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Working with others to ensure decent housing and strong communities across Scotland

Section 5 in practice

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Referrals - the numbers

	2003/04	2004/05
Referrals received	5,520	7,633
Referrals housed	3,431	4,233

- 38% increase in referrals received
- 23% increase in number of referrals housed
- Successful referrals down from 62% to 55%

More numbers

- 14.5% of RSL lets via s.5, up from 11%
- 11.4%, up from 6% excl. big three
- s.5 and nominations – 29% of RSL lets
- Number of s.5s for temp accommodation up by nearly **3000%** to 750

Findings from inspections

- Not all were using section 5 referrals to maximise the availability of lets
- Some good contributions by RSLs to alleviating homelessness
- But some confusion around section 5 duties and responsibilities
- CHRs and CBLs

What we look for: Outcomes

- House that meets needs
- Minimise wait
- Good level of choice
- Support needs considered and met
- Proactive RSLs

What we look for: when s.5 is used

- Proportionate and reasonable
- Responsive
- Good working arrangements
- Tracking of success