

The Current Housing Landscape - RCT

- Extreme housing demand
- High numbers of homeless households in temporary accommodation and for longer
- Limited housing supply.
- PRS market stock depletion
- Increasing clients with complex needs
- Cost of living crisis / affordability / Local Housing Allowance Rates



Deep Dive - Overview

- The challenge of providing suitable and affordable accommodation for the majority of those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.
- Chronic shortage of 1 bedroom accommodation.
- Increase in temporary accommodation placements
- More complex needs present in homeless cohort who do not fit neatly into our current provision..
- Reinforced that lasting solutions require both housing and support to work together.

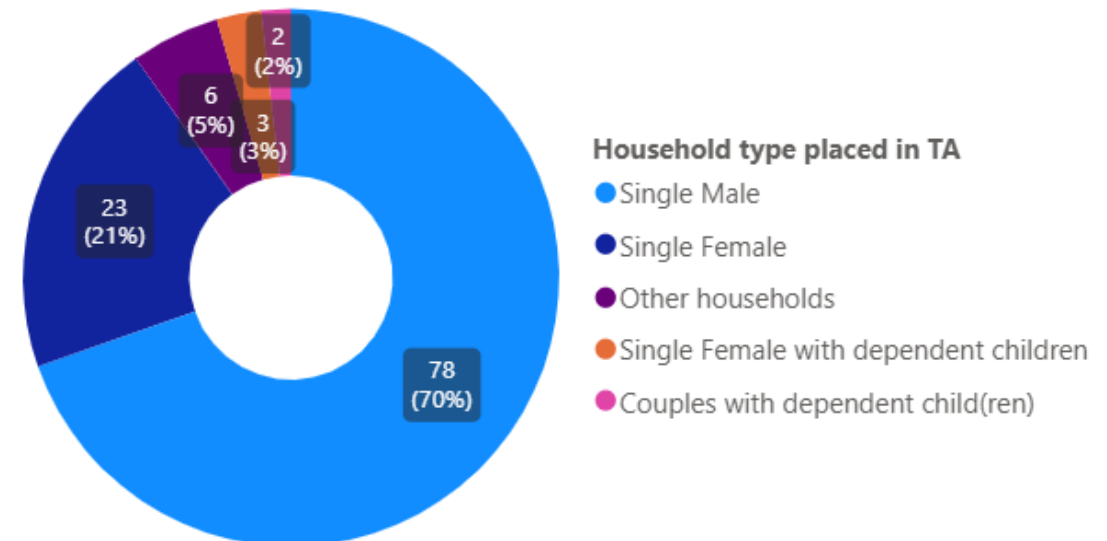
Affordability / Cost of Living Crisis adding to the demand on the system.



Temporary Accommodation

15/09/2025

Household type placed in TA	#	%
Single Male	78	70%
Single Female	23	21%
Other households	6	5%
Single Female with dependent children	3	3%
Couples with dependent child(ren)	2	2%
Total	112	100%



What did the Deep Dive Show us?

- We have robust good quality data systems in place which inform our work strategically and operationally.
- Weekly Management Data reports received by Service Managers.
- Dedicated roles for working with specific clients e.g. Domestic Abuse , Offenders.
- Good understanding of local housing need and close working links with our Housing Strategy Team
- Good understanding of prevention work .. what works and doesn't work 77% prevention rate 2024/25(72% currently)
- Effective partnership arrangements with our support providers and RSL's to help deliver our rapid rehousing model.
- Have a range of housing options to meet our Rapid Rehousing approach.

Homeless Interventions / Support

- Invested heavily in housing related support services to assist those in housing need via Housing Support Grant provision
- Housing First / Rapid Re-Housing Project for single person households with a high- level complex needs
- Designated Housing Solutions Offender Officer working proactively with Probation to meets the needs of homeless ex-offenders (** **108 referrals**)
- ****307 victims** of domestic abuse assisted with target hardening measures to remain in their homes (where this was their preference)
- ****188 referrals** made to the RCT Domestic Abuse Refuge
- ****£304,274 Homeless Prevention Grant** spent in assisting households to either remain or re-locate in the social housing or private rented sector
- Build for Zero Project in partnership with Crisis , Probation and HMPPS.
- Prison Offender Support Project in partnership with Kaleidoscope
- Increased focus on prevention wherever possible
- Housing Solutions Service reconfigured to better meet current client needs i.e. new Housing Assessment Support Team for single person households

****Data = 2024-2025**

2 Housing First Schemes

Adult Scheme - Managed by Pobl

- Available to individuals aged 25+
- 58 individuals on scheme
- 39 with live tenancies.

Young Persons Scheme - Managed by Llamau

- Available to Young People aged 16-24 years
- 11 young people on scheme
- 10 with an RSL tenancy
- 1 PRS tenancy
- 100% tenancy sustainment

Housing Allocations / Housing Register

Homefinder RCT



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Common Housing Register Partners

Existing Partners

- Aelwyd Housing Association
- Cynon Taf Community Housing Group
- Habinteg
- Hafod Housing Association
- Newydd Housing Association
- RHA Wales
- Trivallis

Partners added in 2023

- Cardiff Community Housing Association
- Linc
- Pobl
- United Welsh Housing Association
- Valleys 2 Coast



SLA Team current position



45 Properties on scheme



46 Contract Holders



37 households with children



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Build for Zero – working with offenders

- Partnership with Crisis , Probation , HMPPS and Kaleidoscope.
- The results of this project evidence a reduction in offenders presenting as homeless and being placed in temporary accommodation.



What Challenges did the Deep Dive Highlight

- IT – system is outdated , lacks mandatory fields, customisation only possible via the developers, costly to update
- Decreasing social lettings.
- PRS housing options not affordable.
- Housing First Project at capacity
- Client complexity over and above what can be provided by Social and PRS Housing, Supported Accommodation.
- Growth of Social Letting agency .. Staffing resources, IT arrangements.

What Opportunities did the deep dive highlight?

- Explore new IT arrangements with our Digital Improvement Team e.g. Social Letting Agency.
- Keeping our data under review to ensure we are capturing support and housing needs. Including our ragging data.
- Explore how we offer a more joined up system approach.
- Established an internal Council Accommodation Board.
- Completed a review of Housing First project new staffing resource identified.
- New staffing resources identified Social Letting Agency , PRS Officer.
- Piloting new housing options to meet the needs of those with more complex support needs.



Thank You
Questions ?