



# Housing First Homelessness Advisory Group

## Communique No. 2

### 28 June 2023 Meeting

The Housing First Homelessness Advisory Group (Advisory Group) met on 28 June 2023 and was attended by the Minister for Homelessness, Hon John Carey MLA. The Advisory Group is chaired by Mike Rowe, Director General, Department of Communities.

The Advisory Group noted the progress made in implementation of All Paths Lead to a Home: Western Australia's 10-Year Strategy on Homelessness 2020-2030 (the Strategy). This includes significant State and Commonwealth investment in housing and homelessness services, and critical work by community sector organisations to provide accommodation and support.

The Advisory Group will undertake a more detailed review of implementation of the Strategy, particularly actions outlined in the first Action Plan. The Group will identify opportunities to support implementation of priority actions and respond to the needs and challenges that have emerged since development of the Strategy.

Capturing accurate data on the number, location and demographics of people experiencing homelessness can be challenging due to the hidden and highly transient nature of the homeless population. A range of data sources are used to understand homelessness across Western Australia, and service providers contribute information on emerging trends and local context. The Advisory Group will investigate opportunities to improve the availability, accuracy and understanding of data on homelessness, particularly through strengthening mechanisms such as the By Name List.

The Advisory Group noted publication of the Inquiry into the Financial Administration of Homelessness Services in Western Australia Report. The findings and recommendations of this report will be noted as the work program for the Advisory Group is developed.

Further information about the Advisory Group can be found at: <https://www.wa.gov.au/organisation/department-of-communities/housing-first-homelessness-advisory-group> or by emailing the Secretariat at [hfhag@communities.wa.gov.au](mailto:hfhag@communities.wa.gov.au).