

Homelessness Prevention and Rough Sleeper Strategy Progress Report July 2020

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Homelessness Prevention and Rough Sleeper Strategy 2019 -2022

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The 6 Aims

1. To support people with complex needs.

So that no one sleeps rough

3. To increase support for young people to prevent homelessness

So that homelessness is prevented

5. To improve access to tenancy support, employment and health support services

Create financial resilience, more options to access work and training

2. To prevent homelessness and offer rapid housing solutions

So that homelessness is prevented

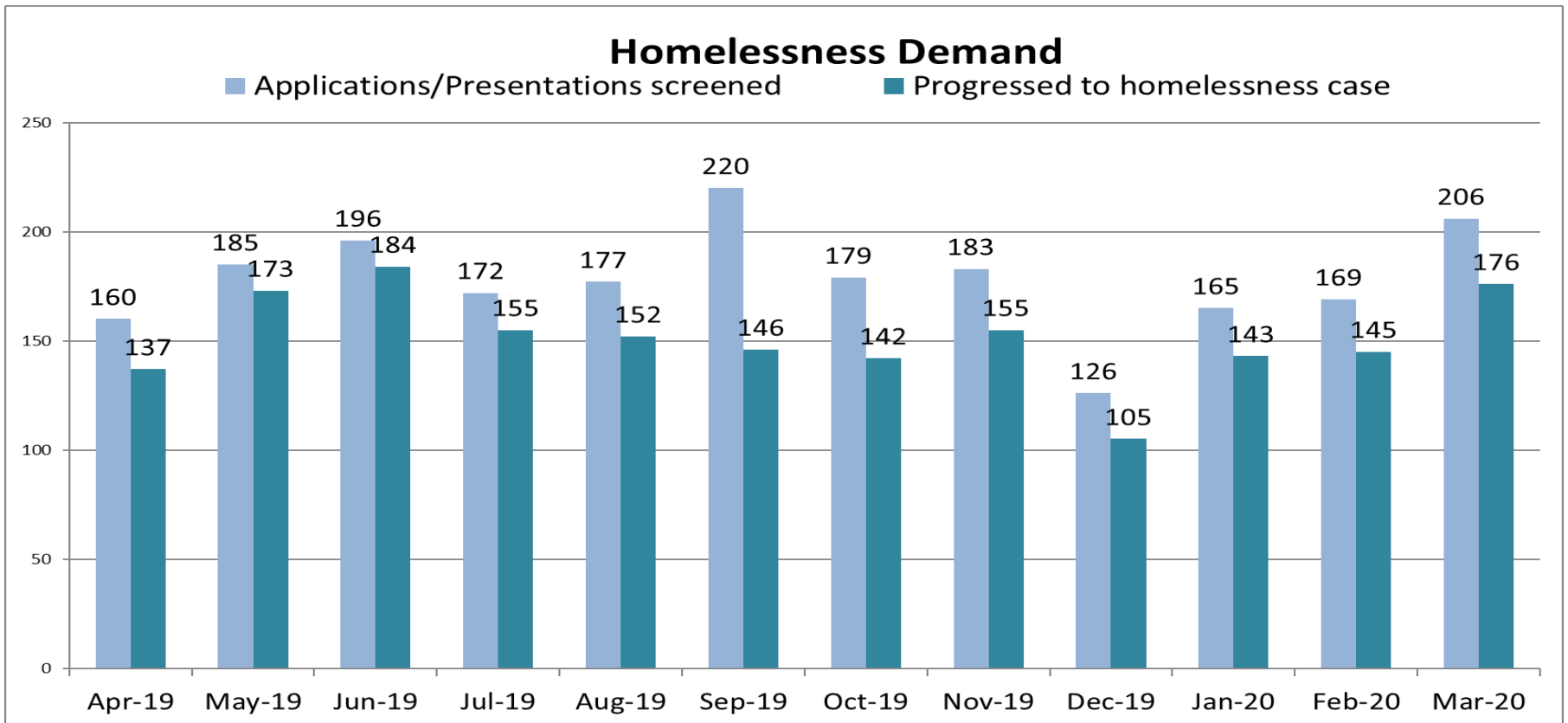
4. Ending rough sleeping and begging in Rotherham

