

# Homelessness Update

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# Homelessness Update

## **Rough Sleepers:**

- Currently 1 rough sleeper who is being supported and checked on.
- In past month 2 rough sleepers accommodated in EA and 1 further detained. This is against a national backdrop of increased numbers.
- Autumn physical count across the district reported 2 rough sleepers.

## **Emergency Accommodation:**

- People in Emergency Accommodation:
  - 31 single & 21 families as at 08/03/2024. This fluctuates daily.

## **Budget:**

- Spend currently within expected to be under budget at around £1.2 million.

## **Key Reasons for evictions and homelessness:**

- Rent increases and affordability.
- Section 21 notices being served due to landlord selling.
- Family evictions.

# Project Updates

## Accommodation for Ex-Offenders

- Target of 24 ex-offenders to be housed in 2 years
- 9 housed since October 2023 all now living independently.
- Increased links with private sector landlords/agents and improved liaison with prison.
- Great outcomes for each client with support to open bank accounts, referrals to drug and alcohol addiction support.

## Ukraine and Afghan programmes

- 60 Hosts supporting
- We have helped 51 guests into private rented accommodation since 2022, with 27 during last financial year.
  - We continue to support the majority of these with initial 'Resettlement' visits setting up utilities, jobs, schooling etc and then on-going advice and assistance as and when required.
- 7 Housed into LAHF properties with a further 3 soon.
- 1 Afghan family housed in district under national resettlement scheme. 1 further family due to be housed in April.

# Housing Register Update

## Total Number of Housing Register in each Band

### Emergency Accommodation

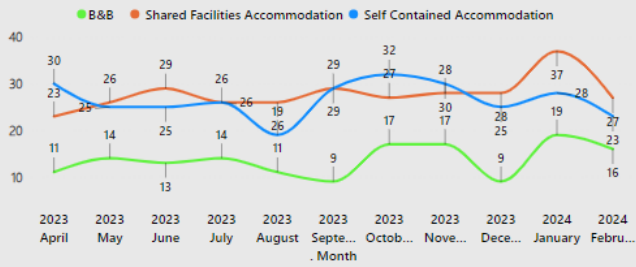
Total Households in Emergency Accommodation End of the Month

**66**  
Last Month: 84 (-21.43%)

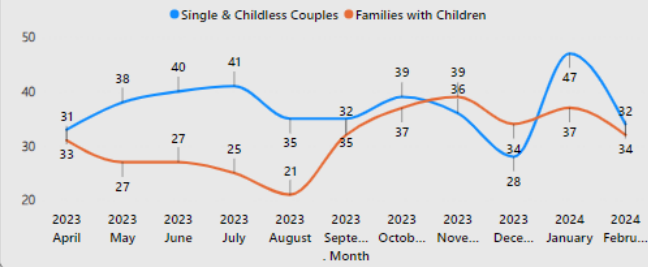
Current Month

**February**

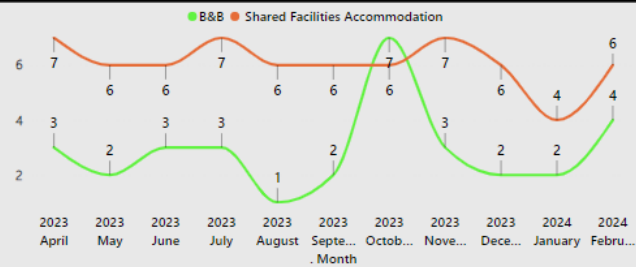
#### Households in Emergency Accommodation



#### Household Type



#### Families in EA for 6 Weeks or more



There are various reasons why some families remain in EA for longer than 6 weeks. This is usually down to client choice due to location and support network.

