

Homelessness and Partnerships Presentation



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Introduction



- 1. Homelessness demand**
- 2. Temporary Accommodation provision**
- 3. Employment, Training and Education for homeless hostel residents**

Successes



- Procurement systems to secure good quality, value for money accommodation.
- We are particularly proud of our long standing and track record of not placing any families in bed and breakfast accommodation.
- Low levels of rough sleeping in H&F, work continues through a DLUHC 3-year funding programme which closely involve third sector partners.
- Rough Sleeping Accommodation Programme (RSAP) funding secured for 12 additional Housing First units in 2022/23
- Our rent arrears, welfare advice, ASB and housing advice teams work closely together to find ways to make tenancies sustainable wherever possible.

Challenges

The Housing Solutions Service provides advice and support to over 1000 homelessness applications each year. We cannot be complacent with levels of homelessness expected to rise.

There has been an increase in homelessness approaches in Q2 this year (12% higher than 12 months ago), and it is expected to increase further with the Cost of Living crisis and pressures to provide housing and support to refugees.

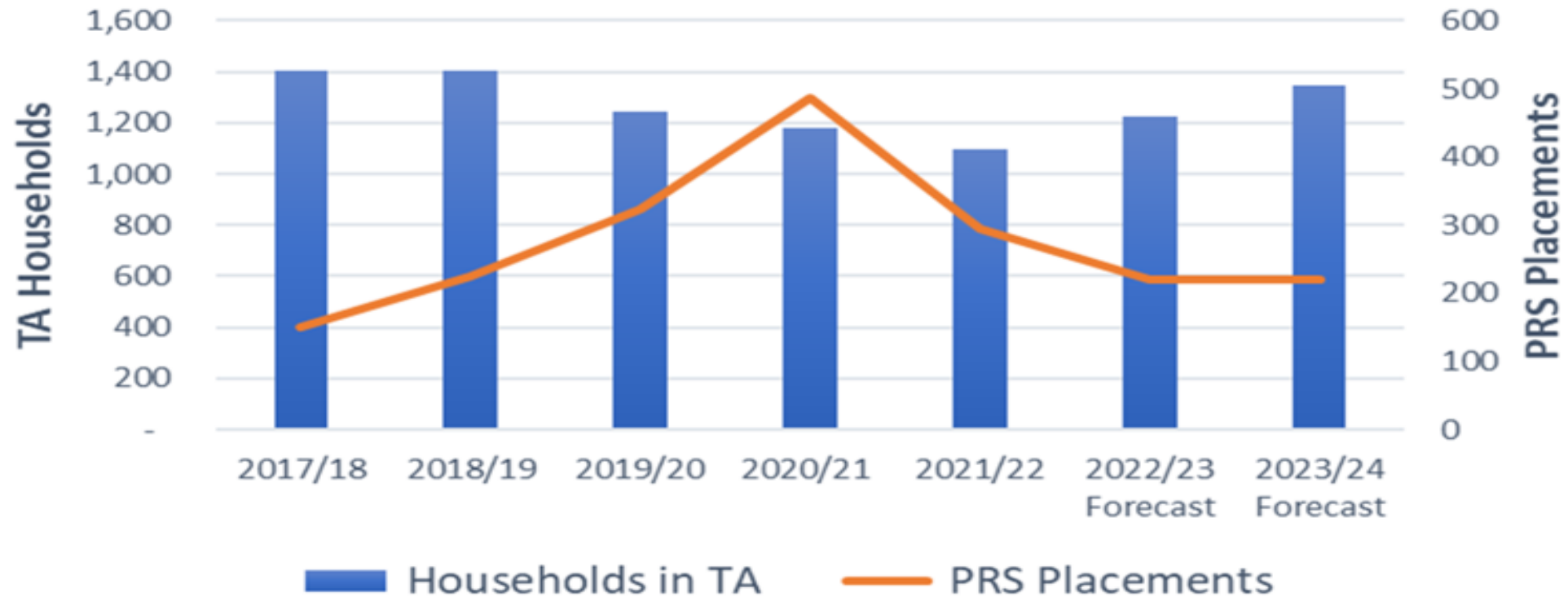
Rough sleeping in London has increased by 24% in Q2 this year compared to the same period last year, and by 22% in H&F.

Temporary Accommodation Portfolio

TA Portfolio Breakdown	
Privately owned Leased Directly to the Council	400
Privately owned leased through a property Agent	490
Hostel	64
Council owned Stock	57
Privately owned leased through Hsg Assoc	46
Bed & Breakfast	103
Total Units	1160

TA & PRS Placement Trends

Temporary Accommodation vs Private Rented Sector Placements



Comparative TA Placements

Years	6 Month Period April – September	Weekly average
2019/20	193	7.4
2020/21	163	6.3
2021/22	229	8.8
2022/23	207	7.9

Year	Number of Households in TA
Jan 2018	1444
Jan 2019	1280
Jan 2020	1209
Jan 2021	1100
Jan 2022	1110

Pressures Impacting TA Provision

- Demand
- Private Rented Sector Market
- Reduction in Social Housing supply
- TA Placement Procurement Strategy

TA Provision Management Plan

- Void reduction plan
- Increase supply - temporary accommodation & private rented sector
- Maximise grant funding - vulnerable renters grant fund
- Partnership working - Capital Letters, Homefinderuk, BEAM
- Robust homelessness prevention activity – supported housing & rough sleeping provision

Employment, Training and Education opportunities for hostel residents



- 149 bedspaces in the commissioned pathway
- Work and learning builds independence and recovery from homelessness

Jan – Sept 2022 there have been 33 referrals to ETE including:

Referral type	Number of referrals
St Mungo's recovery college and other internal	13
BEAM	5
Get Connected	6
HALS	2
Other	9

Employment, Training and Education opportunities for hostel residents



Challenges:

- Complex support needs
- Confidence in a learning environment, feeling different to others
- Locality, distance to travel
- Lack of equipment

Solutions:

- In-reach and taster sessions
- Peer support
- Improve access to funding

'Get Connected' pilot



- 'Get Connected' is a programme of activities provided by Turning Point that will be designed with hostel pathway residents.
- Focus on residents that may be engaged in a street-based lifestyle, build confidence and readiness to access courses/activities in the wider community.
- Fortnightly taster sessions, self-defence, arts and crafts, build your own bike.

Homeless Health Project

