

Call for evidence: To explore support available for women experiencing homelessness and multiple and/or complex needs

Background

[Homeless Link](#) and the [Women's Resource Centre](#) (WRC) have commissioned Tessa Hovarth and Lisa Young to conduct a scoping study to explore responses to women's homelessness and gendered approaches to working with women experiencing homelessness with multiple complex needs*.

We have commissioned this work in partnership with WRC in recognition of the valuable cross-sector work taking place between the women's and homelessness sectors, to encourage more partnerships between the sectors and identify good practice and solutions to current barriers.

A Call for Evidence

As part of this research we are issuing a Call for Evidence. The information gathered as part of this call for evidence will help us understand the challenges that services are facing, explore different approaches to supporting women and illustrate some strategies for overcoming the barriers to supporting women effectively. Your contribution will help the researchers identify existing good practice in supporting women experiencing homelessness with multiple complex needs and to establish some practical recommendations to benefit the homelessness and women's sectors, and the women who access these services.

We want to hear from organisations with experience in, knowledge of, and views on working with women experiencing homelessness. We are interested in hearing about any approach or service working with women experiencing homelessness with multiple complex needs.

We would appreciate it if you would complete this survey to tell us about your service and your experience of supporting women.

Your evidence will not be published in a manner that may identify you and / or your organisation without your consent.

*For the purposes of this survey, women with complex needs is defined as women who are homeless, who also experience a combination of the following; gender-based violence, substance use, mental ill health and involvement in the criminal justice system

How to respond

This survey will take approximately 15-20 minutes to complete. Please share any examples of work being undertaken currently or previously, using the questions on this survey link: <https://goo.gl/forms/fiVHWvs6hCFxtnXG3>

The study also includes meeting with and interviewing service providers, stakeholders and women themselves, so please do indicate whether you would be happy to take part in other areas of this research during the survey.

The study is being conducted by Tessa Hovarth and Lisa Young and supported by Homeless Link's Research and Partnerships Teams. Tess and Lisa have extensive experience of consultation and research with service providers and women with multiple needs.

Please respond to the call for evidence survey by **9th May 2019**.

If you have any questions about the research, please contact Lisa Raftery at research@homelesslink.onmicrosoft.com or on 07950954471