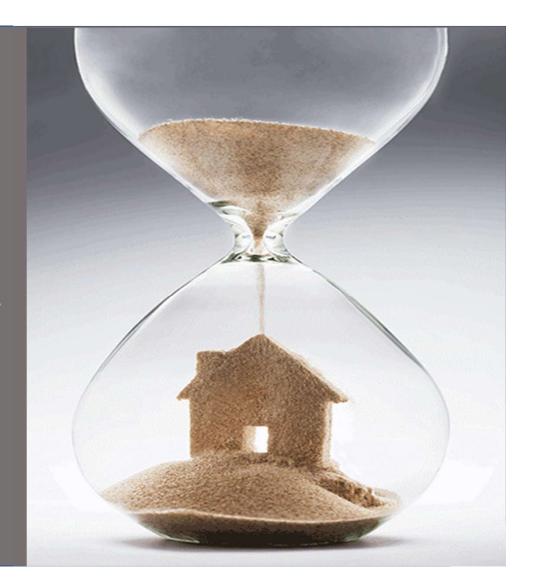
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Health and sense of Wellness

Safety and Peace in mind and body



Shalom means completeness, wholeness, health, peace, welfare, safety soundness, tranquility, prosperity, perfectness, fullness, rest, harmony, the absence of agitation or discord. Shalom comes from the root verb shalom meaning to be complete, perfect and full.



One 45-year-old man had a type of meningitis which limited his activities a great deal. He took seven weeks to recover, but didn't suffer any long-term effects after that. This amounted to 0.02 lost years of healthy life in 2015.

Seven weeks of illness with a high level of impairment.

$$= 0.02$$

Years lived with disability



One 60-year-old woman had severe COPD that limited her a great deal all year round. This amounted to 0.41 lost years of healthy life in 2015.

man

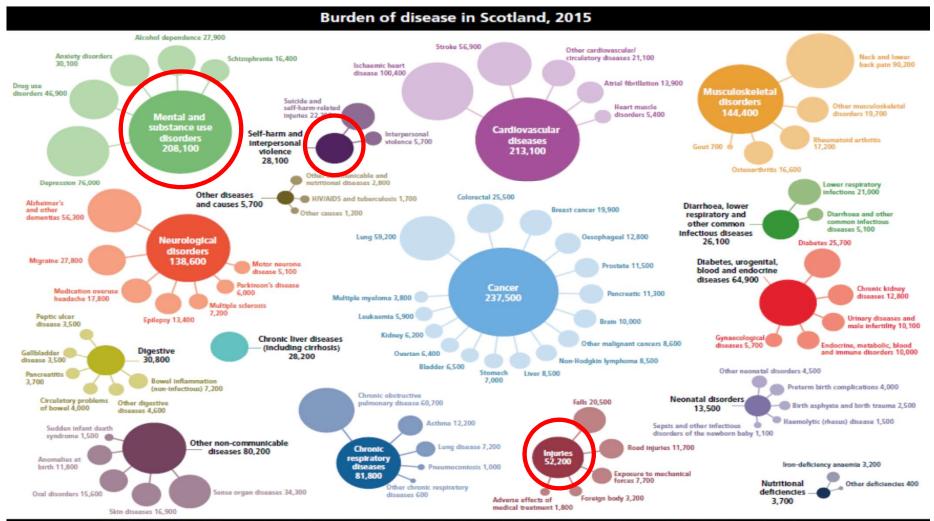
12 months lived with a severe condition and a high level of impairment.

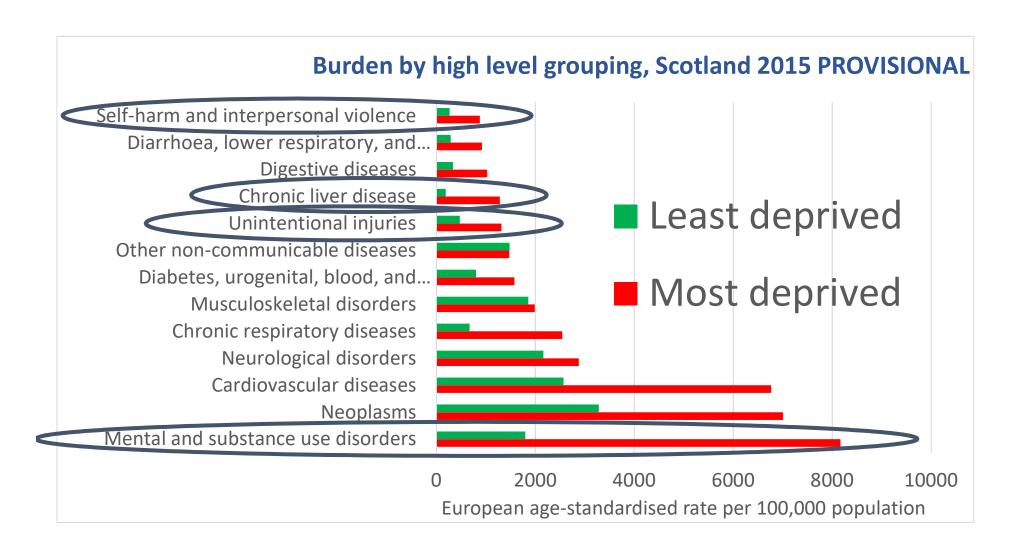
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Years lived with disability

