

## **Paper 2 – Potential future changes to fields provided in the homelessness data**

### **1) To improve information about equality characteristics**

- To modify questions on gender to ask:  
How would you describe your gender identity?  
Man  
Woman  
In another way

This question is being trialled in the Scottish Household Survey before being rolled out in surveys more widely.

- To collect an additional question on sexual orientation (currently used in housing surveys):  
Which of the options below best describes how you think of yourself?  
Heterosexual/Straight  
Gay/Lesbian  
Bisexual  
Other

Areas of discussion:

- Do local authorities already collect these sets of information?
- Would we aim to ask both the main applicant and the applicant partner?

### **2) To add a ‘Private Residential Tenancy’ option to ‘outcomes’**

- Add the option of Private Residential Tenancy to ‘Short Secure Tenancy’

Areas of discussion:

- Is it realistic to collect information on the specific type of tenancy agreement, or could there be an alternative of using a general “private rented sector” option?

### **3) From last HSUG – ‘Statisticians to consider revising the Prevent 1 data spec to include ‘Mortgage to rent’ on to Outcome category.**

Areas of discussion:

- Is this something that should also be added to HL1 outcomes?
- If ‘Mortgage to rent’ is not available as an option then what other category would these outcomes be recorded under?

### **4) HL1 Applicant outcome - deceased**

- Do other local authorities record this as ‘other ‘known’”? Is there need to include this as another outcome category?

### **5) Have local authorities adapted practises to the change in the unsuitable accommodation order from 14 to 7 days? (HL2 and HL3)**

### **6) Any other potential changes to make?**