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The Challenge of Tackling Homelessness on a Local and National Level Across Wales



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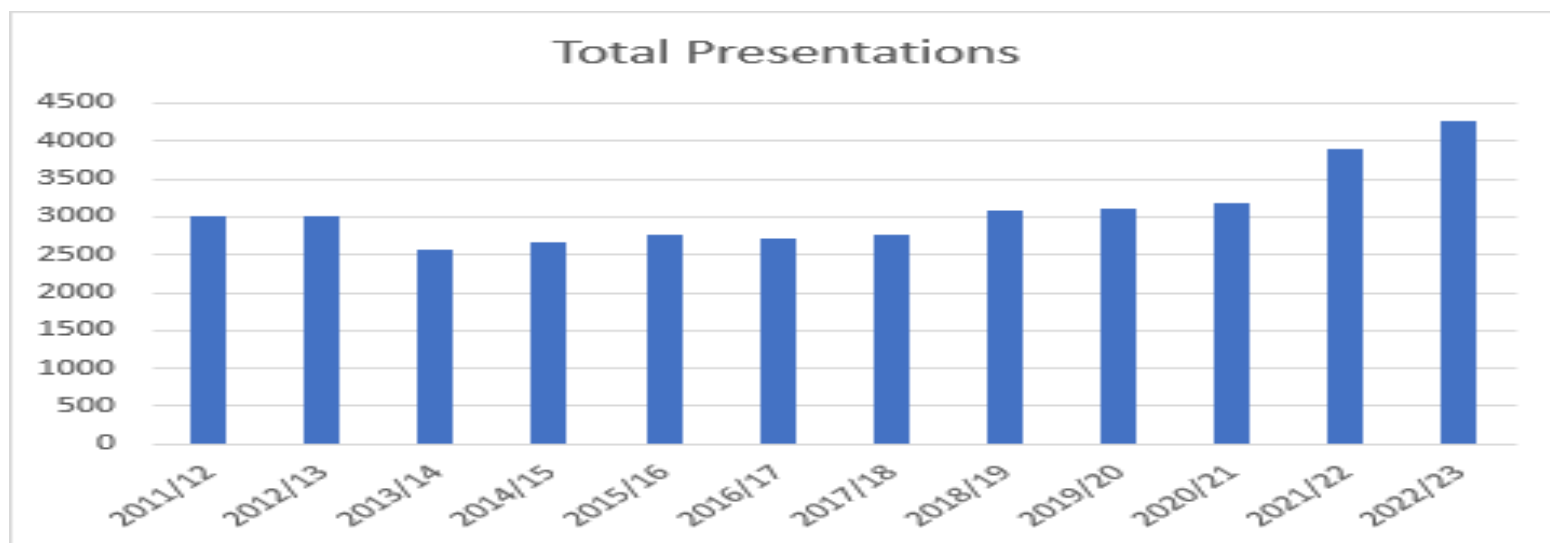
Temporary and Emergency Accommodation

