

Housing Solutions Partnership

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More than a Roof Update

Strategy focuses on

- preventing homelessness from occurring
- providing support to people who require it to maintain their tenancy
- increasing the housing options available to people in housing need
- ensuring our temporary accommodation meets the needs of people who are homeless



More than a Roof Update

- Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan
- Young Persons Housing Options Service
- Help to Rent Scheme
- Conversions programme
- Mitigate against the effects of Welfare reform



In 2018/19

- 3% increase in homeless presentations across Scotland
- 1% decrease in homelessness presentations in WDC
- 4.5% of applicants in Scotland had slept rough the night before presenting compared to 3.4% in WDC
- % repeat homeless lower in WDC than the rest of Scotland



Who presented as homeless in WDC?

- 27% were aged between 16 and 24
- 73% were single people
- 18% were single parents
- 23% households had children in them



Assessments

Assessment Decision	Scotland	WDC
Homeless/potentially homeless	78%	83%
Intentionally homeless decisions	4%	6%
Intentionally homeless households securing settled accommodation	25%	50%
Repeats Homeless	5.8%	4.9%



Why do people find themselves homeless?

- 25.5% asked to leave
- 17.8% Relationship breakdown, non violent
- 16.2% Dispute within household: violent or abusive



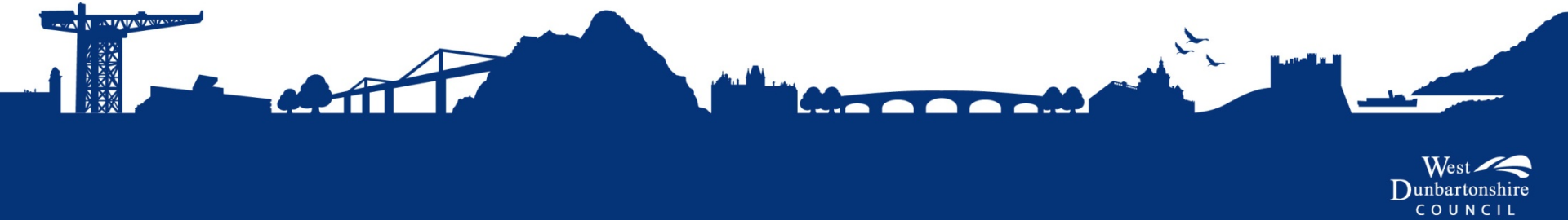
Housing Outcomes

- 989 cases closed in 2018/19
- 63% received a tenancy with West Dunbartonshire Council or with a housing association
- 10% lost contact



Support needs

Support Need	Scotland	WDC
Mental Health	51%	60.6%
Independent living skills	47%	41.7%
Addiction	23%	26%



Temporary Accommodation usage

- Everyone who required emergency or temporary accommodation was offered it
- No breaches of unsuitable accommodation order
- Average stay in a temp accommodation 159 days

