

Homelessness in Victoria

Cause, systems and taking a different path

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HOUSING

IT'S TIME TO END
HOMELESSNESS

The Frame

Micro to Macro and back again

Observations on systems and their impact on homelessness, including some innovations coming your way

The Frame

Individual



Social

The Frame

Time

Past



Future

The causes of homelessness

The why and the how of
an event happening

1. Individual
2. Structural

Individual



Social

Cause and the data we collect

Specialist Homelessness Services Victoria 2017-18

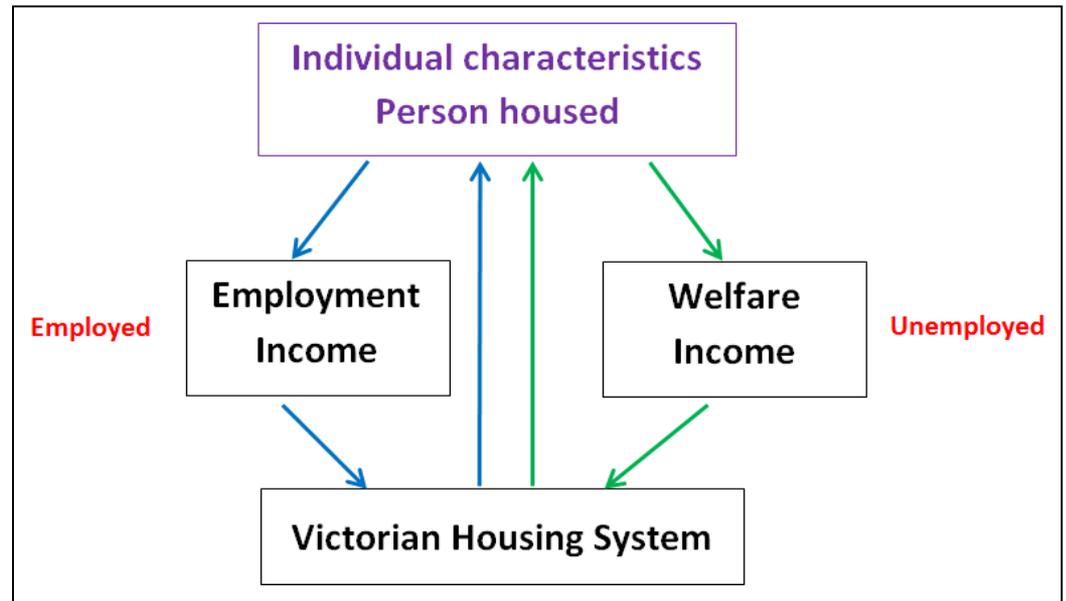
Top 5 Reasons	Top 5 Main reason
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Domestic and family violence 47.4%2. Financial difficulties 40%3. Housing crisis 37%4. Housing affordability stress 24.5%5. Inadequate or inappropriate dwelling conditions 23.4%	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Domestic and family violence 38.3%2. Housing crisis 19.5%3. Financial difficulties 10.3%4. Inadequate or inappropriate dwelling conditions 8%5. Housing affordability stress 5%