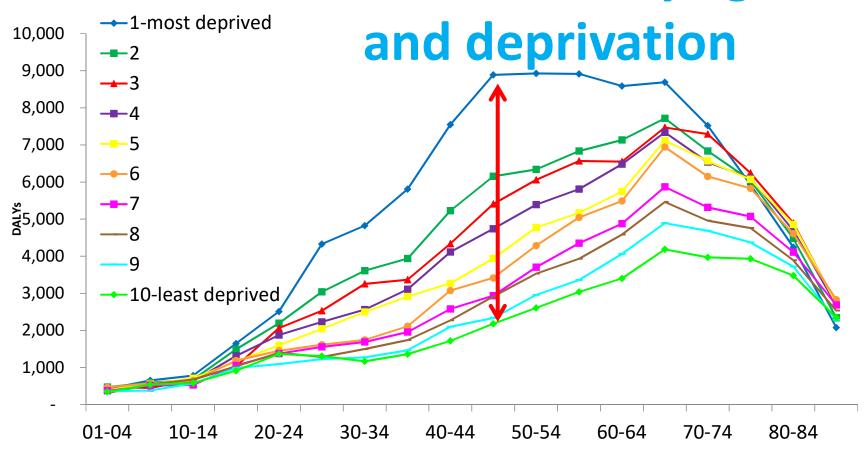
Total DALYs (Years of life lost + years lived with disability) added to the overall disease burden for Scotland by the people in this block of flats in 2015:

57.6 + 9 + 0.02 + 0.41 = 67.03

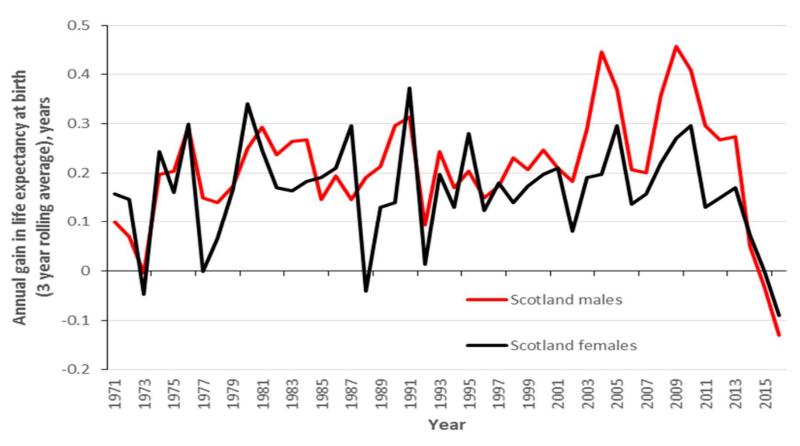




SBOD 2016: Male burden by age



Annual gain in life expectancy at birth (in years): Scotland (1970-2017, 3 year rolling averages)







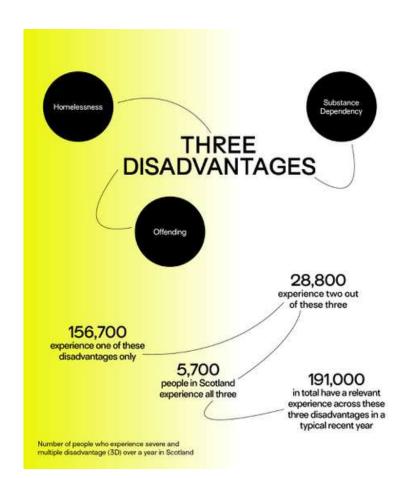
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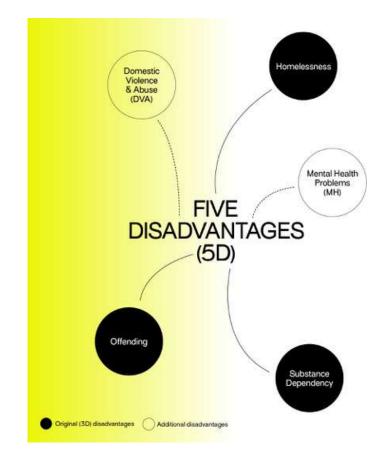
Violence Prevention Framework

Lead Author: Julie Arnot, Phil Mackie

June 2019

https://www.scotphn.net/wpcontent/uploads/2018/09/Violence-Prevention-Framework.pdf





Routes in – poverty, violence & trauma

- A background of poverty most prominent in the most extreme forms of Severe and Multiple Deprivation (SMD)
- Adverse childhood experiences physical and/or sexual abuse, disrupted schooling and, in some cases, local authority care
- Troubled young adulthood poor mental health, substance misuse, and difficulties in both the labour market and interpersonal relationships
- Violence a pervasive role that violence continues to play throughout the life course, in childhood home, at school, in the local community, city centre streets, in hostels, in intimate relationships, or other settings in adulthood



Ecological Framework of violence & trauma

At individual level:

