



Bristol Homes Board

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Homelessness & Rough Sleeping

Strategy 2019-24

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Why is an update needed ?

- **Statutory duty** under Homelessness Act 2002 for every local authority to conduct a homelessness review and produce a homelessness strategy based on that review
 - Strategy to be refreshed/updated at least every five years
 - Existing 2013-18 Preventing Homelessness Strategy due for update
 - **Legislative changes** (Homelessness Reduction Act, 2017) need to be reflected in new strategy.
 - **National Rough Sleeping Strategy 2018** - New requirements from central government relating to homelessness strategy – ie. Annual action plan - monitored by central government.
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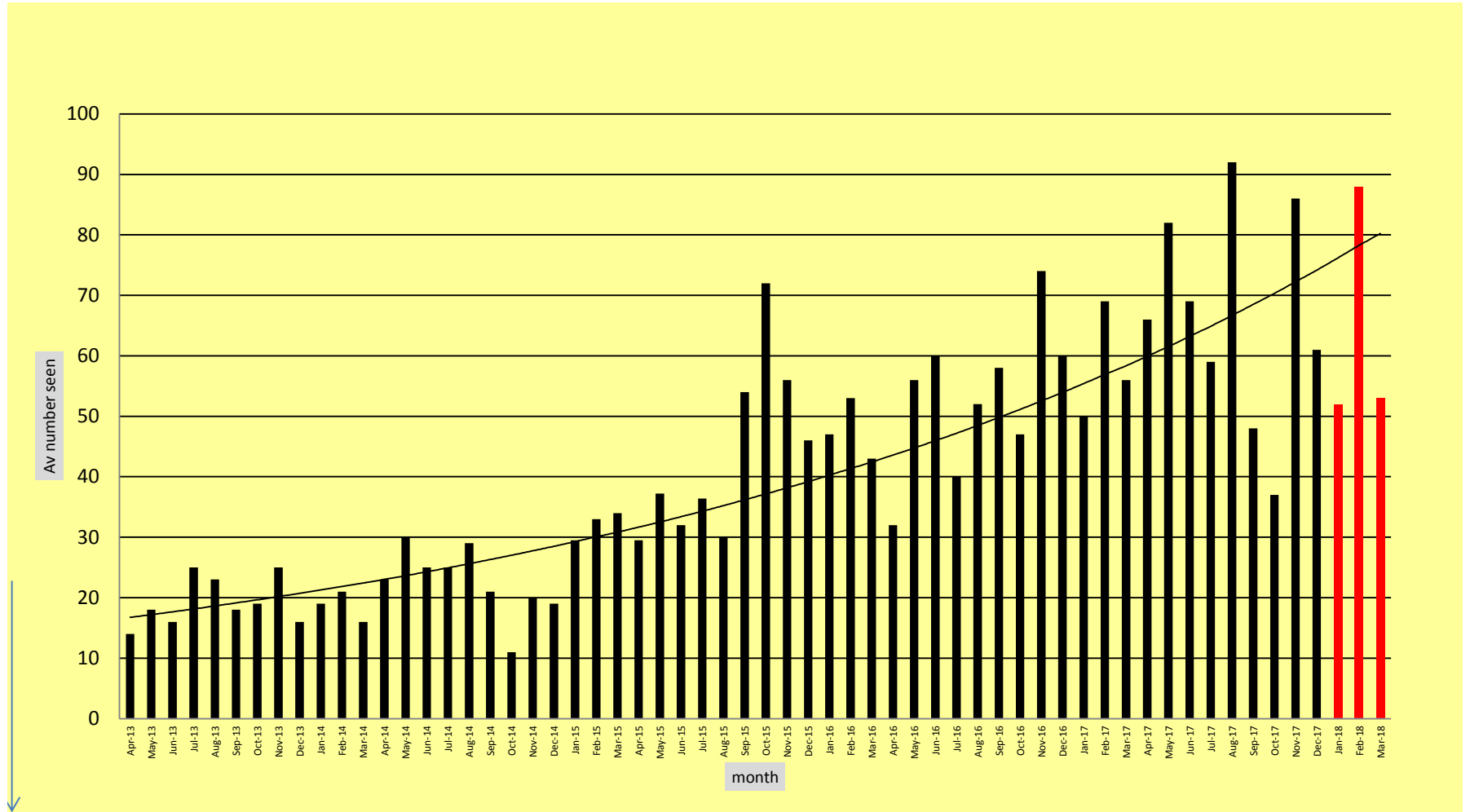
Elements of Revised Strategy

