

## Under One Roof 2026

### Day 2: Tuesday 9 June 2026

## Your guide to breakout sessions

### Interaction level guide

To help you choose the right sessions for you, we have included an interaction rating for each breakout session.

**Interaction level 1:** These sessions will focus on learning from our selected speakers but will have the opportunity for delegates to ask questions and share their thoughts on what is being discussed.

**Interaction level 2:** These sessions will have speaker presentations, but will also include time for questions and smaller group exercises or discussion topics.

**Interaction level 3:** These sessions will consist primarily of facilitated discussion allowing delegates to share with and learn from one another.

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Sessions will run twice from 11:45 – 13:00 and again from 15:45 – 17:00.

## Preparing for the Supported Housing (Regulatory Oversight) Act 2023 (SHA)

**Interaction level: 2**

- Sophie Boobis, Head of Policy and Research, Homeless Link (Chair)
- Sam Dalton, Policy, Campaigns and External Affairs Manager, Emmaus UK
- Martin Burrows, Impact and Innovation Lead, Emmaus UK

Helping providers of exempt supported accommodation in the homelessness sector prepare for the SHA through:

1. Sharing what contributes to the provision of high-quality supported accommodation and person-centred support, as identified through the insights and learnings from our peer-led research project which explored the experiences and views of residents and staff in supported accommodation.
2. Understanding the implications of the Act and Offering practical considerations for providers on how to prepare for the SHA national standards and licensing requirements.
3. Highlighting how supported accommodation providers can engage with and influence local authority supported housing strategies.

## Destination home: What real partnership delivery looks like in a whole-system homelessness pathway

### **Interaction level: TBC**

- Jo Prestidge, Head of Development, Homeless Link (Chair)
- Kerry Birtles, Executive Director of Support and Wellbeing, Honeycomb Group
- Steve Barkess, Head of Homelessness and Complex Needs at Concrete, part of Honeycomb Group

Destination: Home is a city-wide homelessness pathway in Stoke-on-Trent, delivered through a partnership of specialist providers. Since 2020, the partnership has supported thousands of people, with 1,500 referrals in the past year alone. Following five years of delivery and a further five-year extension, this session explores what it takes to make partnership working genuinely effective in practice. Drawing on shared learning across the partnership, we'll reflect on how organisations have worked together to design and deliver a coordinated response for people with complex and intersecting needs.

This session will explore how to build and develop a consortium approach to commissioned services and the role of a lead partner. We will explore how to lead without taking centre stage and promoting a shared approach to service delivery.

### **Congregate Housing First: A new approach to end rough sleeping**

#### **Interaction level: 1**

- Alex Smith, Interim Head of National Practice Development, Homeless Link (Chair)
- Amanda Dubarry, CEO, Your Place
- David Leatherbarrow, Contracts and Performance Manager, Two Saints

This workshop introduces Housing First principles and explores innovative housing-led approaches through two transformative case studies.

Your Place examines London's first congregate Housing First service, opened in May 2025, offering long term homes with 24-hour on-site support for people who have experienced rough sleeping. Participants will reflect on its early, life changing impact and consider whether similar supported housing models could be developed elsewhere.

Two Saints focuses on a housing led service in Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole, supporting clients across dispersed 1-bedroom properties, self-contained flats within a block, and a women only block with 24/7 onsite staffing.

In this session, participants will learn how to adopt a congregate Housing First solution and how partnership working and flexible support work in practice.

### **Beyond 'work readiness': Embedding employability in supported housing**

#### **Interaction level: 2**

**\*Session content could trigger an emotional response\***

- Megan Hector, Senior Policy Manager, Homeless Link (Chair)
- Jess Smith, Research and Evaluation Manager, Framework

- Rachel Gibbs, It Pays to Work Lead, Framework

This workshop explores how employability can be meaningfully embedded within supported accommodation services for people experiencing multiple disadvantage. Drawing on Year One Evaluation findings of Framework's It Pays to Work project, the session challenges common assumptions about 'work readiness' and demonstrates how front-line staff can integrate employment-related conversations into everyday support. Through practical examples, tools, and reflective discussion, we will explore how to build staff confidence, engage service users, and support progression into work, training and volunteering. The session will offer a realistic account of both the opportunities and challenges of embedding employability within complex, resource-constrained service environments.

### **From pressure to practice: Embedding wellbeing on the frontline**

**Interaction level: TBC**

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- Jo Turner, National Practice Development Project Manager, Homeless Link (Chair)
- Paul Clark, Housing Strategy Support Co-ordinator, BCP Council
- Sarah Reynolds, Housing, Health, and Social Care Service Manager, BCP Council

Working in frontline services can involve sustained exposure to trauma, crisis and high demand, increasing the risk of stress and compassion fatigue. Drawing on real experience from Housing Options and Partnerships, this workshop examines the role of a Wellbeing Champion in addressing vicarious trauma, improving psychological safety and strengthening workforce resilience. Participants will learn how reflective practice, suicide prevention training, peer recognition and lived-experience insight were embedded into everyday practice. The session will share measurable outcomes, transferable tools and lessons learned, demonstrating how prioritising staff wellbeing improves retention, morale and the quality and continuity of support provided to people experiencing homelessness.

### **Supporting and empowering people through the immigration journey**

**Interaction level: TBC**

Note: This session only runs once

- Sian Morris, National Consultancy Development Manager, Homeless Link (Chair)
- Bethan Lant, Head of Capacity Building, Praxis

Those travelling through the UK immigration and asylum system face challenges and hurdles at all points of their journey. Support can be hard to find and services can struggle to effectively advise and signpost those experiencing homelessness who also have immigration related issues.

In this session we will introduce you to A Migrant's Guide. This co-produced resource provides support those going through the system, providing information, signposting, tips and advice from experts by experience, sharing what they wished they had known at the time. We will outline how the Guide can be used to assist frontline professionals in their work and how the Guide has fed into co-produced training, Supporting Migrants in Temporary

Accommodation, giving voice to the experiences of those struggling through both the homelessness and immigration systems.