

Housing, care and carers

The workshop heard from **Housing Options Scotland**

- A charity providing cross tenure housing options brokerage service.
- Provide bespoke housing info to clients
- Tailored to the needs of clients
- Right home in right place

Conflict of interest between discharge coordinator and Housing Options – neutral option – happy to work with anyone, impartiality important

A HOS home is whatever suits the individual at that time in their life.

What is an ideal home?

- Bricks & Mortar – what does it look like/how many bedrooms /needs of the occupant e.g. spare room for overnight carer.
- Networks – who and what do you need near you?
- Emotional wellbeing – social networks, gardens, light, tolerated noise.

What are the issues for ideal homes?

- Affordability
- It doesn't exist.

Solutions

- Tenure ships
- Ownership - i.e. mortgages etc., shared ownership – benefit mortgages
- Self-build – model of the future being supported by Scottish Government – issue around plots of land etc.
- Private renting – a private individual tenancy

Current Issues in Scotland raised by participants

- Cluster housing would be beneficial in this scenario
- Why is the core and cluster model not an accepted model anymore by the Scottish Government?
- Important to have individuals in the shared housing complexes to look after them/keep an eye on them.
- Options for conversation identified – people don't necessarily want disabled people next door to them.
- Differentiations in different local authorities
- Lack of support from local authorities in terms of planning around housing