

Youth Homelessness Prevention Pathways

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aims to prevent, reduce and end
youth homelessness in Scotland**



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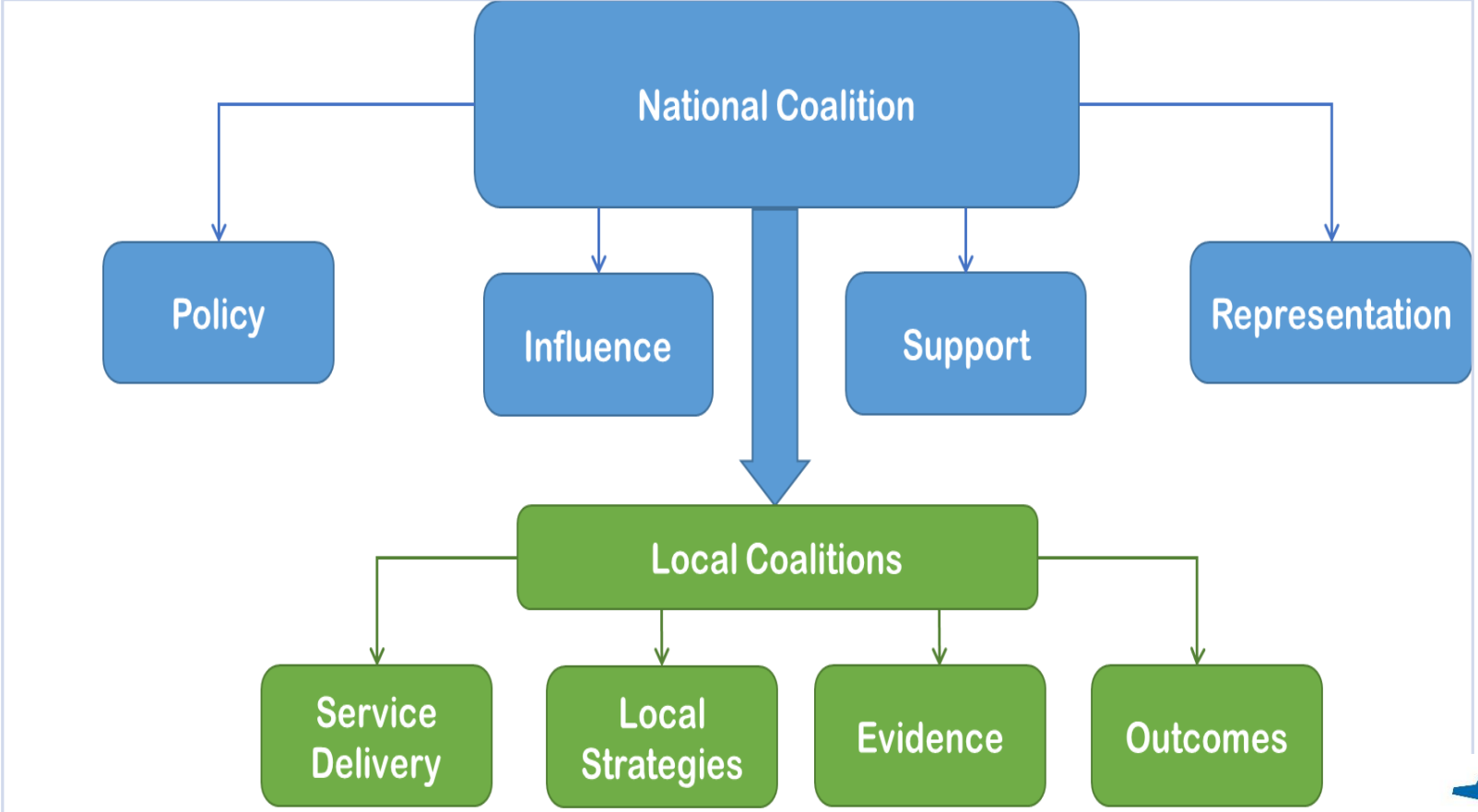
What

Move from a crisis based approach, to a prevention based approach!
Helping the partners in each local authority to plan and implement youth homelessness strategies.

