

Strategic Outcome Statement

Theme	Community Wellbeing. CW4 – Providing Quality Housing Services. CW3 – Ensure the needs of homeless people are met in line with National Policy.
Strategy	Local Housing Strategy – Access to Housing
Sub Theme	Homelessness.
National Outcome / Single Outcome Agreement 7.3.1	We have tackled the significant inequalities in Scottish society / All homeless households will be entitled to settled accommodation by 2012.
What do we want to achieve/ improve (Priority/ Output)	<p>(i) We will have homelessness prevention measures in place including the provision of a clear homelessness information and advice framework with the aim of reducing homeless presentations by 5% per year.</p> <p>(ii) Homeless households will have settled accommodation, with relevant support by 2012.</p> <p>(iii) The health and wellbeing of homeless people is considered in all contacts and addressed in the most co-ordinated way possible.</p>
Challenges	<p>Scottish Government, 2012 Target – To abolish the ‘Priority Need’ category and to provide permanent accommodation to all unintentionally homeless people.</p> <p>The need for additional temporary accommodation and to reduce the reliance upon B&B accommodation.</p> <p>Single homelessness is a significant challenge in Aberdeenshire requiring targeted responses.</p>

	<p>Ensuring we are engaging with Service Users effectively.</p> <p>Provision of appropriate support including specialist support.</p>
<p>How well are we doing (Baseline)</p>	<p>(i) In 07/08 there were 1587 presentations.</p> <p>(ii) Average length of stay in B&B accommodation – 54 days. (07/08)</p> <p>Average length of stay in Hostel accommodation – 73 days. (07/08)</p> <p>Average length of stay in Council’s furnished temporary accommodation – 147 days (07/08)</p> <p>In 07/08 there were 17 breaches of the Unsuitable Accommodation Order.</p> <p>(iii) The health of homeless people will be improved through increased service provision and raising awareness among staff. – indicators to be identified.</p>
<p>Strategic Outcome Group</p>	<p>Homelessness Strategy Group</p>