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Mental Health & Social Housing Supports (including emergency accommodation)

A questionnaire from Mercy Law Resource Centre to inform a report being prepared on this topic. Please respond by **12 October 2022**.

1. What is your interest in the issue of social housing, emergency homeless accommodation and mental health?

- Professional working in housing / homelessness
- Professional working in mental health
- Academic
- Person directly affected by the issue
- Family member / friend of person directly affected by the issue
- Other

2. Do you believe that people with mental health difficulties face particular barriers when trying to access social housing supports?

- Yes
- No
- Other

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3. If yes to Q2, what do you consider are the main barriers? Multiple answers are accepted

- Particular aspects of the social housing application process
- Particular aspects of the social housing assessment rules / applicable law
- Lack of understanding / training in relation to mental health issues for staff assessing applications for social housing
- Not enough supply of social housing suitable to different mental health needs
- Insufficient mental health supports for people living in social housing
- Particular aspects of the medical priority procedure / applicable rules
- Other

4. Do you believe that people with mental health difficulties face barriers when trying to access emergency homeless accommodation?

- Yes
- No
- Other

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5. If yes to Q4, what do you consider are the main barriers? Multiple answers accepted

- Particular aspects of the process for seeking emergency accommodation
- Particular aspects of the law / rules applicable to obtaining emergency accommodation
- Lack of understanding / training in relation to mental health issues for staff assessing applications for emergency accommodation
- Not enough supply of emergency accommodation suitable to different mental health needs
- Lack of defined procedure for having mental health needs taken into account when seeking emergency accommodation
- Insufficient mental health supports for people living in emergency accommodation
- Other

6. Please elaborate on any specific barriers to social housing and / or emergency accommodation that you have identified or experienced. Case studies and lived experience examples are particularly welcome and can be made fully anonymous

7. Do you believe that people with mental health difficulties experience discrimination or unequal treatment in accessing social housing and / or emergency accommodation?

- Yes - both
- Yes- social housing only
- Yes - emergency accommodation only
- No
- Other

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7. Do you believe that people with mental health difficulties experience discrimination or unequal treatment in accessing social housing and / or emergency accommodation?

- Yes - both
- Yes- social housing only
- Yes - emergency accommodation only
- No
- Other

8. Do you have any specific examples of discrimination / unequal treatment, or matters where you see this as a particular risk, that you would like to share? Contributions can be made fully anonymous

9. Are you aware of any effective routes to challenge discrimination / unequal treatment arising in this context?

- Yes
- No
- Other

10. Are you happy to be contacted by a researcher to discuss your survey responses in more detail?

- Yes - if so please provide contact information in the 'other' field below
- No
- Other