Consultations with national government and local authorities.
Supporting the use of evidence based effective models of youth homeless services.

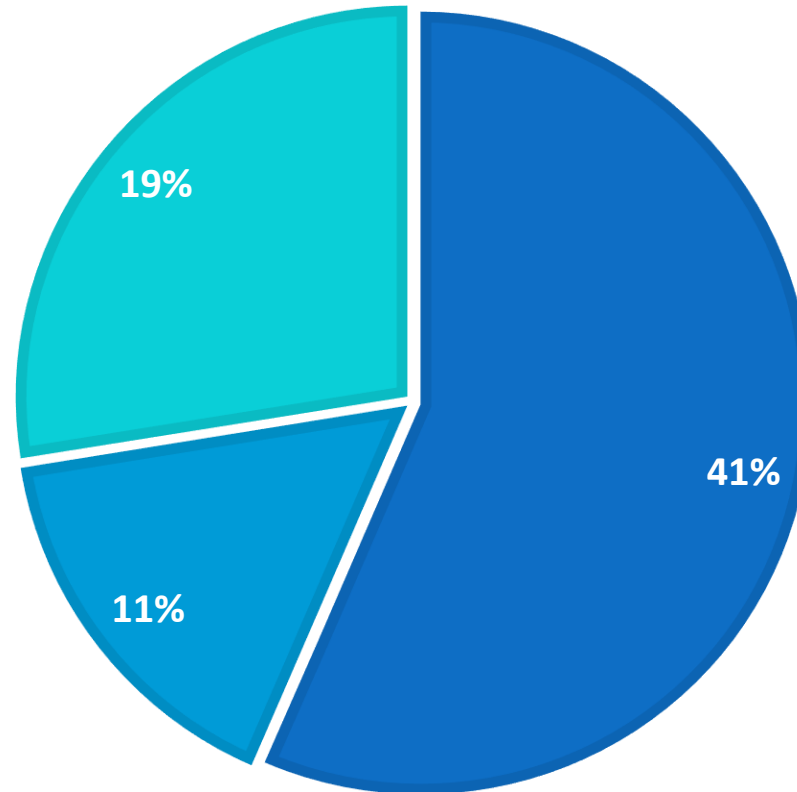
Putting youth homelessness on the agenda of decision makers.
Public spotlight on youth homelessness.

How



Why youth homelessness

- In 2018/19 6,996 young people registered as homeless
- That is almost 25% of the entire Scottish homeless population.
- But young people represent only 11% of the nation's total population!



■ Asked to leave ■ Violent dispute with household ■ Relationship breakdown

Youth homelessness is different from adult homelessness

Age
Emotional and personal development
Experience & skills

This leads to:
Trauma
Criminal activity
Higher risk of exploitation
Decline in mental health and general health

HARSAG recommendation # 6

Ensure plans are always agreed – or agreed as quickly as possible – to prevent homelessness for the groups who are predictably at highest risk of rough sleeping and homelessness

HPSG has tasked the Coalition with developing preventive pathways for groups at highest risk, looking particularly at:

- Young people with experience of the care system or on leaving the care system**
- Young people from the LGBT community**
- Young people with adverse childhood experiences (ACEs)**

Care Leavers Housing Pathway: Where we are today

Multi agency working group to produce an improved pathway to ameliorate the housing journey of care leavers in Scotland.

The main challenge is implementation: key elements for a positive transition are already in place, yet a post-code lottery still exists.

Our work aims to set out a specific series of actions which will support the full implementation and delivery of the parameters of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014.

Our work recognises that care experienced young people have different needs which the State, as a result of its legal and ethical responsibilities as a corporate parent, has a duty to fulfil.

Thank you!



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