- being a victim of child abuse
- having a psychological or personality disorder
- exhibiting delinquent behaviour
- using and depending on alcohol and drugs

At <u>relationship</u> level:

- exposure to poor parenting practices
- violent parental conflict
- martial discord
- low socio-economic status
- Delinquent peers and gangs

At community level:

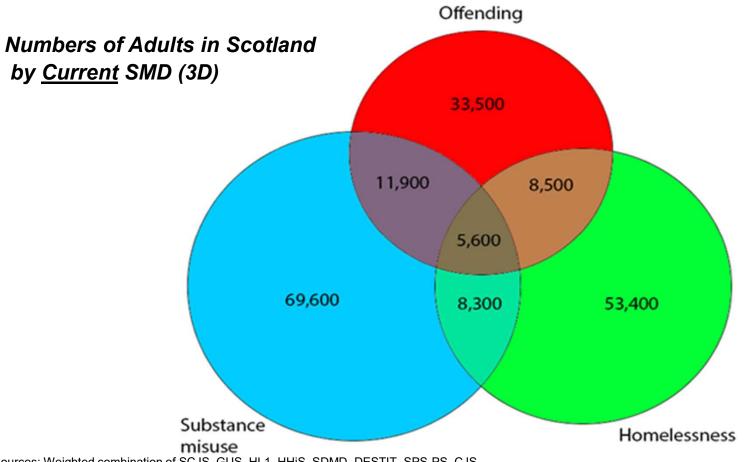
- exposure to poverty
- high unemployment
- high crime levels
- local illicit drug trade
- inadequate services for victims

At societal level:

- exposure to economic inequality
- gender inequality
- cultural norms that support violence
- weak economic safety nets

www.who.int/violenceprevention/approach/ecology/en

Scale & Overlap of Severe Deprivation



Sources: Weighted combination of SCJS, GUS, HL1, HHiS, SDMD, DESTIT, SPS-PS, CJS



Self-actualization

Esteem

Love/belonging

Safety

Physiological

morality,
creativity,
spontaneity,
problem solving,
lack of prejudice,
acceptance of facts

self-esteem, confidence, achievement, respect of others, respect by others

friendship, family, sexual intimacy

security of: body, employment, resources, morality, the family, health, property

breathing, food, water, sex, sleep, homeostasis, excretion

https://www.simplypsychology.org/maslow.html

"A good (safe) house is the underpinning foundation of wellbeing across the life-course....."

"....achieved through the *organised* efforts of society."

Applying the Public Health Lens

Health improvement

Public health intelligence

Health protection

Health and care quality

The 'Home' is the bedrock salutogenic environment



Housing underpins wellbeing in society

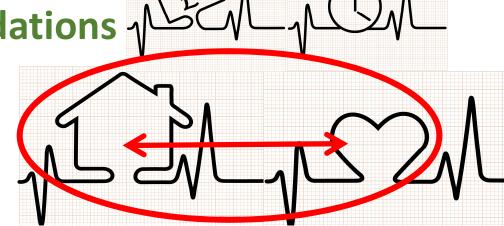


The critical building blocks of wellness across the lifecourse:

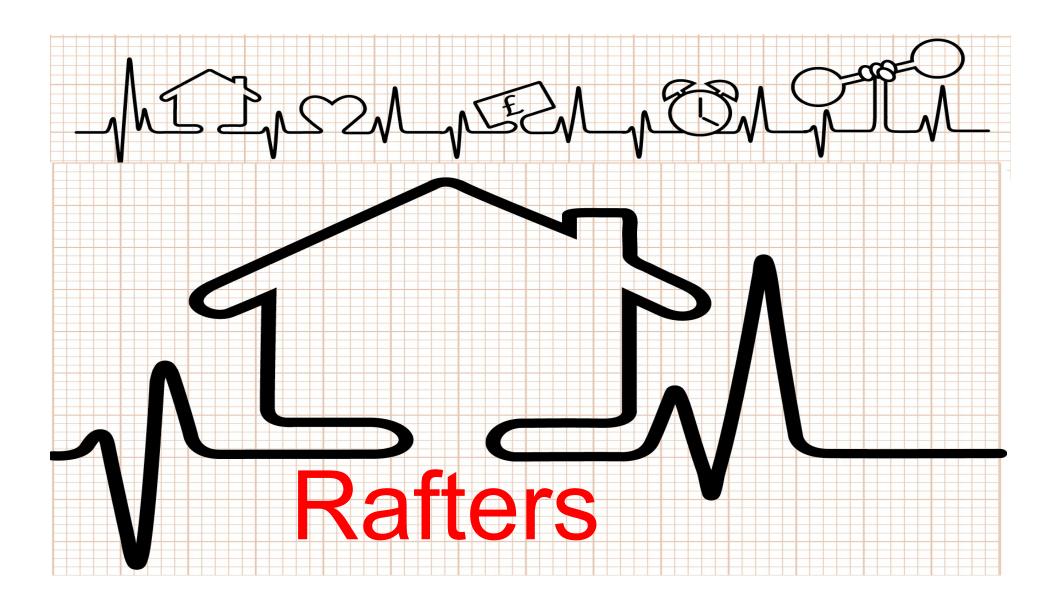
1. Rafters

2. Relationships **Secundations**

- 3. Resources
- 4. Restoration
- 5. Resilience

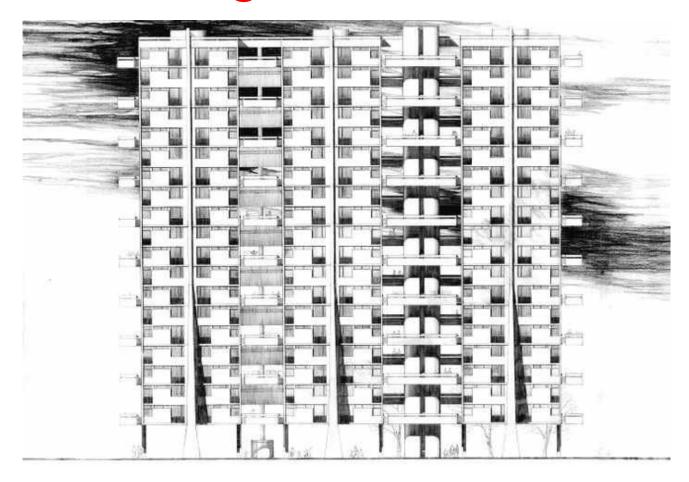


Bricks and Biology Rafters and Relationships Dignity and Respect Kindness & Connection Purpose and Hope



How does housing affect health?

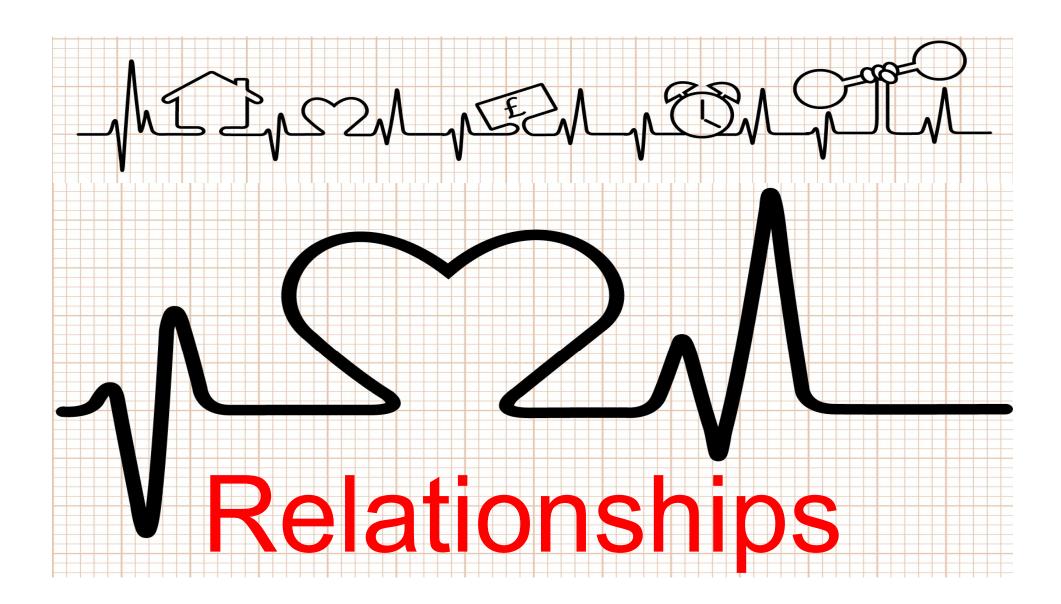
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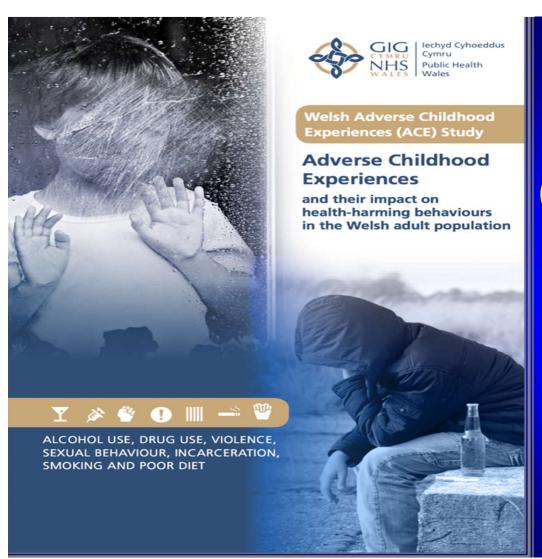
How does housing affect health?

