

RAPID REHOUSING SUMMIT

PROGRAMME

24 SEPTEMBER 2025



09:30	REGISTRATION AND REFRESHMENTS
10:00	WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Katie Dalton, Cymorth Cymru • Matt Downie, Ending Homelessness National Advisory Board • Bev Luchmun, Welsh Government
10:10	EXPERTS BY EXPERIENCE: THE HUMAN IMPACT OF RAPID REHOUSING To set the scene for today, we will hear from experts by experience, who reflect on their experiences of rapid rehousing and what matters most to them.
10:20	A DEEP DIVE INTO RAPID REHOUSING <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amy Carter, Welsh Government The Welsh Government will outline the findings from the rapid rehousing 'deep dive' sharing good practice and learning from the exercise, the barriers faced by local authorities and the solutions developed in response, and recommendations for continuing to embed rapid rehousing across Wales.
10:30	LOCAL REFLECTIONS ON THE DEEP DIVE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheryl Emery, Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council • Katie Clubb, Conwy County Borough Council • Laura Garvey-Cubbon, Cardiff Council Each of the three local authorities who participated in the 'deep dive' will reflect on the findings, the challenges and successes locally, and how the deep dive exercise has informed their approach to rapid rehousing.
11:15	GETTING STRATEGIC BUY-IN: DATA AND LEADERSHIP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nigel Jones, Denbighshire County Council • Nichola Harris, Denbighshire County Council • Emma O'Brien, Neath Port Talbot Council • Mark Edwards, Neath Port Talbot Council This plenary presentation will highlight how a good understanding of the numbers and profile of households at risk of or experiencing homelessness helps to engage senior officers and Cabinet of the crisis. The data is also critical to target resources, developing appropriate housing solutions and understanding progress in reducing dependence on unsuitable accommodation.



11:45	REFRESHMENT BREAK
12:15	<p>THE VISION FOR RAPID REHOUSING IN WALES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jayne Bryant MS, Cabinet Secretary for Housing and Local Government <p>The Cabinet Secretary will set out the Welsh Government's vision for homelessness in Wales to become rare, brief and unrepeated, reiterating her commitment to rapid rehousing in Wales.</p>
12:30	<p>HOUSING SUPPLY: INCREASING AND ALIGNING STOCK TO MEET HOMELESSNESS NEED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stuart Fitzgerald, Welsh Government • Sharon Stone, Wrexham County Borough Council • Emily Feast, Wrexham County Borough Council • Jessica Wright, Wrexham County Borough Council <p>Improving access to social and affordable housing is critical to rapid rehousing, through increasing the supply of housing and ensuring that development and allocations align with the needs of people experiencing or at risk of homelessness. In this session, we will hear from Welsh Government about the national perspective, as well as hearing from a local authority that has taken strides in achieving this locally.</p>
13:00	<p>PUBLIC SERVICES: KEY TO PREVENTION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bev Luchmun, Welsh Government • Anna Graham, Cardiff Council • Siân Bunston, Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council <p>It is widely accepted that homelessness is not just a housing issue, and a range of public services have a critical role in making it rare, brief and unrepeated. In this session, we will hear how two regions have developed a partnership approach to meeting the health needs of people experiencing homelessness.</p>
13:30	LUNCH AND NETWORKING
14:15	WORKSHOPS
15:05	MOVE TO NEXT WORKSHOP
15:10	WORKSHOPS
16:00	<p>REFLECTIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matt Downie, Ending Homelessness National Advisory Board • Katie Dalton, Cymorth Cymru <p>A reflection on the discussions during the day and a look to the future, including opportunities for attendees to share their views.</p>
16:20	CLOSE

WORKSHOPS

INCREASING AND ALIGNING HOUSING SUPPLY

In this workshop we will hear from **Neath Port Talbot Council** and **Powys County Council** about how they are increasing supply, and discuss the challenges and solutions to inform local action.

MULTI-DISCIPLINARY HEALTH OUTREACH

In this workshop we will hear from practitioners from **Cardiff and Vale** and **Cwm Taf Morgannwg** about their multi-disciplinary outreach and partnership work to meet the health needs of people experiencing homelessness.

DATA AND LEADERSHIP

Learn more about the work undertaken by **Conwy County Borough Council** to take a strategic approach to rapid rehousing, including restructuring teams, securing the support of corporate and political leaders, and using data better understand and meet people's needs.

LEASING SCHEME WALES: INCREASING SUPPLY IN THE PRS

The Welsh Government will provide an update on the work local authorities are doing with the private rented sector to increase supply in the short term, particularly focussing on single people and models of housing to support them.

WORKING WITH CRIMINAL JUSTICE PARTNERS

In this workshop we will hear from **Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council** about their Built for Zero approach to meeting the housing needs of people leaving prison.

REDUCING RELIANCE ON UNSUITABLE TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION

Hear from the **Isle of Anglesey County Council** and **Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council** about their approach to reducing reliance on unsuitable temporary accommodation.

RAPID REHOUSING, FAIR FUTURES: EMBEDDING EQUALITY IN EVERY STEP

In this workshop **Tai Pawb** and the **Welsh Refugee Council** will explore how rapid rehousing can deliver not just homes but fairer outcomes. We will focus on the experiences of refugees and other groups at risk of exclusion, and discuss the challenges and solutions to ensure equality is embedded in local approaches.

