

Denbighshire County Council Homelessness Data

Appendix 1

TABLE 1: The number of households presenting as homeless over the last 4 full financial years

Financial Year	No of households presenting as Homeless
18/19	1579
17/18	1394
16/17	1199
15/16	1215

The increase in figures since 2016/17 is primarily a result of the implementation of the Housing Act Wales (2014) being introduced which widened eligibility for homelessness support duty.

TABLE 2: The number of households accommodated in Emergency & Temporary Accommodation

Financial Year	Number of households accommodated in Emergency & Temporary Accommodation	As a % of those presenting as homeless	Total Accommodation Funding
2018 - 2019	372	24%	£1220,580
2017 – 2018	515	37%	£815,882
2016 – 2017	239	20%	£541,954
2015 – 2016	228	19%	£599,708
2014 – 2015	216	Not available	
2013 – 2014	228	Not available	
2012 - 2013	265	Not available	

There are a variety of reasons why 76% of households presenting to the Homelessness Prevention Team in 2018/19 were not accommodated. This includes:-

- Reconnection with their home area – for those with no local connection
- Mediation with family or landlord to remain in their existing property

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- Receiving some financial assistance such as Discretionary Housing Grant to clear rent arrears/debt, thus allowing the household to remain in their existing property or secure a new tenancy.
- Referred to Supporting People Floating Support to sustain their tenancy
- Left the area, through their own choice

Costs have increased over the last 2 years as we have seen people staying longer in both emergency and temporary accommodation. In 2018/19 the average number of nights spent in emergency accommodation increased from 30 to 56. The average length of time in temporary accommodation has also increased as people are waiting for a permanent tenancy with many on the SARTH register for social housing and being reluctant to move into the private rented sector.

Also during the last 2 years we have had to accommodate some very large families in both emergency and temporary accommodation which has significantly impacted on the increase in costs. Finding suitable permanent accommodation for these families has proved difficult and took a long time, due to the size of property required.