- Directly
- Indirectly





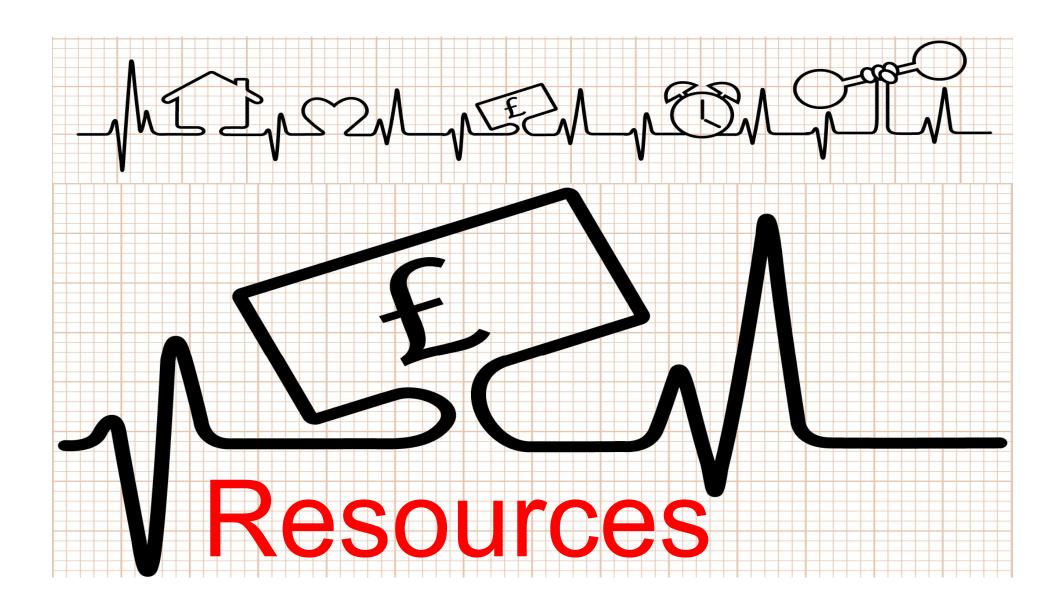




...our pasts embed and express in our present

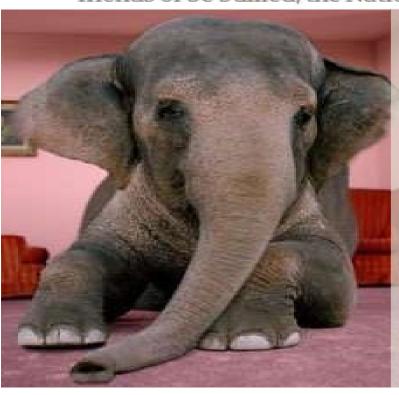






Children in poverty more likely to have problems with friendships, study shows

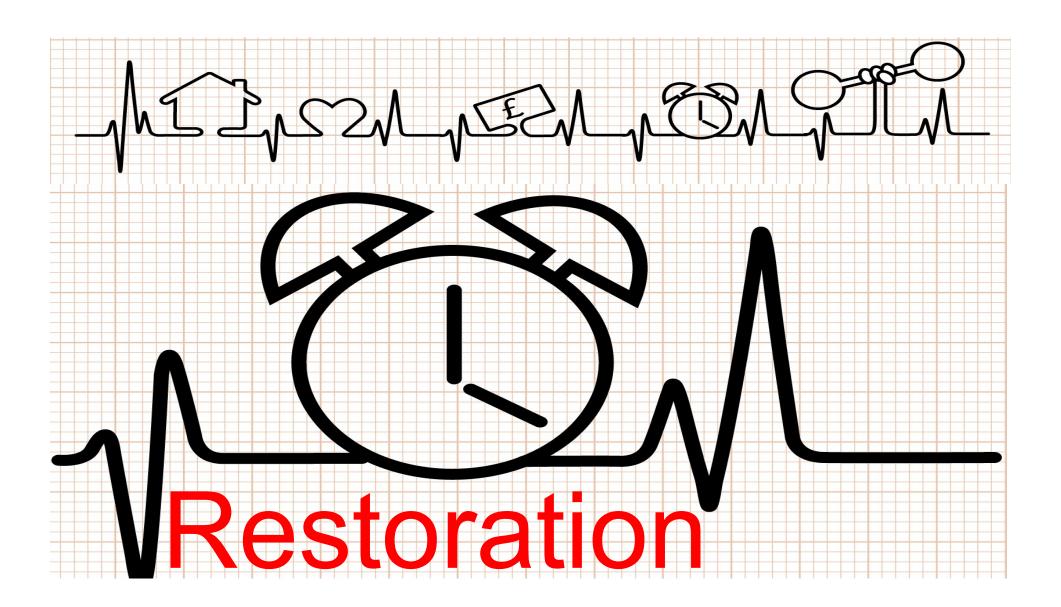
Children who live in poverty are more likely to be solitary and to fall out with friends or be bullied, the National Children's Bureau says