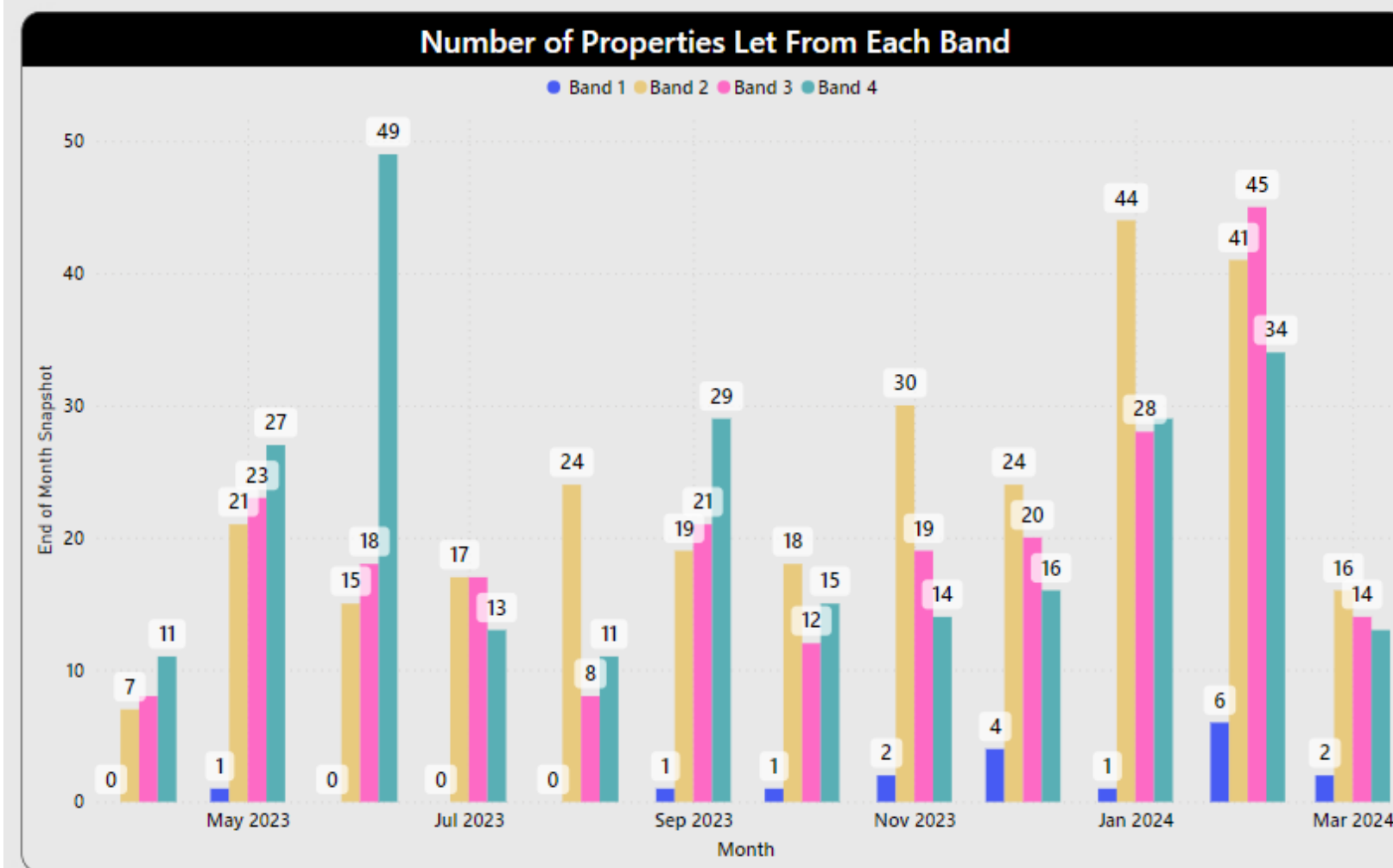
## Allocations by Band for RP's and NFDC properties.

Band	Sep 2023	Oct 2023	Nov 2023	Dec 2023	Jan 2024	Feb 2024	Mar 2024	08 Sep 2023-08 Mar 2024
1	1	0	6	2	3	2	2	16
2	12	16	23	11	18	14	7	101
3	0	2	3	2	15	5	1	28
4	2	0	1	2	4	2	0	11
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>156</b>

# Housing Register Update

Choice Based Lettings

Reporting Month: March



Total Number on Waiting List

**1898**✓

Last Month: 1903 (+0.26%)

Band 1 Total

**31**✓

Last Month: 33 (+6.06%)

Band 2 Total

**411!**

Last Month: 410 (-0.24%)

Band 3 Total

**585!**

Last Month: 584 (-0.17%)

Band 4 Total

**878!**

Last Month: 871 (-0.8%)

# Other Updates

## **Audit of Prevention and Relief:**

- Positive initial feedback of the services. Final report due.
- Allocations audit due to start in March.

## **Homeseach Partnership agreement updated:**

- Revised partnership agreement issued to partner landlords.
- Regular partnership liaison meeting starting from June 2024 to discuss shared concerns, updates and good practice.
- Registered Social Landlord partners being charged from April 2024

## **General Updates:**

- Support team funding to end March 2025. Review underway.

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Questions?