Better data. Better results.
Tackling street homelessness more effectively in Scotland
The data we have on street homelessness in Scotland only shows a partial picture.
We aren’t measuring people’s pathways off the streets. What we do measure is not joined up and incomplete.
To improve results at scale we need to have a better overview of the street homelessness problem.
Start with the end goal in mind
Accelerate progress by ensuring that when we help people affected by homelessness we do so as effectively as possible.
We are here to help change-makers accelerate their use of evidence and data to achieve better results for people affected by homelessness.
Our flagship tools

- Evidence and Gap Map
- Evidence Finder
- Intervention Tool
- SHARE Framework
VISION
Any experience of homelessness is rare, brief and non-recurrent

SHARE
Smart Policy
Design smart policies and programmes

Housing system
Create a housing system that leaves no one behind

All in it together
Make ending homelessness a shared priority

Relational
Connect people with place and each other

Ecosystem of services
Grow a person-centred ecosystem of services
HOW MIGHT A MONITORING SYSTEM...

...Support joint working?
...Assist service and policy planning?
...Track trends?
...Measure the impact of decisions?
EXAMPLES OF EXISTING SYSTEMS

CHAIN (London)

SHIN (Wales)

Built for zero (USA)
INITIAL HYPOTHESIS FOR OPTIONS

Improve existing data + build a case management system with smart supporting data
FURTHER ACTIVITIES (SEPTEMBER – DECEMBER 2018)

- Cost-benefit analysis
- Identifying and meeting with potential IT/IS vendors
- Longitudinal pilots + developed prototypes to be run with LAs
- Assessment of how the data system can inform recommendations 19+20 from HARSAG (i.e. reinstating questions of housing services and data reporting to parliament)

- Ongoing stakeholder engagement (building momentum with LAs, getting buy in for the new system, providing a platform for government, LAs and the wider homelessness sector to showcase ‘bright spots’ where data is being used effectively)
- Initial figures -- which can be be taken to parliament early 2019 -- from pilot areas
- Final system specification prepared
What do you think will be important to prioritise as we embark on this project?