

Homelessness Assessments

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Homelessness and priority need assessments 2007/08

Year	No of applicants	% of applicants assessed as homeless	% assessed in priority need
■ 2003/04	56,634	76%	73.4%
■ 2004/05	57,427	72%	75.0%
■ 2005/06	60,622	72%	75.5%
■ 2006 /07	59,550	71%	76.7%
■ 2007/08	56,609	71%	79.7%

36.3 % of all applicants had their name on a local authority or RSL waiting list

Assessment - why is it important?

E.G.

- Legal duty
 - To identify needs
 - To meet needs
 - Prevention, to assist sustainment
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Of those assessed as homeless further assessment decision and support needs 2007/08

Identified Support Need	Homeless - not in priority need		Homeless intentionally	
Mental health problem	74	1%	163	13%
Learning disability	11	-	22	2%
Physical disability	7	7%	68	5%
Medical condition	52	1%	141	11%
Drug or alcohol dependency	210	3%	228	18%
Basic housing mgt/ independent living skills	345	5%	232	18%

Proportion of those with support needs who are not in priority need/intentionally homeless

- Of the 40649 assessed as homeless or threatened with homelessness 13711 had one or more support need identified
- Of those who were assessed as being **intentionally** homeless **48%** had more than one support need and **19%** (244) had two or more support needs
- Of those who were assessed as **not in priority need** **8%** had one or more support needs and **1.4%** (102) two or more.

Homelessness Assessments - changing emphasis; implications?

- Prevention
 - Holistic approach
 - Resolving housing problems - not necessarily the homeless route
 - Housing options / PHP
 - Support assessments
 - Individual solutions
 - Where does the emphasis of the service lie
 - Role of other staff
 - Gatekeeping?
 - Resources
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