewan Hilton – Chief Executive, Gofal • Rhian Stone – Director of Care and Support, Pobl Group 	<p>Work & Training</p> <p>The new Work and Health programme: how it can support vulnerable people This session will introduce the new Work and Health Programme, consider the challenges faced by those furthest from the labour market, and establish common approaches that can be taken to support people into work – where appropriate and helpful.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drew Smith – Head of Operations, Remploy Cymru • Helen Cornet – Partnerships Lead, Remploy Cymru 	<p>Criminal Justice</p> <p>Improving relationships with the police to benefit people in supported accommodation South Wales Police will discuss how they can use their data and Community Support Officers to provide better support for vulnerable people in supported accommodation - and offer an opportunity for delegates to be involved in this work.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bonnie Navarra – Assistant Police and Crime Commissioner for South Wales
<p>14:05 – 14:10 Workshop Rotation</p>			
<p>14:10 – 15:05</p>	<p>Workshops:</p>		
	<p>Welfare reform</p> <p>Preparing and adapting for Universal Credit Universal Credit roll-out is proceeding at pace, and with reports suggesting a significant increase in rent arrears upon implementation, learning from good practice will be vital. In this session, we will hear from a local authority and a housing association about how they adapted their approaches when UC was rolled out in their areas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jen Griffiths – Benefits Manager, Flintshire County Council 	<p>Substance misuse</p> <p>Developing good practice for substance misuse and homelessness In this session, Cymorth Cymru will lead a discussion about the new <i>Good Practice Framework for Substance Misuse and Homelessness</i>, before submitting a draft for the Welsh Government. This will be our members' final opportunity to feed in to this work before we submit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cymorth Cymru 	<p>Flexible funding</p> <p>Ensuring housing and homelessness are at the heart of Welsh Government plans This will be an opportunity to feed in to the Welsh Government's funding flexibility work, in particular ensuring that any future funding policy captures the outputs and outcomes that are critical to the delivery of successful homelessness and housing-related support services in Wales.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ruth Studley – Deputy Director, Welsh Government



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15:05 – 15:20	Break and Exhibition Viewing		
15:20 – 15:50	<p>Experts by experience Conference Hall</p> <p>During this session we will hear from the experts: people who are using or have used housing-related support services in Wales. The panel will present the findings from this year’s engagement events, run by Cymorth Cymru in January. They will highlight what matters to people using services and what they’d like to see improved in future.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Katie Dalton and a panel of experts 		
15:50 – 16:20	<p>Lessons from North America Conference Hall</p> <p>Tamsin Stirling will report back from her Winston Churchill Memorial Trust trip to North America, looking at new or different approaches to preventing and tackling youth homelessness.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tamsin Stirling – independent housing consultant 		
16:20 – 16:30	<p>Final remarks Conference Hall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rhian Stone – Chair of the Board, Cymorth Cymru 		
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