The causes of homelessness

The why and the how of an event happening

The relationship between housing and income

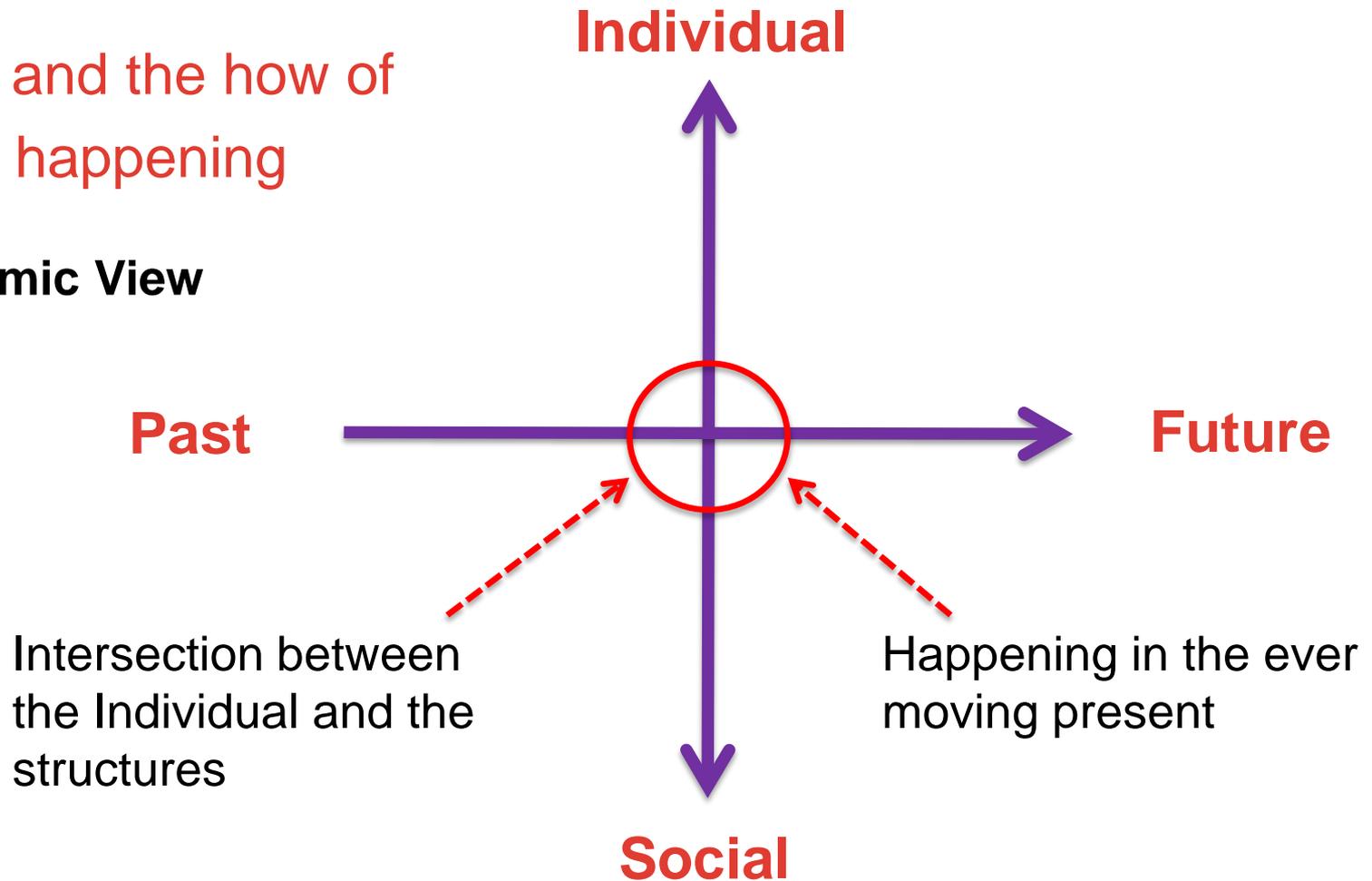
But what else is going on?