- **Homelessness Review** – Evidence base which underpins the revised/renamed Homelessness and Rough Sleeping strategy
 - **Revised strategy document**
 - **Action Plan** (updated annually and, according to new [National Rough Sleeping Strategy](#), now reported to government)
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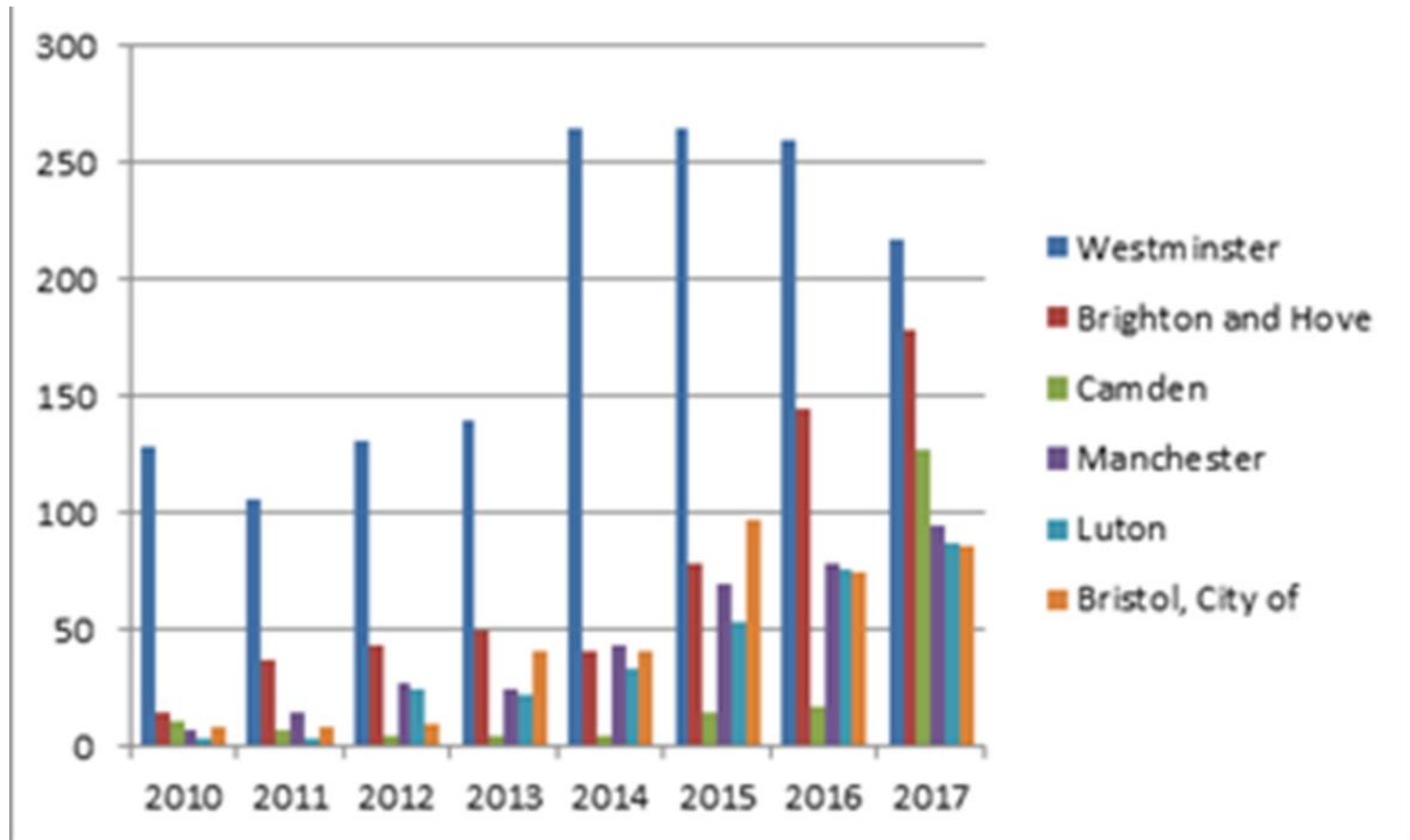
Issues to consider