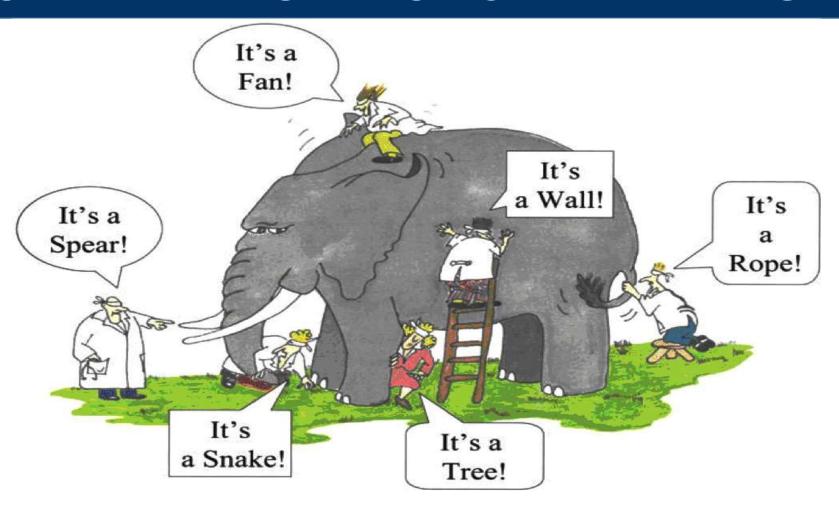
- Financial poverty
- Poverty of education
- Poverty of choice & opportunity
- Poverty of access & participation
- Poverty of power & influence
- Poverty of status & dignity
- Poverty of 'belonging'
- Poverty of HOPE

ECHO PARENTING & EDUCATION Re-enactment Recreating the childhood dynamic expecting the same result but hoping for a different one. This strategy is doomed to failure because the need is in the past and cannot be resolved. Also you will interpret anything as confirmation that you have been betrayed once more. Loss of safety The world becomes a place where anything can happen. Loss of self-worth Trauma survivors can swing between feeling Loss of danger cues special—with grandiose beliefs about How do you know what is dangerous themselves—and feeling dirty and 'bad.' This when someone you trust hurts you and self-aggrandizement is an elaborate defense this is then your 'normal?' against the unbearable feeling of being an outcast and unworthy of love. **Impacts of** Loss of sense of self One of the roles of the primary caregiver is to Loss of trust TRAUMA help us discover our identity by reflecting who This is especially true if the abuser is a family we are back at us. If the abuser was a parent member or a close family friend. or caregiver, then that sense of self is not well developed and can leave us feeling phony or fake. Shame Loss of physical connection to body Huge, overwhelming, debilitating shame. Survivors of sexual and physical abuse often have a hard time being in their body. This As a child, even getting an exercise wrong at school can trigger the shame. The child may disconnection from the body makes some therapies known to aid trauma recovery, such as grow into an adult who cannot bear to be in yoga, harder for these survivors. the wrong because it is such a trigger. Loss of intimacy Dissociation For survivors of sexual abuse, sexual relationships can either Often, to cope with what is happening to the body become something to avoid or are entered into for approval during the abuse, the child will dissociate (disconnect (since the child learns that sex is a way to get the attention the consciousness from what is happening). Later, this they crave) and the person may be labeled 'promiscuous.' becomes a coping strategy that is used whenever the

survivor feels overwhelmed.



SYSTEM RETRAUMATISING THE INDIVIDUAL

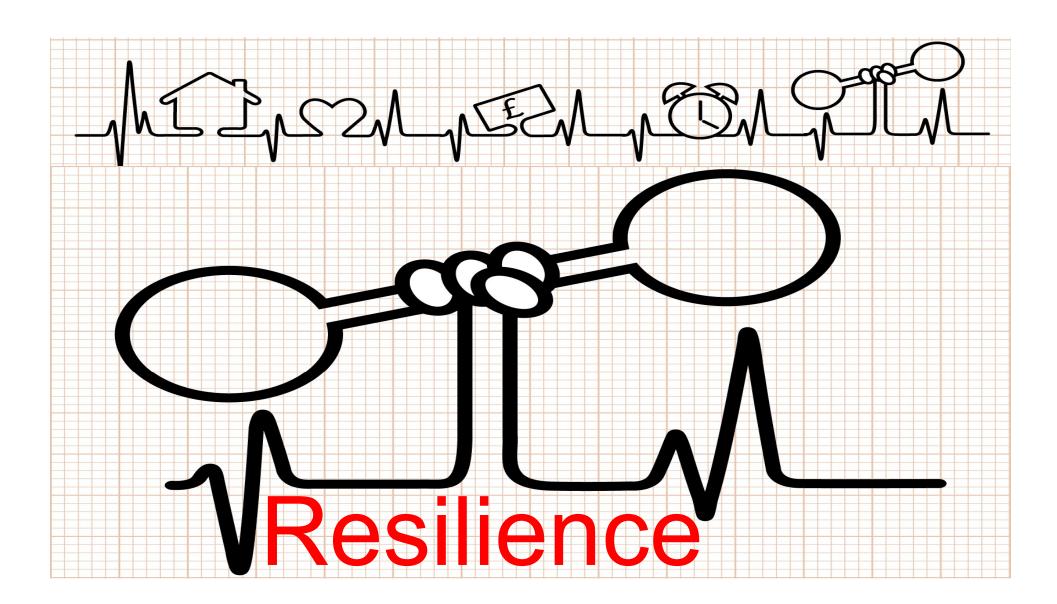


do involve greater numbers of people. However, for these wider definitions, the arguments about people making 'bad choices' do not apply in the same way. What this wider array of definitions and measures do show is that a larger number of people are touched and affected by SMD, or by at least one of its key components, taken over a lifetime. Particularly striking was the long-term negative impact of mental ill-health, and of homelessness, on economic as well as personal wellbeing.