The cause

The why and the how of an event happening

3. A Dynamic View



The reality of causation

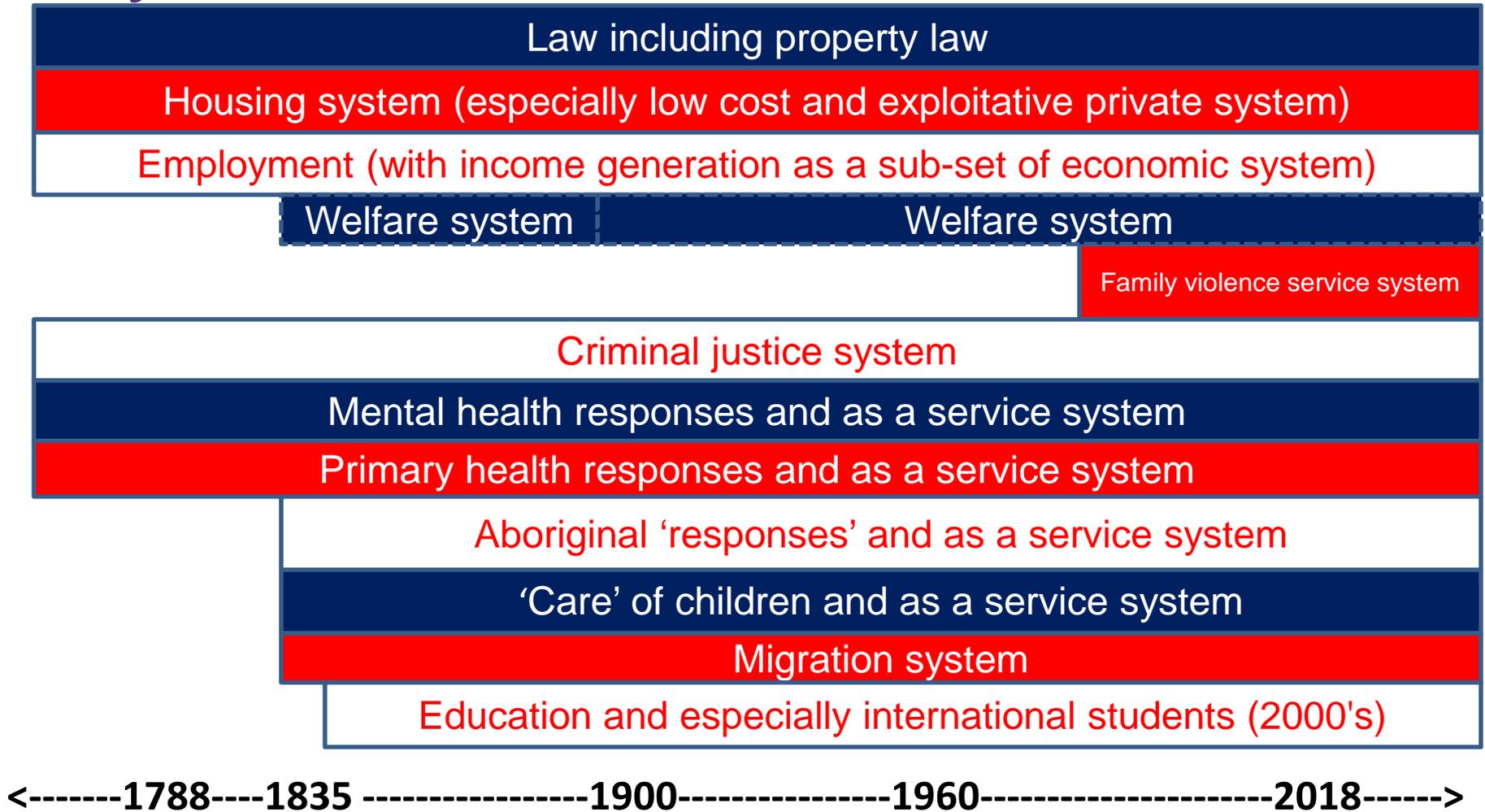
There is more to cause

Cause is much more complex and more deeply embedded in time

- For the individual
- For the structures

And, in particular, in the interactions between them all...

System interactions



System interactions

Social structures are made up of people

These 'agents' serve as gatekeepers into and between systems, they perform roles in service of the system

They/you/we are part of the culture of the system and act within its norms and rules

