

Damp and mould

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Our twin aims

To ensure that individuals do not suffer through lack of knowledge of their rights and responsibilities, or of the services available to them, or through an inability to express their need effectively.

To exercise a responsible influence on the development of social policies and services, both locally and nationally.

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Who we support

32%

live in the most deprived areas.



28%

in the **44-59** age group



More than **one in six** **16%** caring for someone with a disability



Female

55%



30%

in some kind of **employment**

27%



unable to work due to ill health/disability



15%

unemployed



66%

has a long-term health condition/disability

33%



lives in a single, working-age household

27%

lives in a household with children



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Housing advice

- 62,000 pieces of housing advice given out last year
- Private renting advice is most in demand - consistently
 - Most sought after areas are rents and repairs, some variation by tenure
- Growth in homelessness and rent arrears advice

Damp and mould

- Left in the cold report published in June 2025
- Research based on qualitative evidence from bureaux in Scotland between September 2023 and March 2025
- Indicators of poor energy efficiency using damp and mould as a proxy
- From April to June this year, over 300 people needed damp and mould advice





Laura and her husband sought help from their local CAB as their temporary accommodation was mouldy, damp and cold.



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Mhairi reached out to her local CAB after the damp in her social rented home caused her to develop a lung condition.



Martin's partner and daughter had to move out of their home due to a six month wait to replace their boiler.



Nick became homeless after having to leave his council house as the damp worsened his COPD.

What needs to happen



Better understanding of damp and mould across Scotland, better enforcement and sharing of good practice



More support for landlords through awareness raising, training and funding support

Looking ahead...

- Scottish Housing Regulator's new indicators on damp and mould
- Housing (Scotland) Bill
 - Awaab's Law
- Heat in Buildings Bill



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