Current number of people in B&B and other temporary accommodation in Swansea

The position across Wales

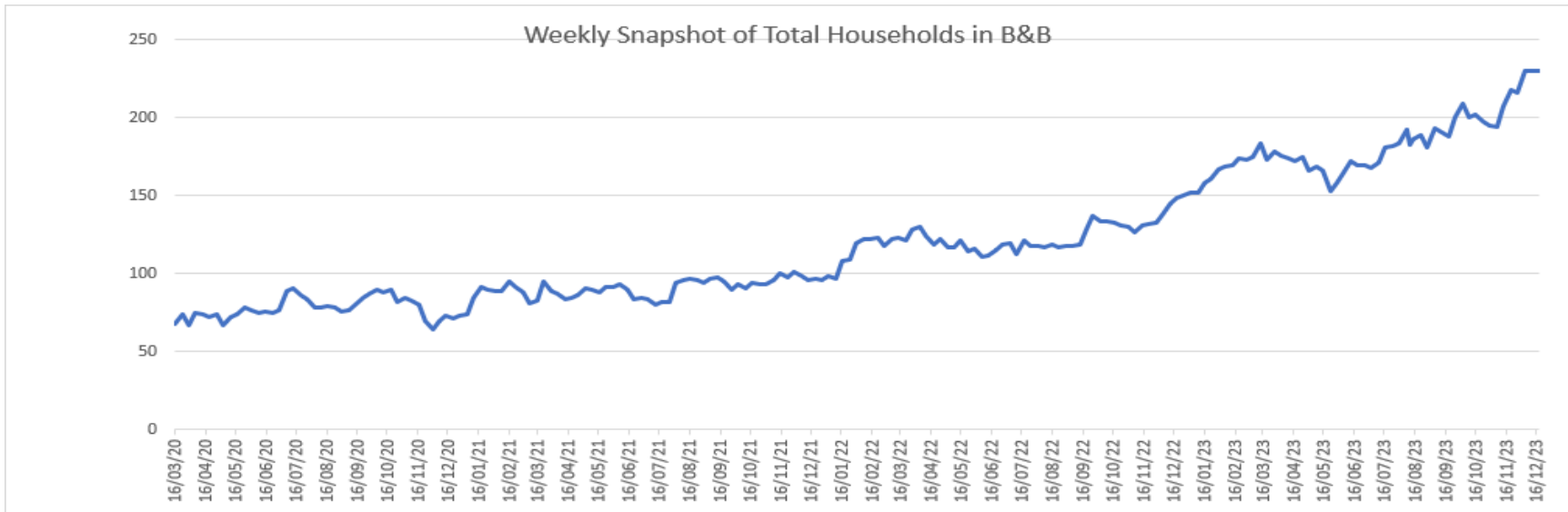
The challenges / barriers – WHQS WDQR

Total number of homeless presentations



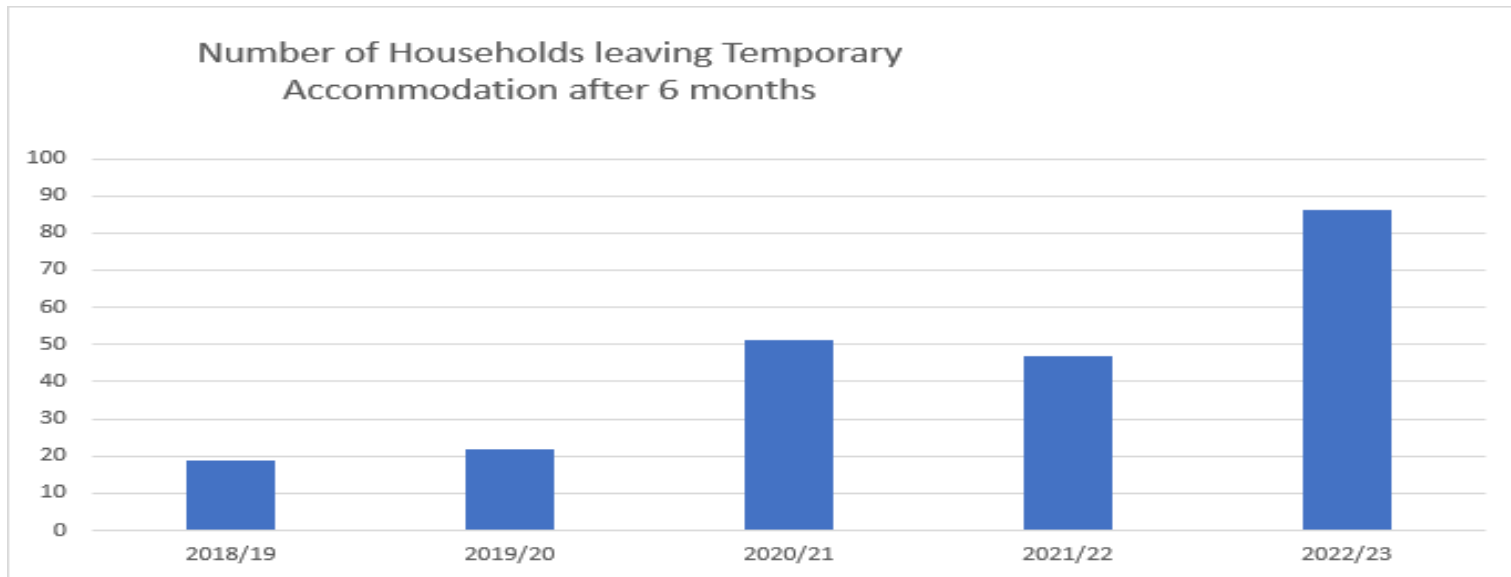
- Number of people presenting as homeless is continuing to rise.
- 2021/22 over 3,500 presentations compared to under 3,000 in 2011/12.
- 2022/23 over 4,000 presentations.
- 23/24 likely to be in excess of 4,500 presentations

Total B&B Placements



- One of the most concerning pieces of data and best example of how the pandemic and the suspension of priority need has placed enormous pressure on temporary accommodation.
- 2019/20 average numbers in B&B were 30 households per night.
- Rose to 70 at the start of the pandemic with levels at the end of 2022/23 at 160 households.
- As at Jan 24 levels have increased further to over 250 households.

Length of time in temporary accommodation



- Since the pandemic people spend much longer periods of time in temporary accommodation.
- More than four times as many households were in temporary accommodation longer than 6 months in 2022/23 than in 2018/19.
- Likely to exceed 100 households in temp for over 6 months in 23/24

Private Rented Sector and Other Challenges

LHA

Renting Homes Act

Home Office Rapid Refugee Response

WG White Paper on ending homelessness in Wales

MORE HOMES

New Homes

Acquisitions

Conversions / Refurbishments

RSLs

Section 106



QUESTIONS ?