We would argue that there is a moral imperative for society to try to help people experiencing SMD to 'recover' and move forward to a more positive situation. At the most basic humanitarian level that obligation stems from the suffering which people are experiencing. However, as the accounts of 'routes in' make clear, there is a strong social justice case for helping people whose early life contained so many damaging experiences over which they themselves had no control. Further, the array of quantitative as well as qualitative evidence on the current quality of life of people with current or past SMD, as presented in this report, shows that people are being 'punished' many times over for transgressions whose roots were largely in childhood and not their responsibility as adults.

In addition, there is a more utilitarian case to be made, once one counts the sheer financial and economic excess costs of SMD in terms of healthcare, crime and justice, benefits, and so forth; costs which were documented more selectively in this study but on a more comprehensive basis in the original *Hard Edges* study in England (Bramley et al, 2015). We would further argue that there is a common public interest in tackling conditions which contribute significantly to antisocial behaviour and lowered levels of trust and social capital in communities.

Sociologists sometimes talk of the 'symbolic violence' that certain classes in society



Life Lesson: Put on your own Oxygen mask before assisting



you can't help anyone if you're dead.

Understands the impact of toxic stress on service users and on staff

Recognises that stress causes us to revert back to old habits that may have been

overcome in the past.

• Learning about the psychobiology of toxic stress is liberating.....

.... it provides an explanation for some puzzling, often destructive behaviours we engage in and

feelings that can come to dominate us











Safety = Good Home

A good home is a safe place, a sure place, a right place; a good home is a warm place, a nice place just to be. A good home is a fine place, a firm place, a true place; a good home is a kind place, a good place to be free.

A good home is a strong place, a place to come for help; a place to welcome others, a place to be yourself.

A place where things are shared, a place to reach out from; a place of understanding, a place to build upon.

A place to face your fears, a place to grow and thrive; a place where love is shown, where it's good to be alive.



Ruth Buckley

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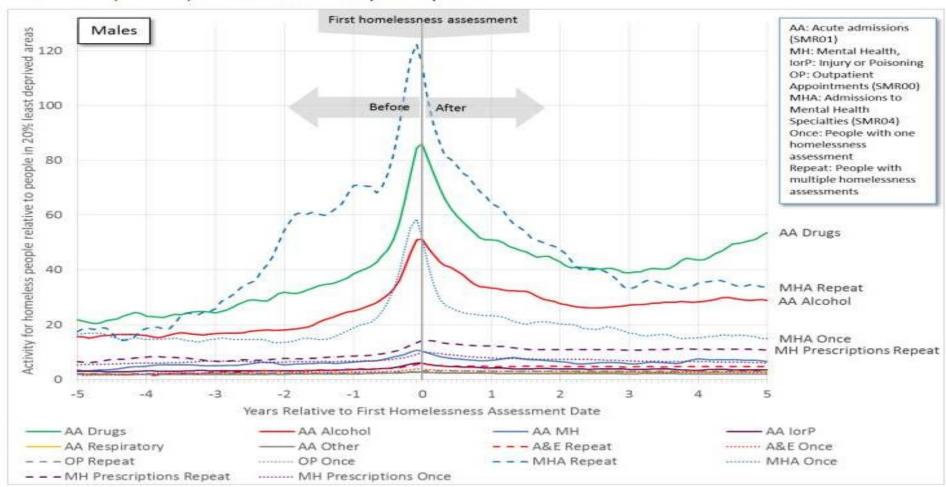
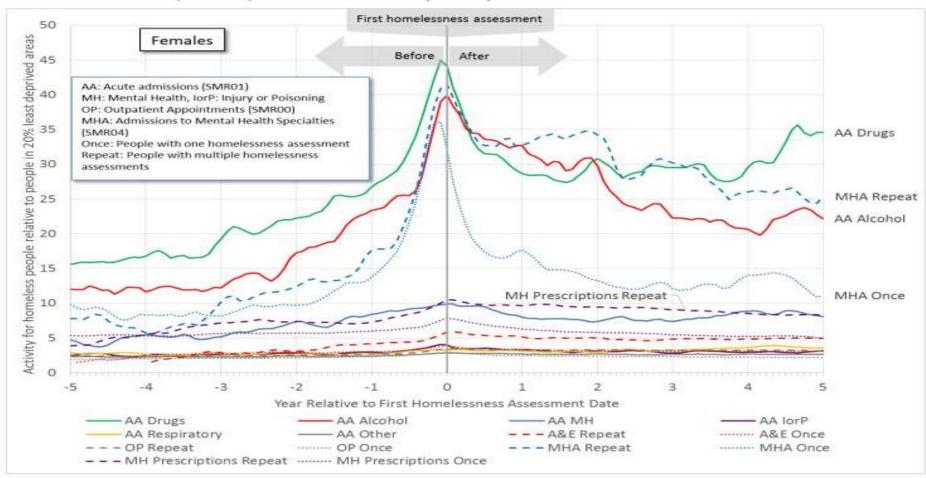


Figure 11.2a: An increase in health activity precedes the first homelessness assessment for females. Sor higher after this date, particularly for drug-related and alcohol-related acute admissions, and for repeat hor health admissions (SMR04) and mental health prescriptions.