- Ensure revised strategy integrates with other policy and strategy work within housing and also with other relevant strategies within Council (Planning, Health, Corporate Plan etc)
 - Ensure revised strategy integrates with One City Approach – particularly Homes and Communities theme
 - Ensure strategy follows approach set out in Chapter 2 of [Homelessness Code of Guidance](#) and integrates with new National Rough Sleeping strategy
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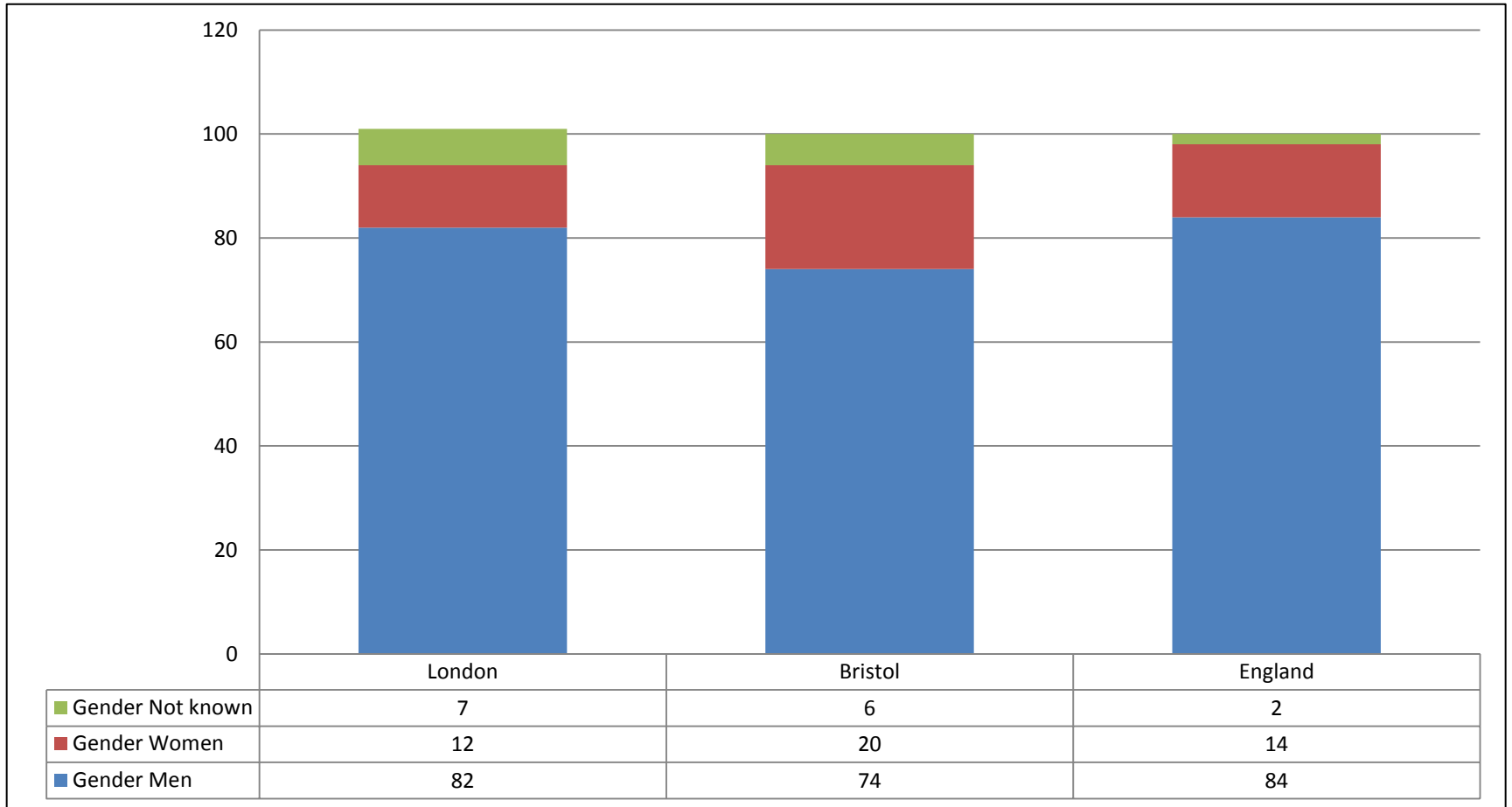
Rough Sleeping Count 2012-2018



