

Everyone should have a home

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**The future for hostels and shared
accommodation**

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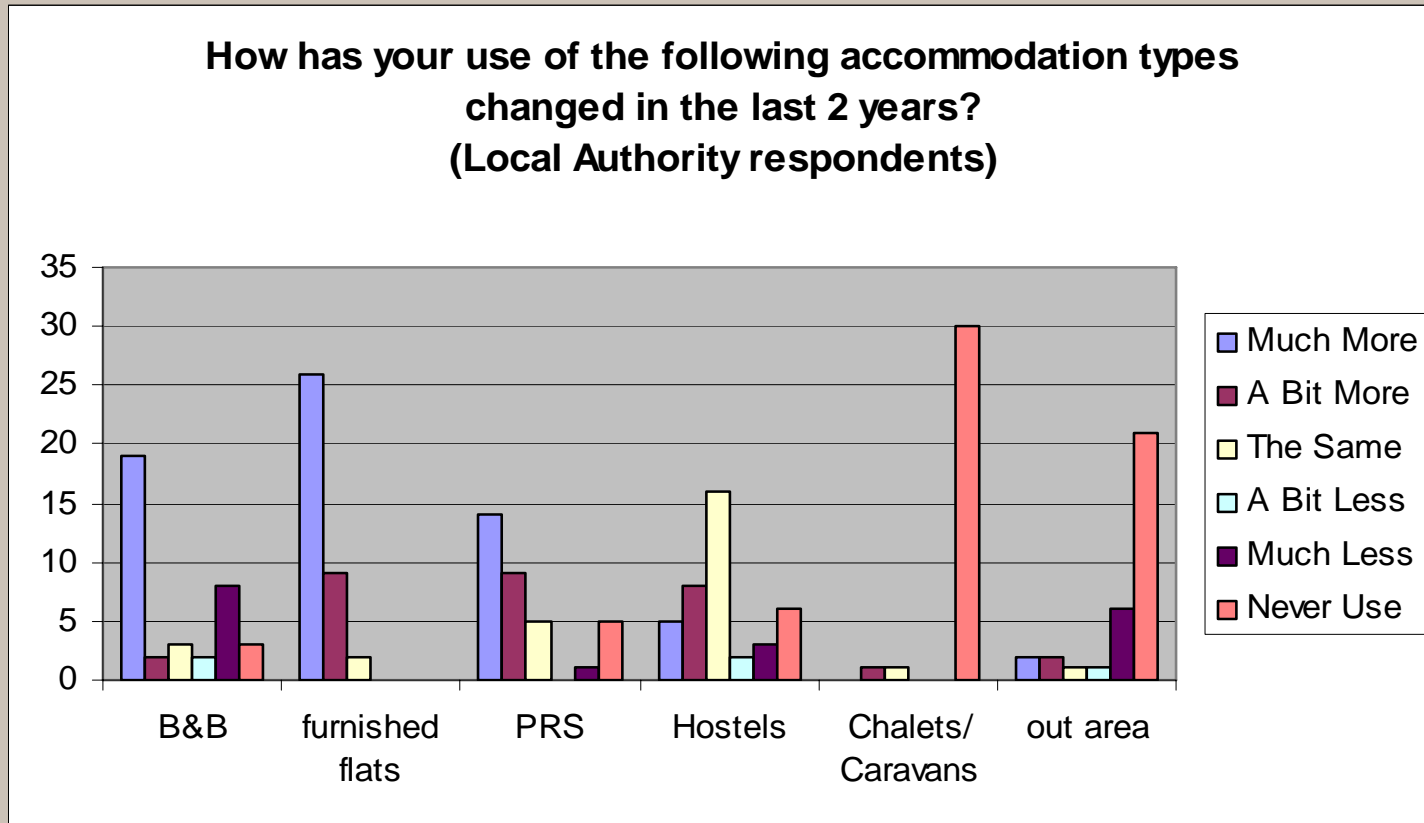
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“Short-term hostel accommodation must have a place because people can’t be left on the streets, but in the long-term, it’s not the way forward”

