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Update — A series of meetings have been arranged with housing sector representatives across the sectors to consider. These meetings will follow an event – *Untangling evictions* - being hosted by Scotland's Housing Network on 18 March, aiming to share views, experiences and intelligence/data. PRS Resilience Group have considered transition support for renters as we move out of the emergency arrangements and will continue to discuss this at future meetings. Further detailed conversations have taken place between SG officials and Citizens Advice, particularly around mapping those most at risk.

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**From:** [Redacted]

**Sent:** 11 March 2021 10:22

**To:** [Redacted]

**Cc:** [Redacted]; [Redacted]

**Subject:** RE: Actions from Joint Housing Resilience Chairs meeting - 24 February 2021 - to be updated by 15 March

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Regards,

[Redacted]

[Redacted] | Private Housing Services Team Leader | Housing and Social Justice Directorate | The Scottish Government | Telephone: [Redacted]



**From:** [Redacted]

**Sent:** 11 March 2021 10:08

**To:** [Redacted]; [Redacted]; [Redacted]; [Redacted]; [Redacted]; [Redacted]

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Hello all

Grateful if you could have a quick look at the attached actions and let me know if there have been any further updates by cop Monday 15 March.

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Actions from Joint Housing Resilience Chairs meeting - 24 February 2021  
<https://erdm.scotland.gov.uk:8443/documents/A32193069/details>

Thanks

Kind regards

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Senior Policy Advisor  
Housing and Independent Living Team  
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Scottish Government

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I am currently working from home so the best way to reach me is by email.  
Please note I finish at 1.30pm on Friday.