Homelessness Report - Qtr 3 2015/16

Number of Preventions

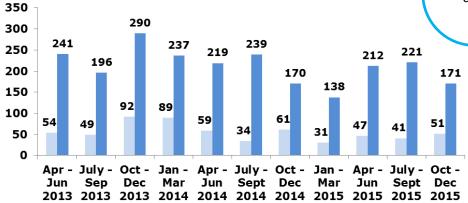


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The number of preventions has decreased and is the lowest it has been during the third quarter over the last five years. The ratio of homelessness preventions to acceptances is a good indicator of the effectiveness of homelessness prevention efforts but also reflects the increasing financial pressures on families and constrained housing supply.

Also, the high number of homeless applications and subsequent acceptances is indicative of the present difficulties in preventing homelessness compared to previous years.

Outcome of Positive Action



- Cases able to remain in existing home
- Cases assisted to obtain alternative accommodation

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Breakdown of Preventions

	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	Total
2011/12	439	341	390	334	1504
2012/13	429	369	383	315	1496
2013/14	295	245	382	326	1248
2014/15	278	273	231	169	951
2015/16	259	262	222		743

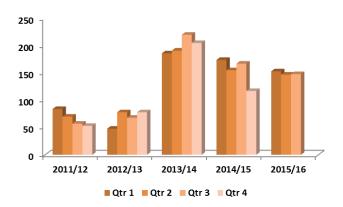
So far this financial year we have prevented 743 households becoming homeless and we forecast a year end out-turn of 1000 households. The yearend out-turn for 2014/15 was 951 against a target of 1200.

As a comparison, we were able to reach a total of 222 positive outcomes through prevention within quarter three 2015/16. This figure is down by 9 (4%) from quarter three 2014/15 and down by 160 (42%) from quarter three 2013/14.

The reduction in preventions had no impact on the number of homelessness acceptances from quarter three 2014/15 (79), however, the overall total for acceptances for this year is set to be considerably higher than previous years.

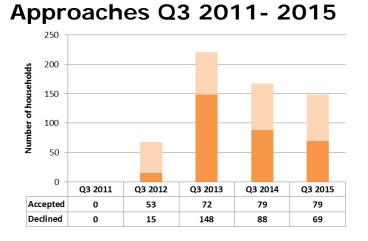
The total of homelessness acceptances currently stands at 263 when compared with 224 at the same point last year.

Number of Approaches



Breakdown of Approaches

	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	Total
2011/12	84	70	57	53	264
2012/13	48	78	68	78	272
2013/14	186	191	220	205	802
2014/15	174	155	167	117	613
2015/16	153	147	148		448

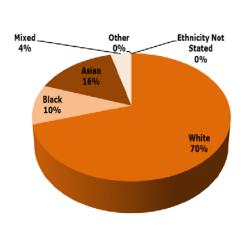


The number of approaches has remained fairly consistent with a slight increase in the last two months. This is a figure over which we have no influence as it is the number of people who approach the authority as homeless.

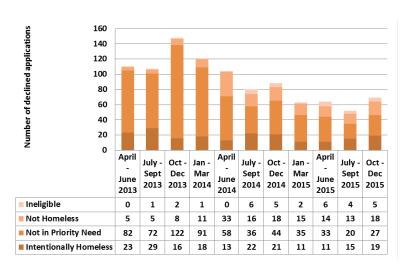
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448 households have approached the authority as homeless since the beginning of April 2015, a reduction of 17% compared to the same period in 2014/15.

Ethnicity



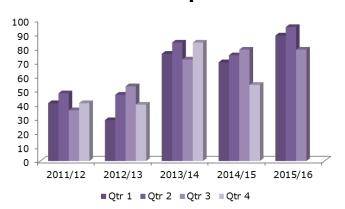
Reasons for Non-Acceptance



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Source: DCLG Quarterly P1(E) returns

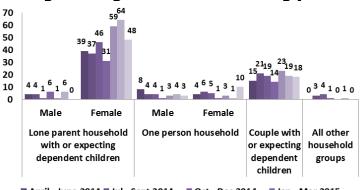
Number of Acceptances



Breakdown of Acceptances

	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	Total
2011/12	41	48	36	41	166
2012/13	29	47	53	40	169
2013/14	76	84	72	84	316
2014/15	70	75	79	54	278
2015/16	89	95	79		263

Analysis by Household Type



■ April - June 2014 ■ Jul - Sept 2014 ■ Oct - Dec 2014 ■ Jan - Mar 2015 ■ Apr - June 2015 ■ July - Sept 2015 ■ Oct - Dec 2015

The main reasons for acceptances are loss of rented or tied accommodation, violence, relatives or friends no longer willing or able to accommodate and rent arrears.