Jim Anderson, Old Town Housing Association

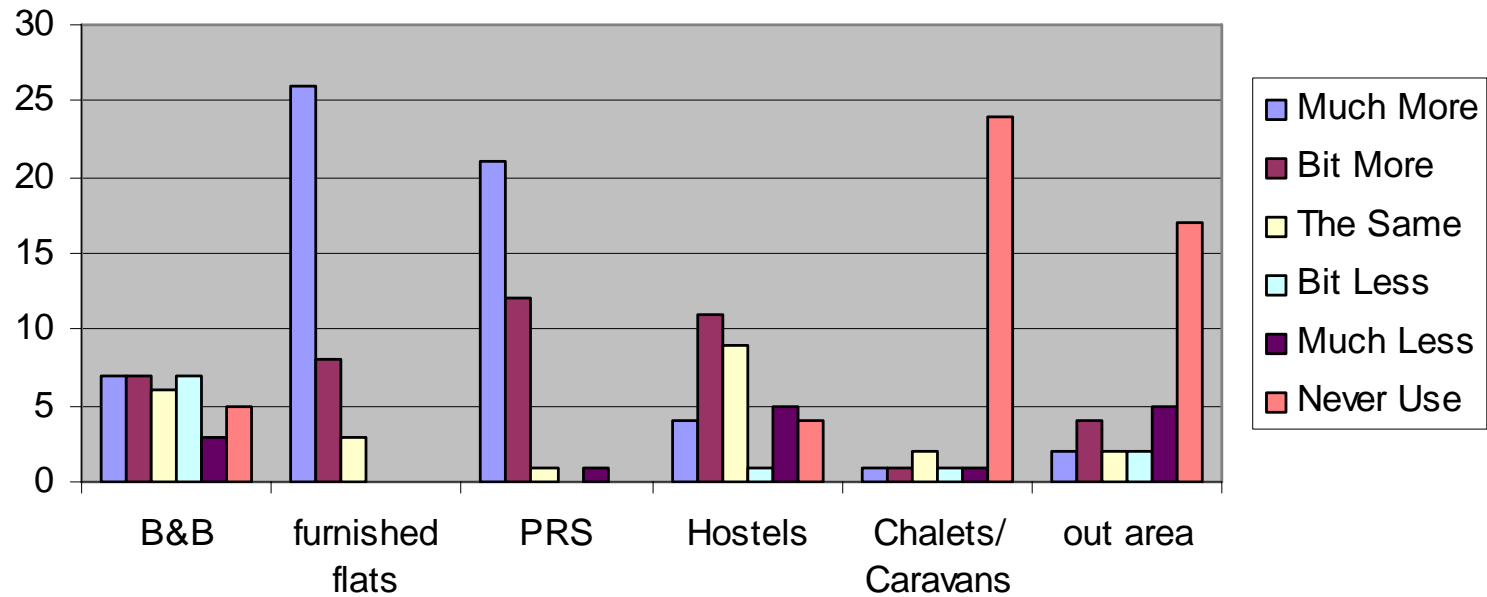
Appears to cover the current view of what hostel accommodation is provided for.

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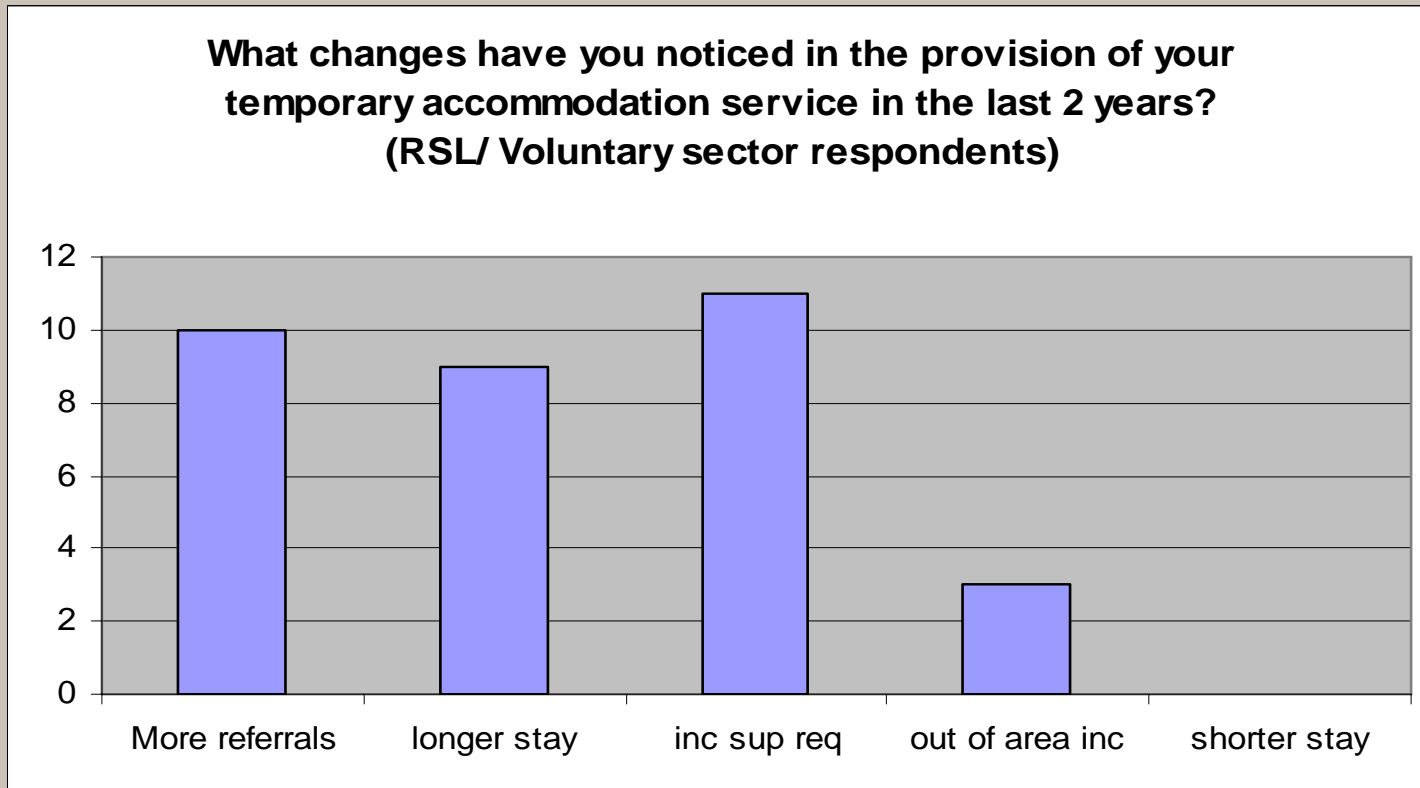