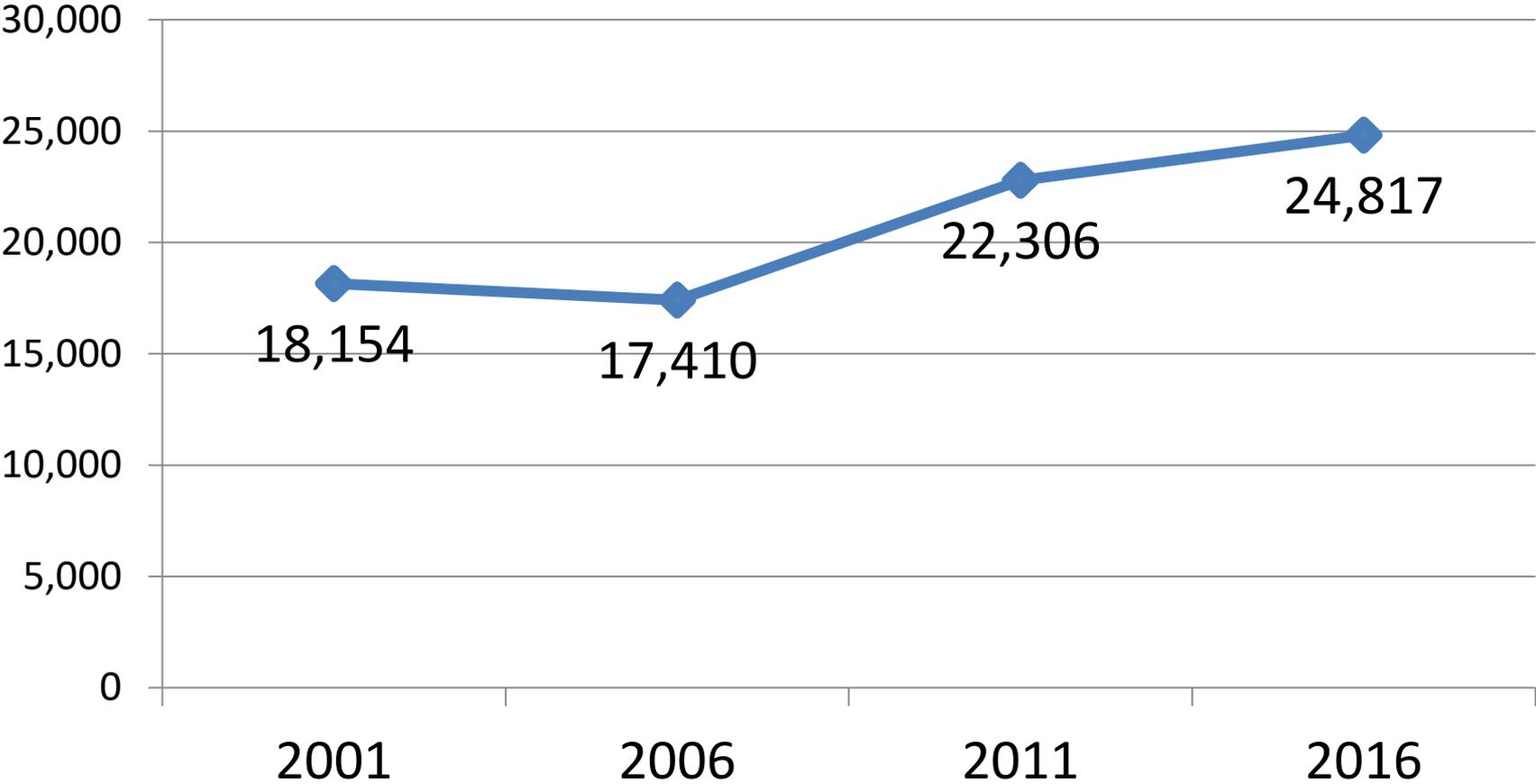
1. Where are they/you/we located within the constellation of services or systems that orbit the person experiencing homelessness?
2. Who are they/you/we to the person experiencing homelessness?
3. How much autonomy do they/you/we have?
4. How much impact upon the problem do they/you/we have?

Homelessness and time

How many people are homeless right now?

