

Project update

ACT Homelessness Sector Shared Practice Framework development project

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About the project

The ACT specialist homelessness services sector is undergoing significant reform. In 2022 specialist homelessness services called for the creation of a Shared Practice Framework the objective of which is to:

- develop common communications and practices in the initial screening of people presenting to specialist homelessness services, in the assessment and prioritisation of need, and in referrals.

The Shared Practice Framework will provide a guide for how the ACT homelessness sector should work together.

The Framework will include several parts which are based on a shared understanding of practice and practice principles.

The assessment tool and processes will be agreed upon and used by the sector as a whole.

The Framework will allow flexibility for different styles of working, including supporting existing case management approaches and outcomes measurement.

Embedding of the Framework will be supported by training and champions from the sector.

Where are we up to?

We have been connecting with the sector over the second half of 2024, as well as reviewing key documents, literature and assessment tools and processes. From these conversations and reviews we have worked up initial ideas for the Shared Practice Framework in an Options Paper.

We have also presented to a meeting of Joint Pathways Executive.

The project has Human Research ethics approval from Flinders University.

What's next?

The next step in the project is engaging with the people with lived and living experience of homelessness, the sector, peaks and government stakeholders about the elements, considerations and questions in the Options Paper.

Engagements will take place in early 2025.

A more fully developed Shared Practice Framework will be shared with the same groups in 2025 for final feedback.

The Shared Practice Framework will be piloted in 2025, including the new common assessment tool and processes.

How you can participate

We welcome your input into the Shared Practice Framework. You can be involved in this project in several ways:

- You can participate in an interview or focus group discussing the considerations and questions in the Options Paper.
- You can help spread the word about the project and encourage colleagues and others to get involved.
- You can help us connect with people with lived and living experience of the ACT homelessness system so they can have a say in the development of the Framework.
- You can suggest who else we should connect with (peaks, other key organisations).
- You can be a champion of the Framework.

For further information please contact

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Can you help us?

We want to hear the thoughts of **people with lived and living experience** of homelessness as part of the Shared Practice Framework development. People with lived and living experience will receive a \$50 gift voucher.

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