



Homelessness Update

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Key Considerations

- Homelessness Prevention and Relief of Homelessness
 - Emergency Accommodation use
 - Homesearch Housing register application
- Key developments and focus for Homelessness and Housing Options

Homelessness Prevention and Relief



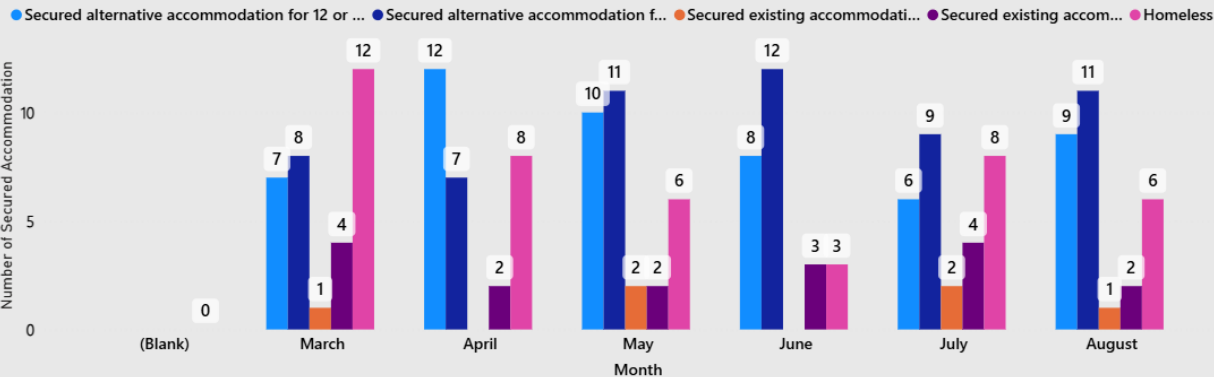
Homeless Prevention Duty

Secured alternative accommodation for 12 or more months
9✓
Last Month: 6 (+50%)

Secured alternative accommodation for 6 months
11✓
Last Month: 9 (+22.22%)

Current Month
August

Prevention Duty Closed Tracker



- Prevention of Homelessness remains the key priority to keep families in their home or find alternative accommodation.
- Understanding client needs remains a driver for identifying alternative accommodation.

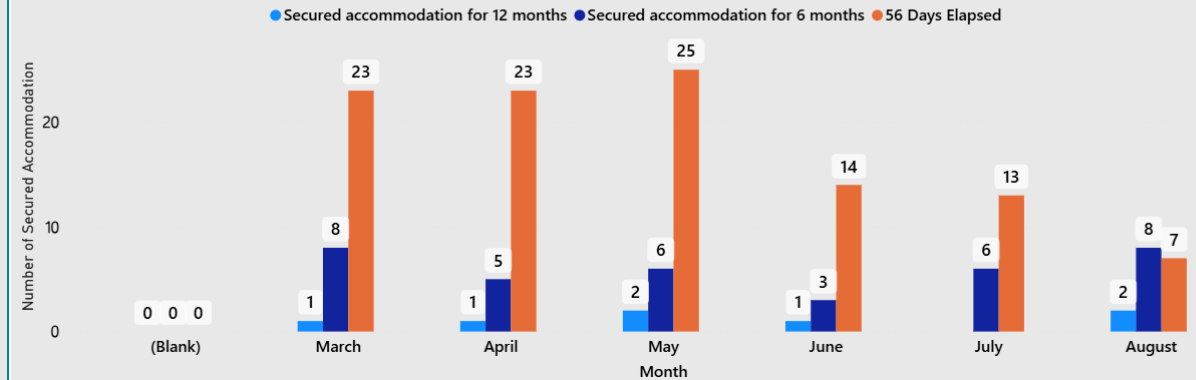
Homeless Relief Duty

Secured accommodation for 12 months
2✓
Last Month: 0

Secured accommodation for 6 months
8✓
Last Month: 6 (+33.33%)