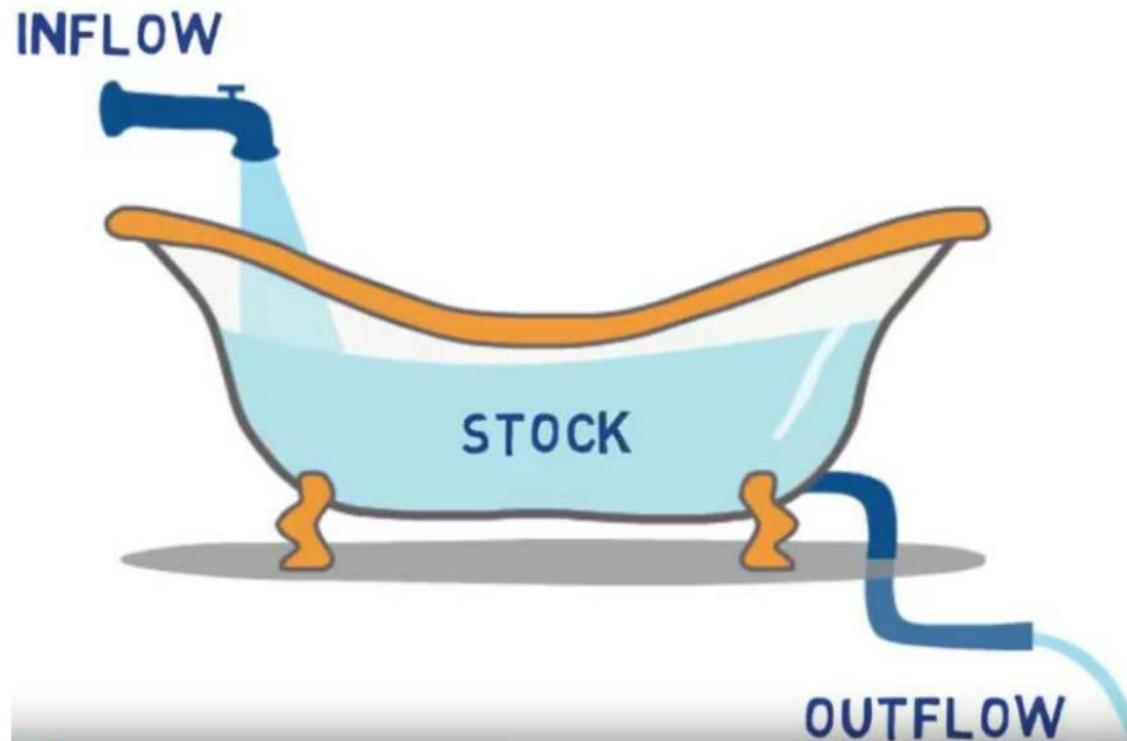
Homelessness and time

Number of Victorian's Homeless: Census Data 2001 to 2016



Homelessness over time

Another version of the dynamic view of homelessness



Ending homelessness

How?

Absolute Zero

- Is this possible?

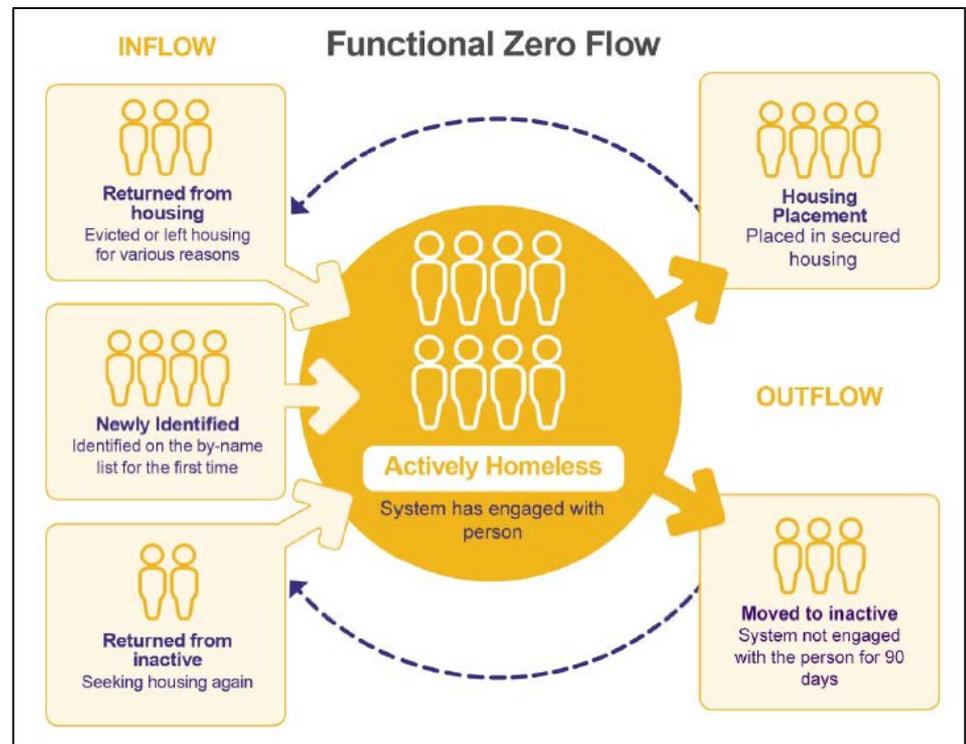
Functional Zero

- Most efficient service system possible where the time spent homeless is minimized
- Reached when the number of people in the stock and inflow within a month is **less** than the average monthly placement rate into long-term housing
- Needs to be sustained

Ending homelessness

Functional zero – How and Hope

1. A clear and strategic goal
2. Collective Impact approach
3. By Name List
4. Command centre
5. Continuous Quality Improvement



Ending homelessness

Functional Zero and what it means

1. Data integration
2. Cooperation
3. Innovation
4. Housing, housing, housing

Ending homelessness

Functional Zero: challenges and what it is not

1. On its own it does not end homelessness – it is a method not an end in itself.
2. People experiencing homelessness
3. Communication and resources
4. Housing
5. Temporary accommodation
6. Political ideology/Public opinion