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How do you see your use of the following types of accommodation changing in the next 2 years?
(Local Authority respondents)

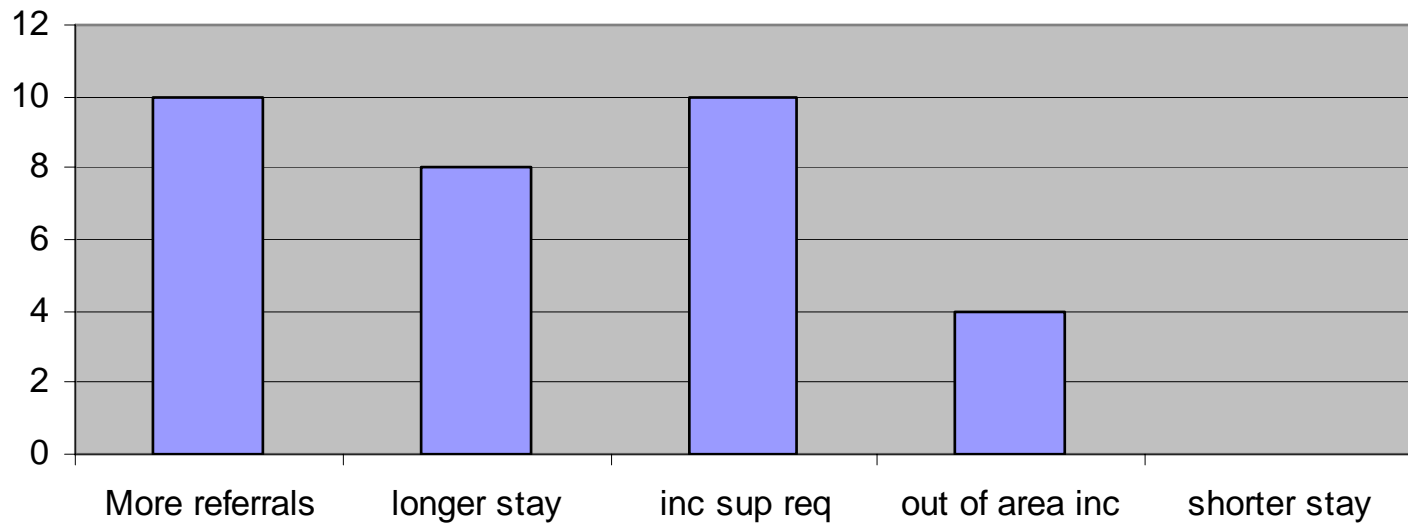


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**What changes in the provision of your temporary accommodation service do you anticipate in the next 2 years?
(RSL/ Voluntary sector accommodation providers)**



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Increasing demand....decreasing supply?

Number of local authorities with targeted provision by client group *(Source: Rosengard et al Intentionally Homeless Households in Scotland)*

Women who experience abuse	29
Young People	26
Households with children	11
People with mental health problems	10
More than one group/multiple/complex needs	9
People with problematic alcohol use	6
People with problematic drug use	5
People with a history of anti-social behaviour	2
Other specific accommodation available	6

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Section 7 Regulations: Determine the minimum rights and responsibilities of hostel dwellers and will have a significant impact on how hostels are run and managed.

Impact of legislative changes in the provisions and entitlements of intentionally homeless households.

Are these consistent with the prevailing view of the service that hostels should be providing?

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Key questions

- What is the purpose of hostel accommodation – short term to get people off the streets or is there a place for longer term shared/ communal accommodation?
- Do the research findings sound accurate from people's experience on the ground – ie increasing demand and longer periods of residence, increasing support needs among those being referred/ accommodated

Are these requirements in support needs being met through the accommodation services that are provided? Where are the gaps?

Are there other gaps in provision?

What impact might Section 7 regulations and the changes to the entitlements of intentionally homeless households have on hostel accommodation?

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