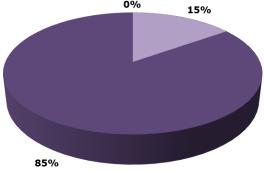
Acceptances due to rent arrears for quarter three 2015/16 (9) were more than double the figure for quarter three 2014/15 and account for 36% of the total incidents of rent arrears since 1 April 2014 (25).

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There has been a slight reduction in the number of households who have been accepted as homeless during quarter three, the reduction is likely to be seasonal and we may see an increase in homelessness actively during quarter four.

The number of homelessness acceptances for 2015/16 is likely to exceed last year's overall figure. There are currently 263 homelessness acceptances at the end of quarter three compared with last year's out-turn of 278.

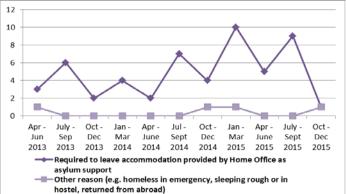
Immediate Outcome

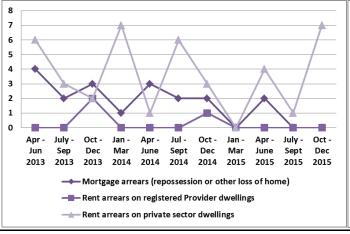


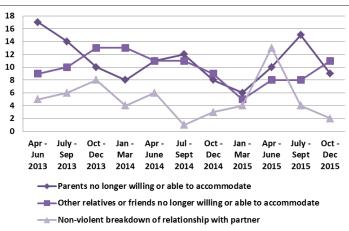
- Applicant placed in temporary accommodation for the foreseeable future
- Applicant owed a main duty but either remains in accomm from which accepted as homeless or is making own arrangements for temporary accom
- □ Applicant accepted "Part 6" offer (including LA nomination to a Registered Provider) or accepted an assured tenancy made directly by an RP

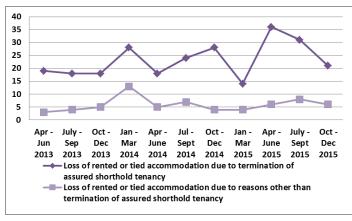
Key Reasons for Acceptances

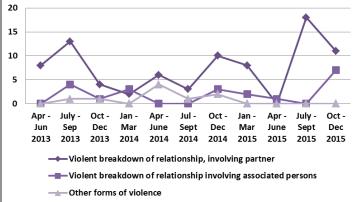
	Jan - Mar 2015	Apr - June 2015	July - Sept 2015	Oct - Dec 2015
Loss of rented or tied accommodation	18	42	39	27
Parents no longer willing or able to accommodate	6	10	15	9
Other relatives or friends no longer willing or able to accommodate	5	8	8	11
Violence	10	1	18	18
Non-violent breakdown of relationship with partner	4	13	4	2
Mortgage arrears (repossession or other loss of home)	0	2	0	0
Left an institution or LA care	0	0	0	0
Required to leave accommodation provided by Home Office as asylum support	10	5	9	1
Rent arrears	0	4	1	9
Harassment, threats or intimidation	0	4	1	1
Other reason for loss of last settled home	1	0	0	1
Total	54	89	95	79











Qtr 3 Local Homelessness Comparison:

	Derby Q2 15/16	Leicester Q2 15/16	Nottingham Q2 15/16
Homelessness Approach	147	83	162
Homelessness Acceptance	95	29	145
% of Acceptance	65%	35%	90%

Homelessness approach and acceptances figures for Derby in quarter two of 2015/16 compared to Leicester and Nottingham (quarter three not yet available).

The level of homelessness approach and acceptance for each local authority can be affected by a number of factors, such as a greater availability of alternate housing outside of the statutory route.

Social housing provision is also proportionally greater in Leicester and Nottingham along with both being awarded disproportionate homeless grant monies when compared with Derby.

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