



HOUSING FIRST WALES TRACKER

FEBRUARY 2018 - SEPTEMBER 2021

Housing First is an internationally proven model, which provides a settled home as quickly as possible to people with experience of entrenched homelessness and/or co-occurring complex support needs. The [Housing First Wales Network](#), facilitated by Cymorth Cymru, provides a space for stakeholders to discuss best practice and support the advancement of the model in Wales. The Network has developed the [Housing First Wales principles](#), based on the principles used internationally.

Over the last few years the number of Housing First projects in Wales has grown and there is a commitment in the Welsh Government's [Ending Homelessness Action Plan](#) to support further expansion. It therefore seemed timely to collect and publish data to show the scale and impact of Housing First across Wales.

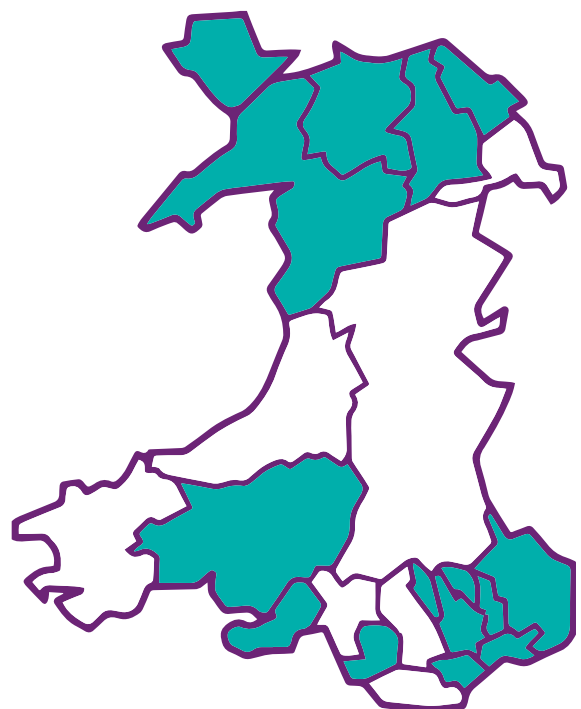
This report includes data from February 2018, when the Welsh Government first published its Housing First guidance, to the end of September 2021. Housing First projects, identified through their engagement with the Housing First Wales Network, were contacted by Cymorth Cymru and asked to submit data for their project. They were also asked to confirm that their projects are being delivered in line with the Housing First Wales principles.

This report provides Wales-wide data, due to the small sample sizes for some projects. While these statistics have been scrutinised and we have sought clarification where the data triggered questions, the accuracy of these statistics depends primarily on the accuracy of the data collected by the Housing First projects. We should also note that where longer term clients have ceased to need regular support, the project has used their experience and expertise to surmise that they are likely to be maintaining their tenancy.

Any questions or comments should be directed to housingfirst@cymorthcymru.org.uk

KEY STATS UP TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

- 15** Housing First projects across 15 local authorities
- 521** people have been supported by Housing First projects since their inception
- 245** people started Housing First tenancies since inception
- 221** people were sustaining their Housing First tenancies as of 30 September 2021
- 90%** tenancy sustainment rate across all Housing First projects in Wales
- 74** people in temporary accommodation waiting for a HF tenancy as of 30/09/21
- 2** projects have achieved the Housing First Wales Accreditation.



HOUSING FIRST DATA: FEBRUARY 2018 - SEPTEMBER 2021

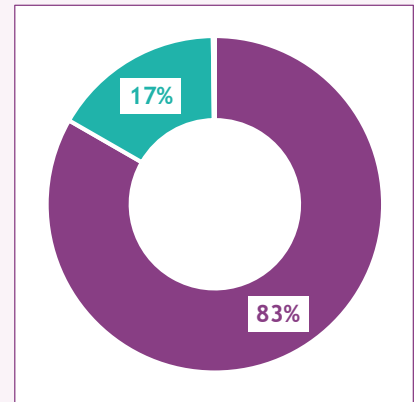
TOTAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE SUPPORTED BY HOUSING FIRST IN WALES



PEOPLE SUPPORTED

Total number of people who have been supported by Housing First Projects in Wales between 1 February 2018 and 30 September 2021. This includes people engaging with Housing First through assertive outreach and pre-tenancy support, as well as people being supported in a Housing First tenancy.

