

# Housing First England - November News 2017

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## Providing Housing First for Women – join the webinar

Threshold provides a successful, gender-specific Housing First service for vulnerable women in Greater Manchester. We are hosting a webinar on 17 November with Threshold's service manager, Amanda and peer mentor, Linda, giving you the opportunity to hear about their work and new good practice toolkit and the importance of peer mentoring to the support they provide. Sign up to join the webinar [here](#).





## Taking Housing First Forward – book your place at our national conference

Homeless Link is presenting this event on 28 February 2018 to share learning around effective Housing First provision in England, how various challenges have been overcome and how to capture and utilise service impact to draw in funding. Sessions will offer inspiration for housing and support providers, commissioners and decision makers with content relevant to those already offering Housing First and those who are new to the approach.

Find out more and book your place [here](#).

We hope residents of Housing First services and Experts by Experience involved with Housing First locally will be able to join us for the conference and have reserved a limited number of paid-for places. If you would like to apply, please contact [kate.alaway@homelesslink.org.uk](mailto:kate.alaway@homelesslink.org.uk). Places are initially restricted to one per project. Homeless Link is also able to cover travel costs for these places.

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## Championing Housing First at Party Conferences

Housing First England was pleased to represent frontline services at fringe event debates on preventing and ending homelessness at the Conservative and Labour Party Conferences this year.

Jo Prestidge voiced experiences shared with us from the Housing First services we work with including challenges around access to housing, long-term sustainable funding and wider health and social care services. She also emphasised the need for a collaborative strategy to end homelessness that reaches from central government down to the front line in every sector.

Read more about the events [here](#).





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## Guidance for commissioners is published

Securing appropriate and sustainable funding is one of the key challenges faced in the delivery of Housing First. To help overcome this barrier, we have published and circulated guidance for commissioners. The guidance argues the business case for Housing First and shares practical information and resources to help more commissioners to fund projects adapted to their local community.

The guidance is available from our website at [hfe.homeless.org.uk/resource/guidance-toolkits](http://hfe.homeless.org.uk/resource/guidance-toolkits). Please share it with any potential funders you think it may be of interest to.

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## Stay in touch

If your service is not featured on the HFE website, or you have any service evaluations or case studies that you'd like to add, please contact [joanne.prestidge@homeless.org.uk](mailto:joanne.prestidge@homeless.org.uk)

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