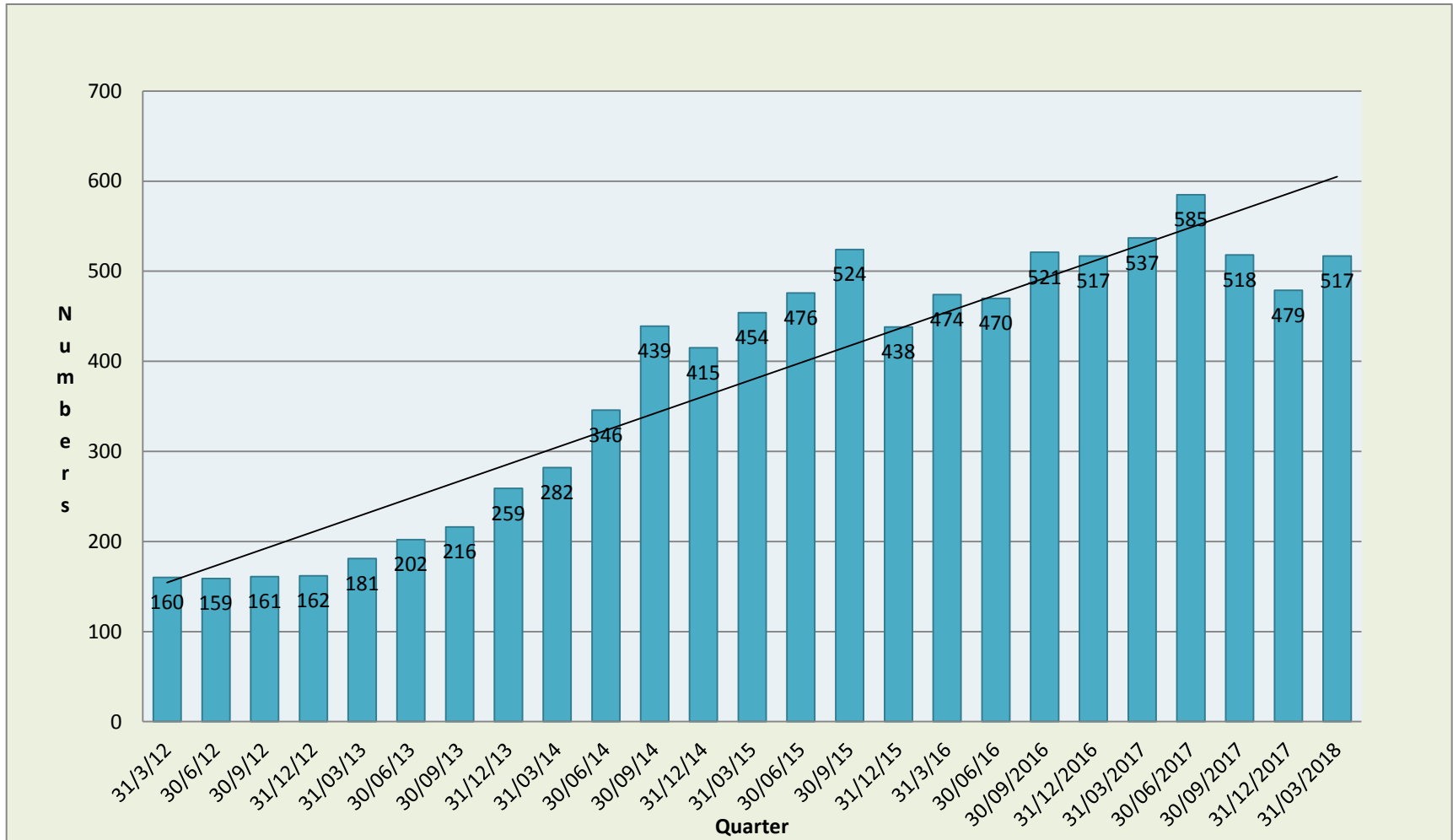
Rough sleeping – authorities with the highest numbers