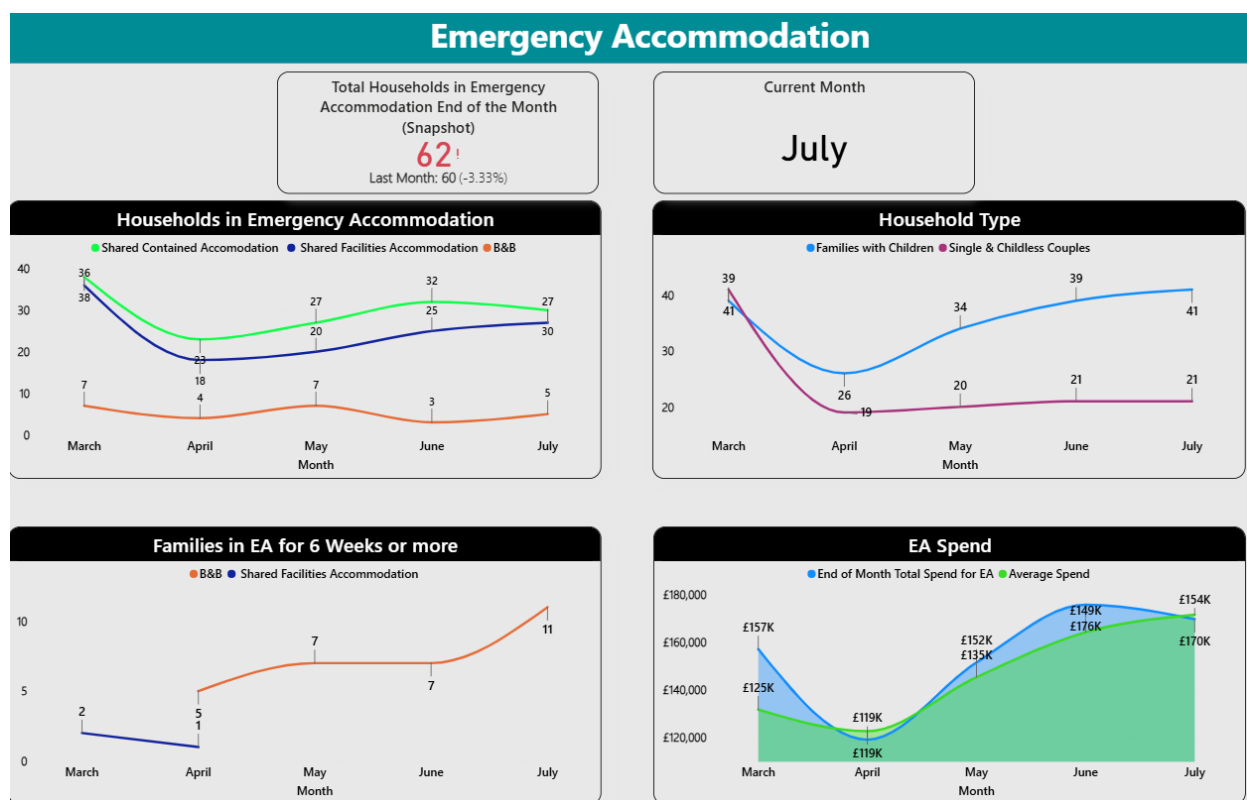
Relief Duty ended due to 56 days elapsed
7✓
Last Month: 13 (+46.15%)

