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Housing First England - January update



National Housing First conference – don't miss out

Our national [Housing First conference](#) is fast approaching and promises a diverse schedule packed with inspiration, new information and advice. Highlights include:

- Sharing the initial findings from our new Housing First models research to demonstrate how services may be set up in different ways
- An address by the Rt Hon Sajid Javid MP, outlining the Government's Housing First plans, and a presentation by Campbell Robb, Joseph Rowntree Foundation's Chief Executive
- Tips on capturing service impact to secure funding or get a service commissioned

Tickets are going fast, [so click here to book yours soon!](#)

A number of paid-for places are reserved for Housing First residents (covering travel costs) and support workers hoping to accompany them can benefit from a reduced-price ticket. Please contact joanne.prestidge@homelesslink.org.uk to book these places.

Join our new Practice Forums

We're pleased to announce the launch of three new Practice Forums for Housing First teams this year. They will be run by staff whose services are active members of the Housing First England movement with the first meetings to be held in February.

The Forums aim to build upon our popular 2017 Away Days, giving staff the chance to discuss challenges and learning; share good practice and network with others working in Housing First.

If you are interested in taking part, please **speak to your Housing First service manager**, who received an email with information and booking details at the start of the year.

- Practice Forum South – 6 February, London
- Practice Forum North – 6 February, Manchester
- Housing First for Women Forum – 15 February, Birmingham

Gender-informed Housing First



For those interested in learning more about Housing First services for women, we have resources and information to share:

- Threshold provides a Housing First service for vulnerable women in Greater Manchester. Service manager, Amanda Bloxsome and peer mentor, Linda, recently recorded a webinar discussing their work and what makes it successful. You can [listen to the webinar here](#).
- Threshold has also launched a new service for households with complex needs who are fleeing domestic violence (DV), and provision for a specialist

support service for women fleeing DV who may have no recourse to public funds.

For further information, please contact HousingFirst@thp.org.uk

- Louisa Steele from Standing Together was a participant in Homeless Link's Transatlantic Practice Exchange, 2017, and used her placement to explore specialist women's Housing First provision in Skid Row, Los Angeles. Read about Louisa's key learning [in her blog here](#).

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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

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