Shropshire Council

A National Plan to End Homelessness

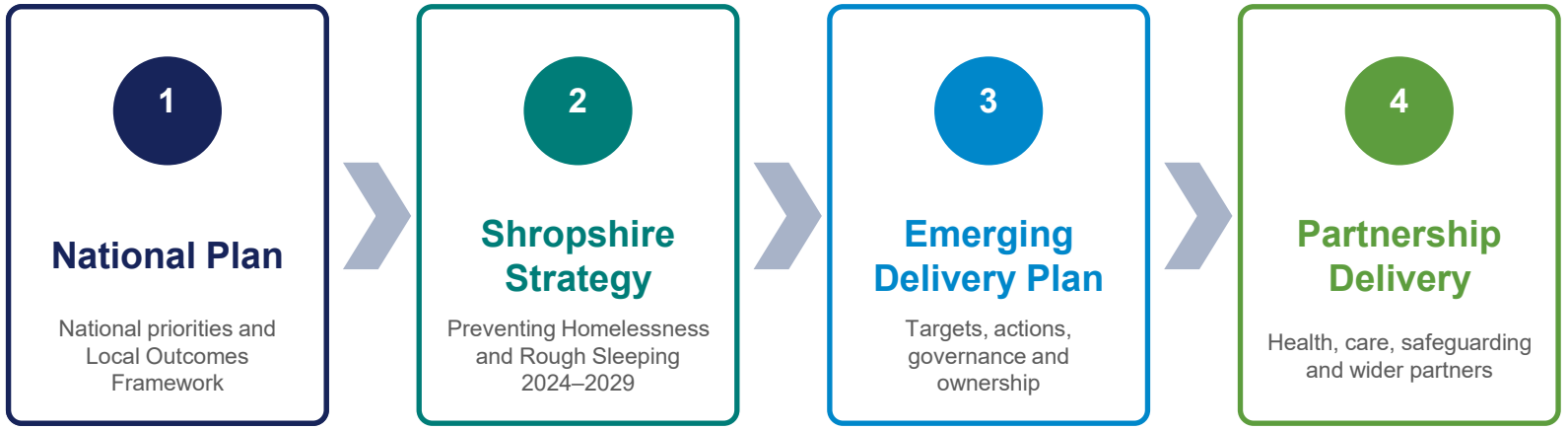
From national ambition to a whole-system Shropshire response

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From national ambition to local delivery

The emerging plan supplements, rather than replaces, Shropshire's existing strategy



The aim is to create a clear "golden thread" from national expectations to locally owned delivery.

Early indications are positive

Latest available H-CLIC information for July to September 2026

0.39

Households with children in temporary accommodation per 1,000

Baseline: 0.50

0

Households with children in B&B over six weeks

Baseline: 1

34.69%

Successful prevention and relief

Baseline: 30.26%

Still to be finalised

3+ support-needs methodology

Rough sleeping measures: November checkpoint

Positive movement, but sustained improvement depends on prevention, housing supply and effective partnership delivery.

Housing instability rarely exists in isolation

Homelessness is a health, wellbeing and safeguarding issue



Local safeguarding learning reinforces the need for clear pathways, early planning and shared ownership.

Where partnership action matters most

Five connected priorities within the emerging Shropshire framework

1	**PREVENTION**	Earlier identification, timely referral and intervention before crisis
2	**MULTIPLE DISADVANTAGE**	Coordinated support, escalation and clearer multi-agency ownership
3	**HOSPITAL DISCHARGE**	Accommodation and contingency planning beginning early
4	**CARE LEAVERS**	Joint pathway planning, corporate parenting and prevention under 25
5	**PRISON PATHWAYS**	Tenancy retention, pre-release planning, immediate support and sustainment

From a Housing plan to a partnership plan

Initial MHCLG feedback supports the golden thread and challenges us to strengthen shared leadership

HOUSING LEADS

Where the statutory function and solution sit within Housing.

PARTNER LEADS

Where the principal pathway, service or intervention sits elsewhere.

JOINT LEADERSHIP

Where homelessness crosses organisational boundaries and success depends on both.

The plan should record clear lead and joint-lead responsibilities, using existing pathways wherever possible.

What we need from the Health and Wellbeing Board

Help shape the partnership response while the local delivery plan is still emerging

1	**RECOGNISE**	Homelessness prevention as a health, wellbeing and inequalities priority
2	**OWN**	Identify appropriate partner leads and joint leads for relevant actions
3	**ALIGN**	Connect existing health, care, safeguarding and prevention pathways
4	**REMOVE**	Identify strategic gaps, dependencies and barriers requiring collective action
5	**ACCOUNT**	Support shared accountability for agreed delivery and outcomes

Success is not simply a better crisis response. Success is fewer people reaching crisis at all.