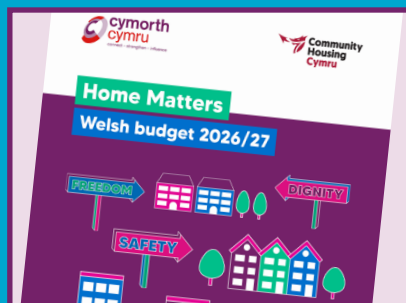


Cymorth Cymru: A snapshot of our work in 2025/26

Welsh Budget 2026/27

- Conducted research with members and partners on impact of funding decisions and pressures on services.
- Wrote and published two reports, focusing on homelessness, housing support and social care funding.
- Shared data with Welsh Government and opposition MSs to argue for increased funding.
- Developed campaign materials.
- Gave evidence to Senedd Committees and made representations in the media.



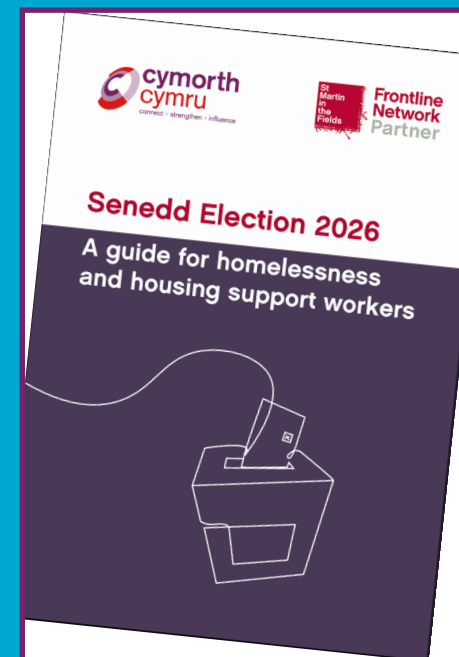
Homelessness and Social Housing Allocation (Wales) Act

- Led work to engage with over 300 people with lived experience, ensuring they helped to shape the Bill.
- Provided frontline workers with updates and opportunities to influence the Bill.
- Provided written and oral evidence to Senedd Committees during scrutiny of the Bill.
- Worked with Crisis and Shelter Cymru to develop briefings and support MSs from a range of parties to develop amendments to the Bill.



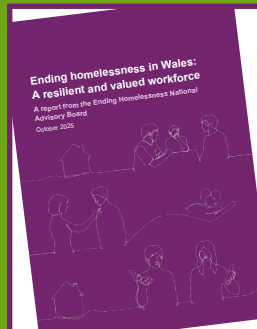
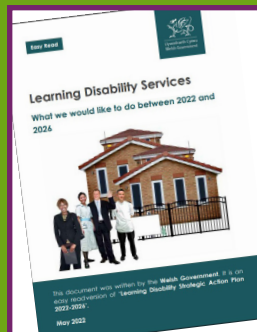
Senedd election 2026

- Worked with our members, frontline workers and experts by experience to develop a manifesto, featuring our priorities for the next Welsh Government.
- Posted campaign packs to members, with materials and voter registration forms.
- Attended party conferences, briefing candidates and speaking at fringe events.
- Supported the homelessness sector hustings in Swansea and Wrexham.
- Held webinars about the election for frontline workers and produced a frontline worker guide to the election.
- Published a comparison of party manifestos.



Housing support workforce

- Secured successive increases in funding to be directed to increase frontline worker pay.
- Ensured frontline workers shaped the workplan, report and recommendations from the Workforce Task and Finish Group.
- Played key role in sub-groups on pay, support for staff, training and qualifications, and commissioning.
- Analysed data and wrote / co-wrote several reports, including the final report to the Ending Homelessness National Advisory Board and the Cabinet Secretary for Housing.



Learning disability policy

- Collected evidence and raised concerns with the Welsh Government, and as a member of the Fair Work Forum, about the implementation of the Real Living Wage policy.
- Provided evidence and held a member roundtable with the researchers who were conducting the review of the implementation of this policy.
- Represented members at the Learning Disability Ministerial Advisory Group, contributing to the development of a new Learning Disability Action Plan.
- Participated in the Homes Not Hospitals group and contributed to the report.

Supported housing standards

- Worked with the Welsh Government to inform UK Government officials about Welsh policy, funding, commissioning and quality assurance mechanisms.
- Played active role in Welsh Government Supported Housing Standards Task and Finish Group to develop Welsh-specific supported housing standards.
- Held events and produced briefing for providers, landlords and commissioners to support their engagement in the UK Government consultation.

