

Homelessness Context – national and local

Demand

Response

Homelessness Recovery Plan – overview

Homelessness - National and Local Context



National

- National increases in homelessness as a result of :-
 - Impact of COVID 19- unemployment, health and wellbeing
 - Increased utility costs
 - Increased inflation/mortgage rates
 - Increased rents
 - Cost of living crisis

Local

- National impact is reflected locally in:-
 - Increased presentations at risk of homelessness or homeless and complexity of need
 - Reducing affordable Private Rented Sector (PRS) market
 - Landlords are exiting the market
 - Rents have increased significantly and are unaffordable for many
 - Low Local Housing Allowance rates
 - Impacts building viability of affordable homes
 - Reduced delivery of Social Housing
 - Means increased rents are unaffordable for low – medium income households

Statutory Homelessness Duties Demand



21/22

- Households approaching for Housing Advice – 2,947
- Households in B+B (snapshot on March 31) – 151
- Families in B+B (snapshot on March 31) - 41

22/23

- Households approaching for Housing Advice – 3,405
- Households in B+B (snapshot on March 31) – 222
- Families in B+B (snapshot on March 31) - 35

23/24 upto 30th September

- Households approaching for Housing Advice – 1891
- Households in B+B – 186
- Families in B+B - 49

Current Financial Forecasted Pressure is £2.4m.

Reasons for Presenting as Homeless 2023/24



Reason for Homelessness Presentations 23/24	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Total
S21 Notice	42	41	31	49	39	33	37	272
Family/Friends No Longer Able or Willing to Accommodate	25	29	34	43	47	39	31	248
Fleeing Domestic Abuse	23	23	21	20	20	19	10	136
Relationship Breakdown (nonviolent)	8	12	18	12	12	8	8	78
Eviction from Supported Housing	12	12	12	12	10	7	8	73
Other	2	10	8	17	11	13	6	67
Leaving Prison	8	10	16	8	6	8	10	66
Leaving Hospital	4	11	5	10	4	2	4	40
Fleeing Harassment	7	4	10	4	4	4	5	38
Information to be completed	2	8	8	8	8	2	0	36
Notice to Vacate (Not S21/ S8)	4	4	4	5	6	4	5	32
S8 Notice	3	5	1	4	4	6	3	26
Leaving NASS Accommodation (granted leave to remain)	0	0	1	2	13	3	5	24
Abandoned Accommodation	5	4	2	1	4	2	5	23
Rough Sleeping	1	3	3	3	3	6	1	20

Our response



- Continued work with Alliance partners to sustain and increase temporary accommodation:-
 - Increased single homeless accommodation by 138 rooms from 2020- 23 – total 511 rooms
 - Increased family accommodation by 88 homes from 2020 - 2023 – total 85 homes
- Set up of Plymouth City Council Housing Taskforce
- Set up of Homelessness Recovery Board – Multi agency partnership with oversight of Homelessness Recovery Plan which sets out four pillars of activity

Homelessness Recovery Board – Examples of Activity



1. Reducing Demand for Homelessness Services

- Realignment of Alliance services to support increased demand
- Stringent monitoring and management oversight of approaches and emergency accommodation placements
- Use of Household Support Fund and Homelessness Prevention Grant to support retention of existing tenancies/licences and move on
- Co location of Children and Young People homelessness and Adult Social Care posts to prevent homelessness and support appropriate assessment/accomm

Homelessness Recovery Board – Examples of Activity cont.



2. Reducing reliance on Nightly Paid Emergency Accommodation

- Trevi 7 Bed (plus 2 crisis beds) for Women (Oct 23)
- Young Devon development of 4 Flats for 18 – 25 year olds with support needs (Nov 23)
- 14 additional family homes (Cornerstone) (Nov 23)
- 10 family homes (RP Regen Project) (Oct 23)

3. Creating a more sustainable moving on service

- Creation of Modular Units scheme - BCHA
- 75 rooms in Houses of Multiple Occupation working with existing providers
- 100 units through Supported Accommodation Review Team

Homelessness Recovery Board – Examples of Activity cont.



4. Increasing Long term Housing Solutions – work with Housing Delivery Team

- Deliver existing Housing Developments e.g. Plymouth Community Homes
- Redevelop family temp accommodation – Raglan Court
- LAHF 1 and 2 – working with BCHA to deliver 26 additional affordable homes by Mar 24 (LAHF 1 -16 family homes for Afghan and Ukraine resettlement schemes, LAHF 2 -Resettlement (8) and Temp Accommodation (2))

4. Increasing Long term Housing Solutions



- Deliver existing Housing Developments e.g. Plymouth Community Homes/Annington Homes
- Redevelop family temp accommodation – Raglan Court
- LAHF 1 and 2 – working with RPs to deliver 16 additional affordable homes by Mar 24 (BCHA confirmed LAHF 1 , LAHF 2 under negotiation)
- Housing Delivery Team