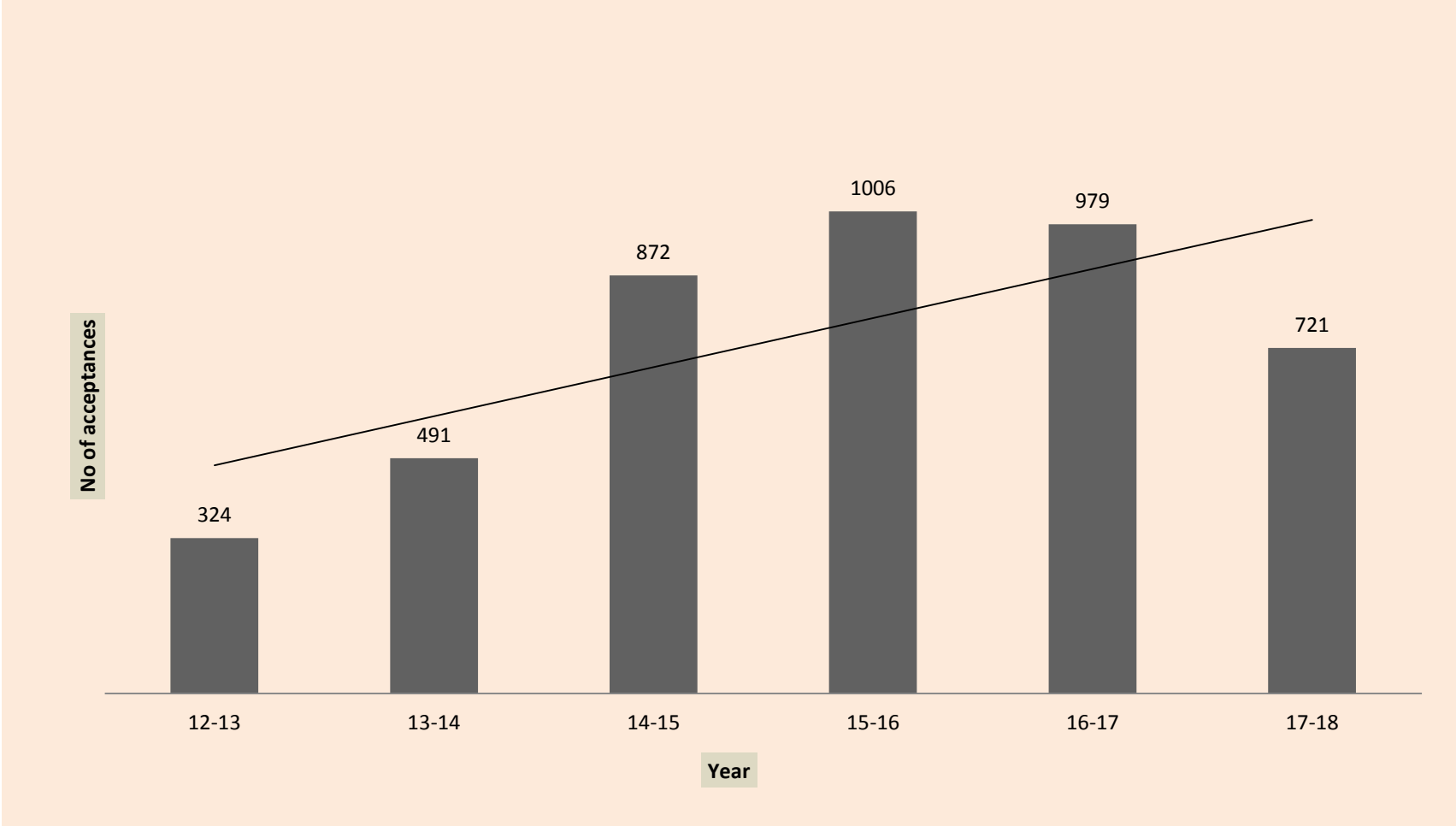
Gender of people sleeping rough – Nov 2017



