

Briefing on Homelessness

I request that the committee be provided with a briefing on the number of homeless acceptances each year since 2010, the tenure and location where each case has been re-housed (in borough, out of borough, out of London), and the number of households currently in long term temporary accommodation and in emergency accommodation.

There has been a steady increase in the number of homeless acceptances since 2010, with the number peaking at 673 in 2014/15.

	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
Homeless acceptances	252	339	591	671	673

It is not possible to automatically match the data on homeless acceptance tenure outcomes with addresses for all these years and in any case it is possible that they have moved on from their original address anyway.

In 2014/15 year the address details have been matched for 618 of the 673 homeless acceptances. The other 55 addresses are not known as applicants have had the duty discharged due to a negative homeless decision or they have made their own arrangements.

Tenancy type	Number	% in Barnet	% in other London borough	% out of London
Secure	118	100%	0%	0%
Long-term temporary accommodation	135	69%	29%	2%
Emergency temporary accommodation	194	29%	52%	20%
Private rented sector	171	43%	28%	29%
Total	618	55%	30%	15%

In 2014/15 Housing Options received the highest number of housing applications on record. In total 3,089 applications were received. Of these 1,592 were homeless applications, Barnet accepted a homelessness duty on 673 cases.

Temporary Accommodation

At the end of August 2015, there were 2,850 households in temporary accommodation and of these, 405 were households in emergency accommodation. A breakdown of the location of these households is given below:

Location	Number	%
In Barnet	1,989	69%
In other London borough	731	26%
Out of London	130	5%
Total	2,850	