Cross-government representation

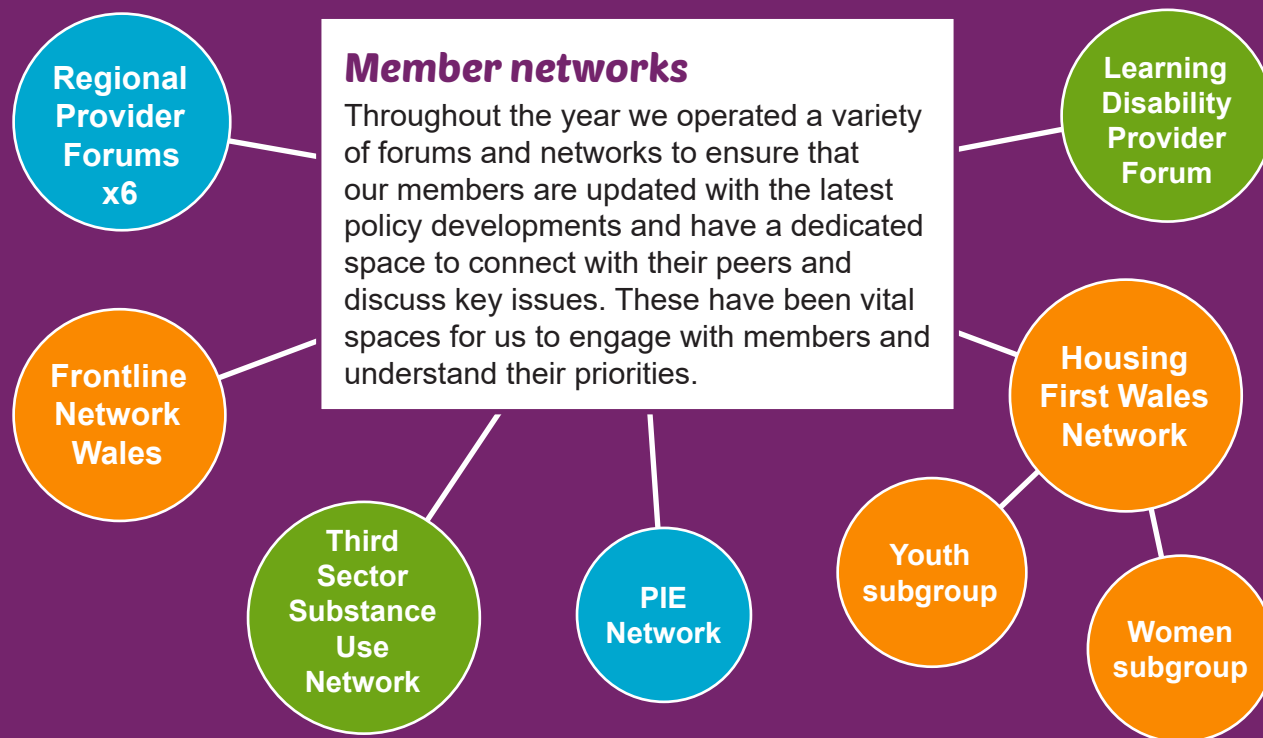
We provide a strong voice on key strategic groups:

- Ending Homelessness National Advisory Board
 - Rapid Rehousing Task and Finish Group
 - Workforce Task and Finish Group
 - National Strategic Inclusion Health Group
- Supported Housing Standards Task and Finish Group
- Mental Health National Partnership Board
- National Implementation Board for Drug Poisoning Prevention
- Learning Disability Ministerial Advisory Group
- Social Care Fair Work groups
- NHS Wales Performance and Improvement Mental Health National Stakeholder Group
- NHS Wales Performance and Improvement Suicide and Self Harm National Programme Board



Evidence to inquiries and consultations

- Senedd Local Government and Housing Committee: Housing Support for Vulnerable People
- Covid-19 Inquiry: Housing and homelessness
- UK Government: Supported Housing Regulation
- UK Parliament Welsh Affairs Committee: Prisons, Probation and Rehabilitation in Wales
- Senedd: Homelessness and Social Housing Allocation (Wales) Bill
- Senedd: Welsh Government Budget 2026/27
- UK Parliament Welsh Affairs Committee: Housing and Homelessness in Wales
- Welsh Government: Social Care Negotiating Body for Wales



Conferences

Hosted online and in-person events, working with partners to provide a space to inform the sector about key policy developments, highlight good practice and listen to the views of experts by experience:

- Housing First Wales Conference
- Rapid Rehousing Summit, in partnership with the Welsh Government
- Annual Conference
- Inclusion Health Summit, in partnership with Public Health Wales

Psychologically Informed Environments

- Worked with End Youth Homelessness Cymru to deliver the Youth Experiential Learning Simulation to government and public sector leaders in Cardiff, and to managers and frontline staff from a range of public and third sector services in Carmarthenshire.
- Delivered 11 PIE Foundation training sessions across Wales to ~240 attendees, who rated the training 9.6 out of 10, with 100% saying they would recommend it to colleagues.

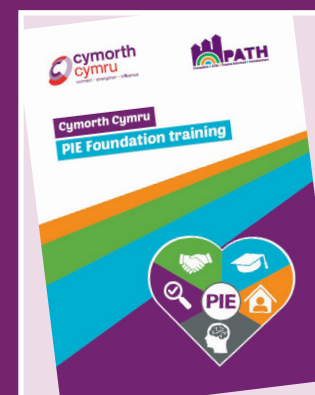
Housing First

- Continued to operate the Housing First Wales Network and its subgroups, providing a space for sharing good practice, discussing challenges and supporting service development.
- Delivered our unique accreditation process, supporting services to maintain fidelity to the Housing First principles.
- Published Housing First statistics that show a 91% tenancy sustainment rate across Wales.
- Played an active role in the Housing First Europe Hub, contributing to policy reports and communities of practice.

Frontline Network Wales

In partnership with the Frontline Network:

- Funded 200 free places for frontline workers to undertake a Renting Homes (Wales) Act e-learning course and 85 free places on Anti-Racism training.
- Hosted free webinars on the Senedd elections, complex needs, and Shelter Cymru's Advice Online service.
- Engaged with frontline workers to inform our Senedd manifesto and we produced a frontline worker guide to the elections.
- Ensured frontline workers shaped the Workforce Task and Finish Group.



"The impact that training had has been absolutely huge. It has always been at the back of my mind every time I've made decisions, developed new policies."

Participant in the Youth Experiential Learning Simulation