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Delivering on Homelessness
the role for associations

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Who and what are we?

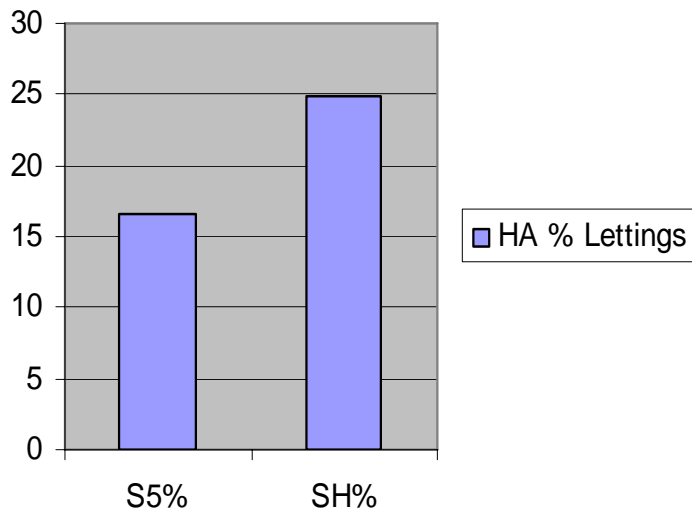
- 40% of all social housing
- Housing 12% Scotland's population
- Growing
- Diverse
 - LSVT
 - Community based
 - Regional
 - National
 - Urban, rural.....

A few facts

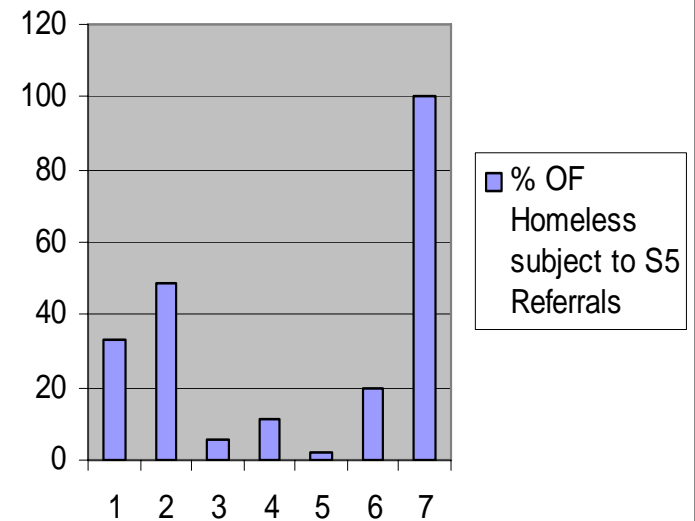
- Who are we housing?
 - APSR Returns under 15% through Section 5 referrals (leave out LSVT and it becomes 11%)
 - But
 - this figure is growing
 - This does not reflect our contribution to ending rooflessness

% of lettings to homeless

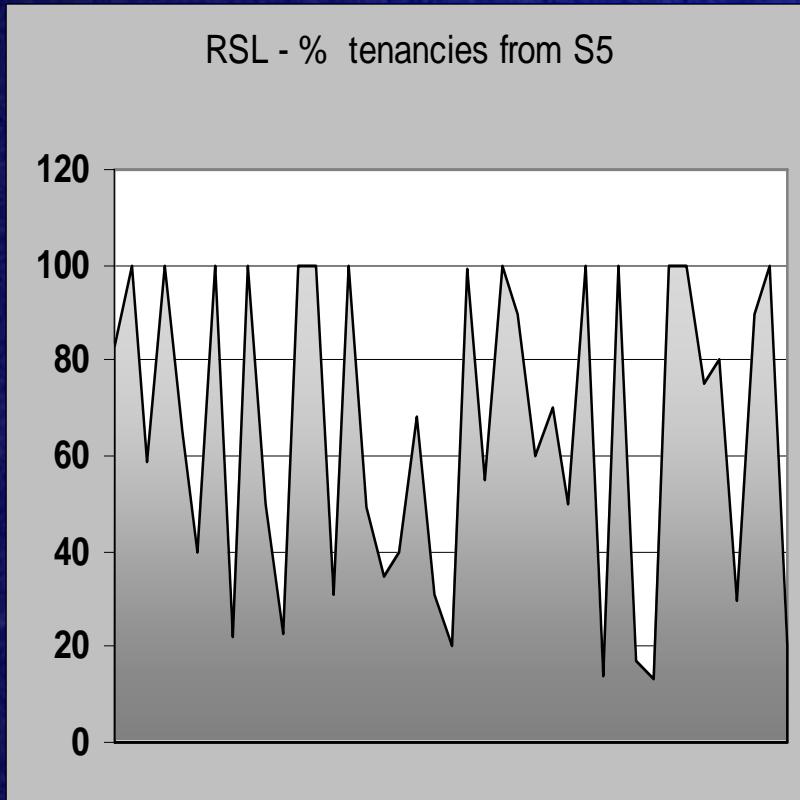
HA % Lettings



% OF Homeless subject to S5 Referrals



RSL – Tenancies from S5 Referrals



- Process is not working effectively in all areas
- Not all LA's use
- Danger of becoming bureaucratic paper exercise – needs to be efficient and helpful

Homelessness new to associations?

- S5 referrals - one piece of the jigsaw
- Allocations policies – good practice and statutory framework
- Projects and innovation – some examples
 - Dunedin Harbour Hostel
 - Queens X Fire Station
 - Blue Triangle HA
 - Partnerships with voluntary sector and local authorities

Part of the solution

- 2012 targets
 - Ambitious – we need to work to make it happen
 - Welcome Executive's commitment to look at allocations and associations must be involved
 - Supply
 - Not a numbers game – it's the supply of appropriate and sustainable tenancies
 - Dangers of failing to ensure supply - homeless as only route into social housing
 - Aims of legislation defeated
 - Need for support and care solutions
 - Build on private sector supply

Moving Forward to 2012

- Partnerships
 - Homeless Task Force – a partnership of statutory and voluntary sector to develop most advanced homeless legislation in Europe
 - Need to see practical working on the ground developed and implemented in the same way
 - Break out of sectoral defensiveness
 - Recognise that association sector can provide examples of innovative and successful work on homelessness
 - Recognise the huge task facing local authorities
 - Homelessness prevention
 - Needs to be seen in widest sense
 - Association sector needs to be engaged – key community organisations
 - Measuring effectiveness of prevention framework?
 - Key issue of choice

A few final thoughts

- Commitment to making it happen
- Understanding our role and our potential
- Participating in debate
- Partnerships are key



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