Data – Linkage as driver for:

Improvement in:

service design

joint working

Improvement in understanding:

causes

consequences

interventions

Root Causes

Consequences —> Interventions

How can we ensure that hidden populations are represented in data linkage projects?

Criminal justice - the last resort safety net?

- Service users committing offences and/or requesting custodial sentences in order to gain access to a 'safe place' in prison and to 'care' of various kinds.
- Service providers seeking to have vulnerable people arrested simply in order that they could access the mental health and other services they needed.
- The existence of a court order appeared to be the necessary 'passport' for access not only to an array of health and other support services, but also the main route through which any kind of coordination of care occurred for people facing SMD, if it occurred at all.
- Criminal justice social workers were praised by some service users as the most consistent and helpful service they had encountered. Frontline service providers, too, generally acknowledged that criminal justice teams provided the 'stickiest' and most pro-active support that adults with SMD could expect.
- But pre- and post-release support for prisoners far from perfect with many still being released straight into homelessness



Homelessness services - 'carrying the can'

- In the absence of a court order, local authority statutory homelessness services were the next most likely service to 'lead' on SMD cases, but this presented a host of issues.
 - No command over addictions/ mental health services, nor the necessary authority to coordinate timely multi-sectoral interventions
 - Unlawful practice in some areas: routinely turning people away without the temporary accommodation to which they are entitled, use of 'local connection' as a bar to homelessness assistance
 - The highly variable quality of hostels and other forms of temporary and/or supported accommodation
 - Disappointingly "light touch" and short-term nature of floating support offered to some people with SMD



The missing mental health services

- Gaping hole extreme rationing applied by these services operating under acute pressure, meant that even getting to the point of achieving an assessment could seem an insurmountable hurdle
- The "one/two/three strikes and you are out" policy operated in many areas could almost be designed to eliminate the chances of those with chaotic lifestyles from ever gaining access to the help that they need
- Even for those who managed to access mental health services, the overreliance on prescription medication was widely criticised



Substance misuse services in retreat

- Sense that the availability of services had declined in recent years, particularly residential rehabilitation facilities
- For those who managed to access residential services, there was often said to be a lack of ongoing support to aid their full recovery once they were back in the community
- For community-based treatments, too, there were often substantial waiting periods, meaning 'windows of opportunity' to get people on the road to recovery were lost
- Nonetheless, some service users reported a positive experience of rehabilitation and/or community-based substance misuse services, successfully stabilising or even overcoming their addictions, while others felt 'stuck on methadone' for long periods without the support they needed to come off it.



Crisis-focussed systems that can't cope with the effects of trauma

- Only limited evidence (in the larger urban areas) of the development of trauma-informed services/PIE
- The crisis nature of service interventions militated against 'strengths-based' approaches, focussed on future hopes and potential for a better, more socially productive life
- Little emphasis placed on helping people (re)build positive family relationships, even though that was the overriding motivation for recovery identified by most service users



A lack of 'sticky' and coordinated services

- Service users appreciated frankness, accessibility and reliability in frontline workers, and also 'stickability', not giving up on them if 'they failed to engage'.
 - but assertive, pro-active services that reached out to, and stayed with, service users were hard to come by
 - > emphasis instead on the service user taking the initiative or 'being left to their own devices' to seek and secure help
- General lack of clarity around co-ordination/case management (unless social work or criminal justice have a clear statutory duty).
 - in some areas the 'lead professional' model was considered an important step forward, with early evidence of success when implemented well
 - ▶ but more often it was unclear who should/will lead, though this was something that some Health and Social Care Partnership were said to be actively trying to address.

The Financial Truth

- £37,059 annual cost to keep a person in prison
- £34,000 annual cost of a prisoner released reoffending
- £156,250 cost of residential care for a young person annually.
- £315.57 average cost per day for a psychiatric bed.
- £1909 cost of a community payback order
- £25,666 average cost of an early and effective intervention implementation

We have attempted an approximate analysis of the excess healthcare costs associated with the homeless cohort in the Waugh et al (2018) HHIS study. The largest extra costs are in mental health prescriptions (£311m per annum) and acute in-patient and day cases (£306m), followed by substance prescriptions at £150m. The smallest items are actually drug treatment and out-patient appointments. The total excess cost of health for people who have ever been homeless is £900m, which seems a big figure, compared with the annual Scottish Health budget of c. £13bn, although it should be recalled that 'Ever Homeless' in Scotland are about 10% of the whole adult population²⁷. This analysis also suggests that the excess costs for poverty and deprivation affecting people in the general population who have not been homeless amounts to £2.3bn. The total (2.3+0.9=£3.2bn) is roughly in line with Bramley et al (2016) estimates of the excess health costs in Scotland associated with poverty broadly defined (i.e. about a quarter of the health budget).

Housing

Ve have already referred in the section on poverty to the higher incidence pusing deprivations among the SMD groups. In this section we consider managinal interest as a later than a later to a spect of housing which may contribute to or impair quality of life.

jure 20 looks at two key measures: not being warm enough in winter (often lin fuel poverty); and the home being in a poor state of repair. In this instance