

**Improving Access to Social Housing for Homeless People**

**Thursday 1st March 2018, 1-4pm**

**Yorkshire Housing, Leeds**

**AGENDA**

1pm Registration and refreshments

1.15pm Chair Welcome and introductions - **Tony Stacey, Chief Executive, South Yorkshire Housing Association**

1.20pm **Improving Access to Social Housing for Homeless People**

* Moving on findings and recommendations: **Sarah Rowe, Senior Policy Officer, Crisis**
* The Homelessness Reduction Act Context, Homes for Cathy and recent practice developments**: Chris Hancock Head of Housing, Crisis**

Followed by questions and discussion

1.50pm **Allocations policy and practice and the Homelessness Reduction Act - examples of innovation and emerging practice - to include:**

* Learning from Greater Manchester: **Mike Wright Strategic Lead for Homelessness, Greater Manchester Combined Authority**
* Learning from Middlesborough: **Alison Riley, Operational Lead for Homelessness and Sexual Violence Middlesborough Council and Karen Kenmare, Thirteen Keystep Manager**
* NHF Homelessness Survey: Building the evidence base: **Taha Abrar, Customer Insight Analyst, National Housing Federation**

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2.30pm Comfort Break

2.40pm Round table discussion topic guide

* What are the barriers to extending best practice?
* How do we ensure all councils and providers play their part in meeting needs?
* Key messages for national government and local delivery partnerships

3.45pm Concluding comments – **Tony Stacey, Chair**

4pm Close