Men	434
Women	86
Other / unknown	1
TOTAL	521



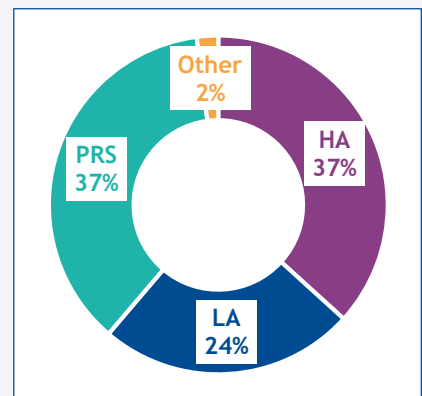
TOTAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE STARTING HOUSING TENANCIES IN WALES



TENANCIES STARTED

Total number of people who started a Housing First tenancy in Wales between 1 February 2018 and 30 September 2021.

Landlord type	
Housing Association	90
Local authority	60
Private rented sector	90
Other	5
TOTAL	245



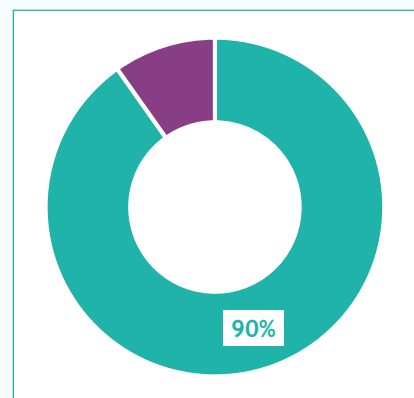
PROPORTION OF HOUSING FIRST TENANCIES SUSTAINED



TENANCIES SUSTAINED

Total number of people whose Housing First tenancy has been sustained from the inception of the project up to 30 September 2021. The percentage for individual projects ranges from 80%-100%.

Tenancy sustainment	
No. of tenancies started	245
No. of tenancies sustained	221
Tenancy sustainment rate	90%



TOTAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHOSE HOUSING FIRST TENANCY ENDED

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TENANCIES ENDED

Total number of people whose Housing First tenancy ended between 1st February 2018 and 30th September 2021. Some of these people will continue to be supported by Housing First projects or will be supported by alternative services within health and care settings.

Reason for Housing First tenancy ending	
Prison	7
Death	5
Move to health/social care placement or institution	5
Client chose to leave tenancy / abandonment	2
Planned move to non-Housing First tenancy	1
Eviction	1
Other / unknown	3
TOTAL	24

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NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION WAITING TO BE MATCHED WITH A HOUSING FIRST TENANCY

Total number of people in temporary accommodation waiting to be matched to a Housing First tenancy as of 30 September 2021.

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NUMBER OF PROJECTS TO GAIN HOUSING FIRST WALES ACCREDITATION

Total number of projects to have gained the Housing First Wales accreditation as of 30 September 2021: Housing First Conwy Denbighshire, led by Conwy Council, and Housing First Cardiff, led by the Salvation Army.

THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE ORGANISATIONS DELIVERING HOUSING FIRST IN WALES, WHICH HAVE HELPED US TO COMPILE THESE STATISTICS:

- Anglesey Housing First: Led by The Wallich
- Blaenau Gwent Housing First: Led by The Wallich
- Bridgend Housing First: Led by Goleudy
- Caerphilly Housing First: Led by Pobl
- Cardiff Housing First: Led by the Salvation Army
- Cardiff Housing First: Led by Cardiff Council
- Cardiff Housing First (for prison leavers): Led by Cardiff Council
- Carmarthenshire Housing First: Led by Nacro and Hafan Cymru
- Conwy, Denbighshire and Flintshire Housing First: Led by Conwy Council
- Gwynedd Housing First: Led by Shelter Cymru
- Merthyr Housing First: Led by The Salvation Army
- Monmouthshire Housing First: Led by Pobl
- Newport Housing First: Led by Pobl
- Swansea Housing First: Led by The Wallich
- Torfaen Housing First: Led by Pobl