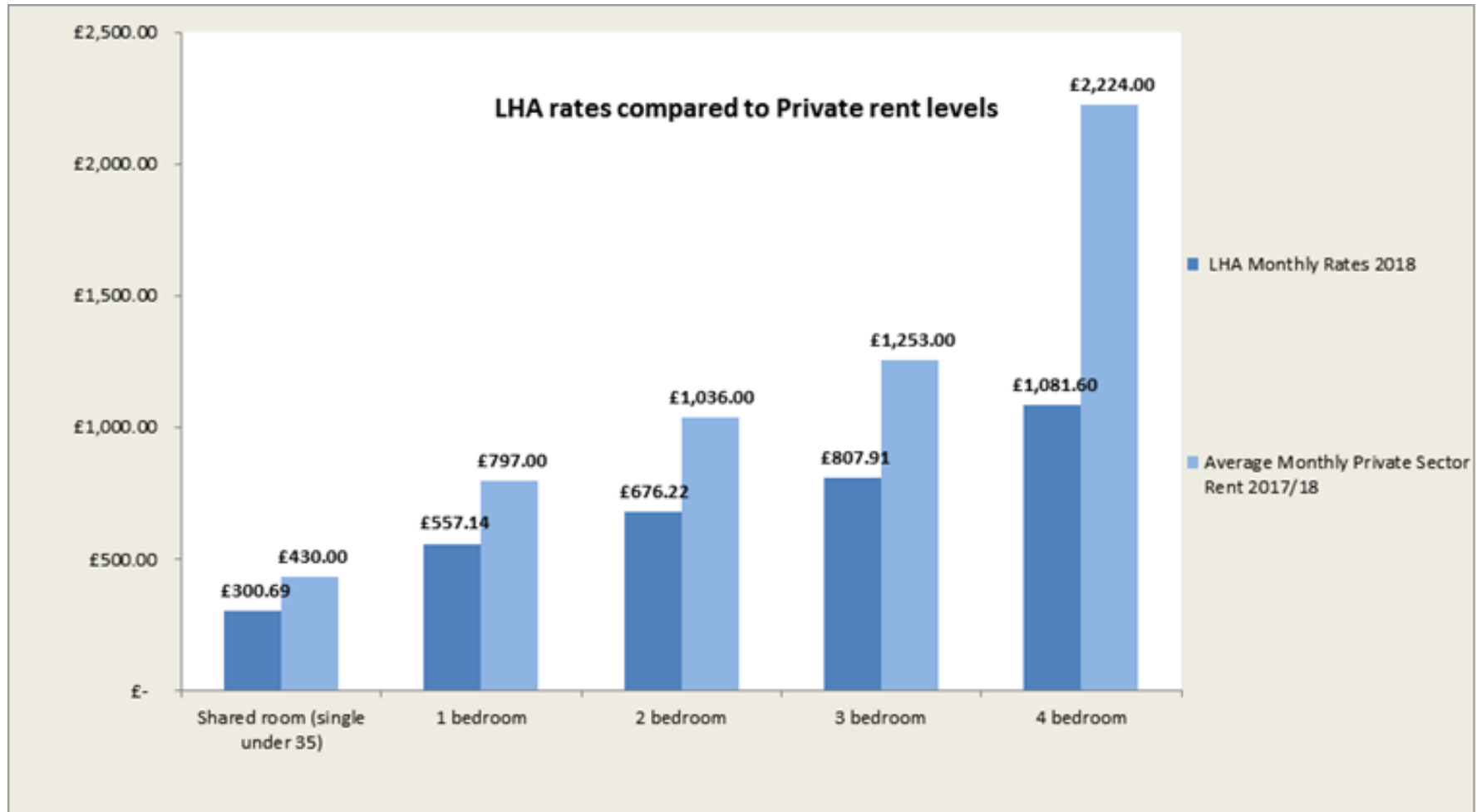
Households living in Temporary Accommodation



Total Part 7 acceptances by year 2012-17



Rents and Local Housing Allowance



Five Priorities identified

- **Tackling rough sleeping**
 - **Prevention and Early Intervention**
 - **Improving Health and Wellbeing and Supporting People to Build Better Lives**
 - **Delivering Equality, Diversity and Inclusion in all Services**
 - **Working in Partnership**
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Vision of the strategy

- Deliver a strong partnership approach - governance through the multi-agency EI&PHCG to act as Homelessness Reduction Board
 - Combine homelessness, housing delivery , social care, health, welfare reform, justice and education to deliver a reduction in homelessness & rough sleeping 2019-24
 - To Integrate with One City Plan vision for Homes & Communities
 - To provide a strategic fit for funding bids to central government
 - Deliver an Innovative – *living system* document
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Developing the action plan

- Using the five agreed priorities, Review evidence and existing corporate performance targets the EI&PHCG agreed in September on a suite of 'actions' for the strategy
 - To fit the needs of the MHCLG annual performance review the EI&PHCG agreed to adopt an innovative 'living system' action plan
 - With help and support of members of the EI&PHCG a prototype trello board has been developed which will act as the living system for the EI&PHCG to monitor and report against.
 - Additionally it was agreed that a only headline action plan would be included in the final consultation paperwork
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Progress – decision pathway

- Late 2018/early 2019- Consultation period
 - Redraft strategy/action plan to reflect consultation
 - BCC internal governance pathway
 - Finalise documents Cabinet (Spring 2019)
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Questions

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