What it means to continue to be wrong

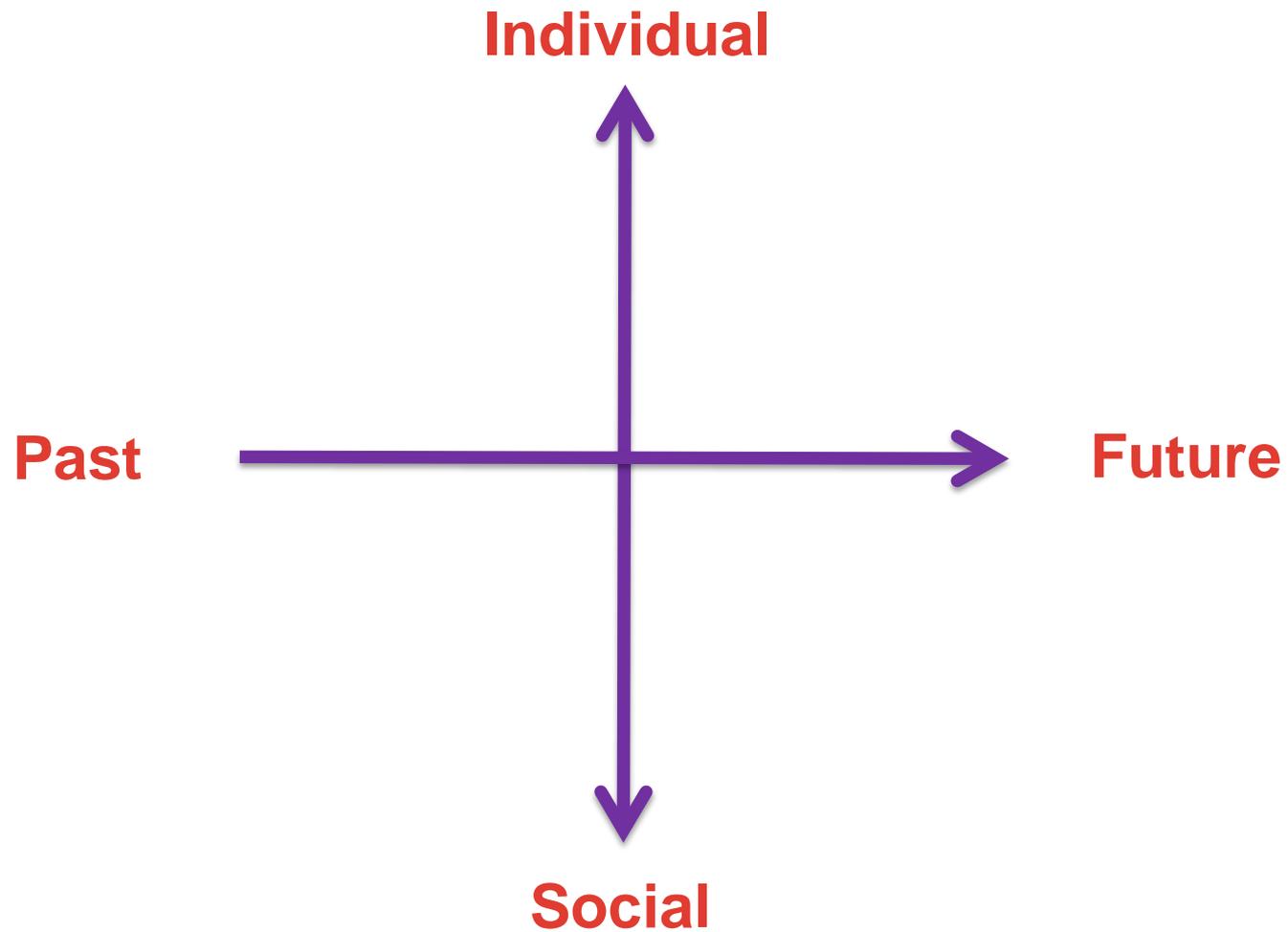
Homelessness and mortality

People experiencing homelessness

- Are many times more likely to die than the general population, with significantly higher risk of mortality
- Die younger (up to 30 years)

These deaths are largely preventable if adequate housing and health supports are provided

Conclusion





Questions?

Discussion...

Issues...

The data we collect

Who is presenting for help?

SHS 2017-18 Male 36% Female 64%

How does this compare to ABS Data?

ABS 2016 Male 58% Female 42%

The Iceberg (ABS General Social Survey 2014)

	Total	15–34 years	35–64 years	65 years or over
Sought assistance	33%	26%	41%	41%
Did not seek assistance	67%	74%	59%	59%