The Homelessness Partnership

Summary of project and achievements

The charity Shelter Scotland successfully lobbied the new Scottish Parliament in 1999 to create a Homelessness Taskforce as one of their first achievements. The Homelessness Taskforce identified the particular problem of homelessness in Glasgow and in 2001 established a Homelessness Partnership between NHS Greater Glasgow, Glasgow City Council, and Glasgow Homelessness Network (the umbrella organisation for other homelessness services).

The 3 main aims of the Homelessness Partnership are to close Glasgow City Council's large homeless hostels and provide more suitable alternative temporary accommodation, to prevent homelessness occurring in the first place, and to return homeless people back to secure tenancies.

Conventional minimal hostel provision

has begun to be replaced by decent rooms with cooking and washing facilities…

showing homeless people that they're worth looking after

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The Homelessness Partnership and the Department of Public Health have collaborated successfully on several major pieces of work. These include:

- production of a comprehensive needs assessment\(^1\) to guide commissioning of new services and to influence the *Strategy for the Prevention and Alleviation of Homelessness in Glasgow*\(^2\)

- the development of an integrated assessment to better understand at an individual level why people become homeless, and then direct them to appropriate services

- a monitoring and evaluation framework to ensure that specialist NHS services for homeless people are of a high quality

References
