Hi Victoria,

We have started a pilot in April 2018 for the Housing First model in Rotherham in partnership with SYHA and Target Housing who are providing up to 20 units of accommodation in their existing stock.

They have taken some of the accommodation that has previously been used to provide short term accommodation to test whether the Housing First pilot reduces homelessness for those who have complex needs and delivers positive outcomes.

It is funded via Housing Related Support for 20 places and the policy is based on providing the housing first and then wrap the appropriate support around the person – the difference is that the support provider is more tolerable if things go wrong e.g people are given 2nd chances etc and the person has to want to engage to turn their life around.

The homeless team are making the referrals and are formalising a written referral process.

Hope this helps. In essence it is something we are embracing!

Dom