Relief Duty Closed Tracker



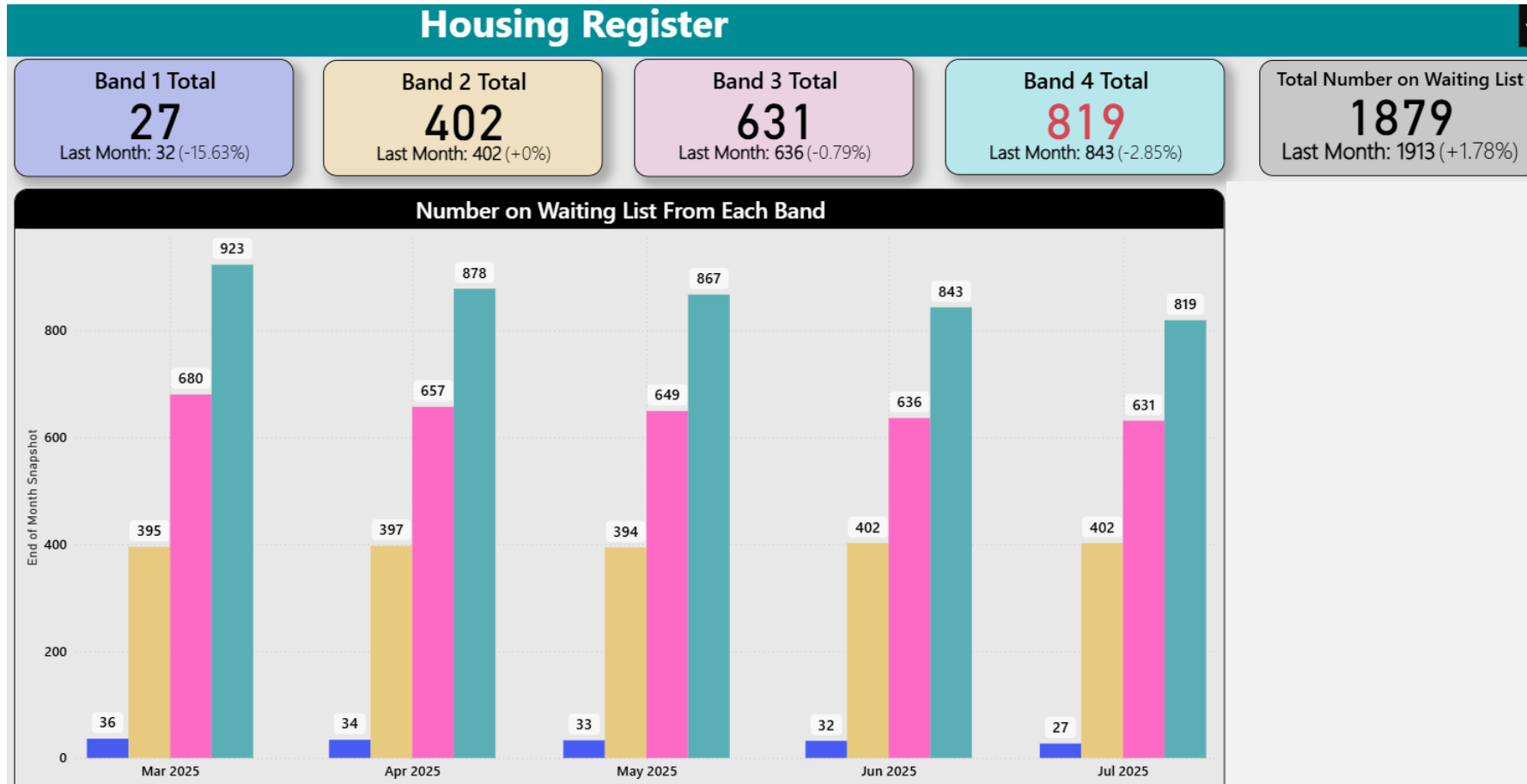
- When the prevention of homelessness is not successful, Relieving Homelessness means identifying alternative accommodation. This can be emergency accommodation or NFDC owned properties.

Emergency Accommodation



- Impacted due to the number of large and complex families often with support challenges.
- Finding properties in the private rented sector remains a challenge but good links with landlords.
- Key reasons for homelessness remain S.21 notices and Friends and Family evictions.

Homesearch Housing Register



- The reduction in the number of applicants in Bands 3 and 4 is mainly due to the applicant not completing the renewal of their application.
- Bands 1 and 2 remain stable with offers of social housing.

Key developments for Homelessness and Housing Options



Homelessness Prevention Team leader



4 additional Homelessness Prevention Floating Support Workers



Supporting Youth and Families Matter and The Crossings to deliver localised advice.



Review of website to include more self help and early intervention.



Dedicated training system



All aiming to increase prevention of Homelessness at an early stage

- Homelessness Strategy in development
- Allocations Policy refresh to be reviewed
- Both to be with Panel in January 2026, cabinet in February 2026 and then wider public consultation.