So that no one sleeps rough and all people begging will not be homeless

6. To ensure there is enough emergency accommodation


So that everyone has a safe place to live and nobody is in emergency accommodation without a plan to move on

Service Performance



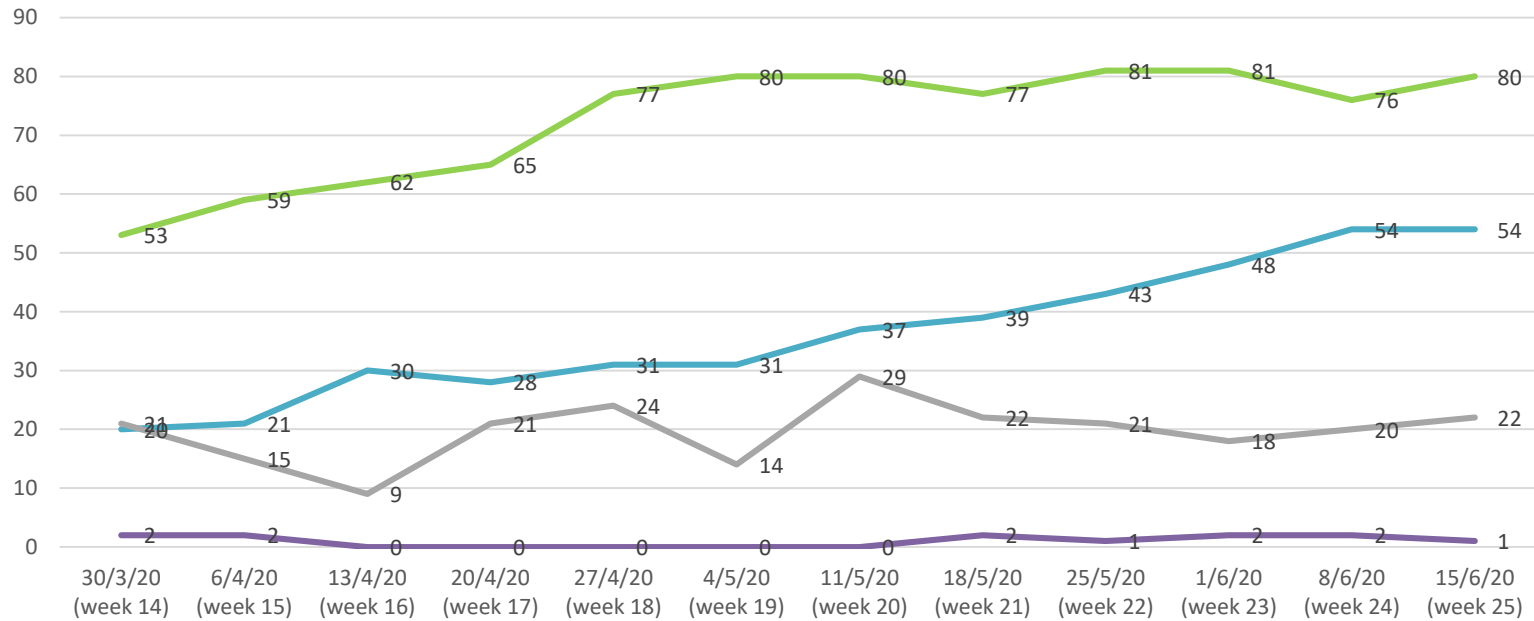
Total of 1813 new cases in 2019/20, compared to 1577 in 2018/19
= 15% increase

Service Performance

Month	Apr 19	May 19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug 19	Sep 19	Oct 19	Nov 19	Dec 19	Jan 20	Feb 20	Mar 20	Trend
Number of Open Cases	368	398	416	319	346	343	389	340	307	299	304	364	
Number of FTE	10	8	8	8	10	10	10	10	10	10	11	13	
Average case load	36.8	49.75	52	39	34	34	38	34	30	30	27	28	

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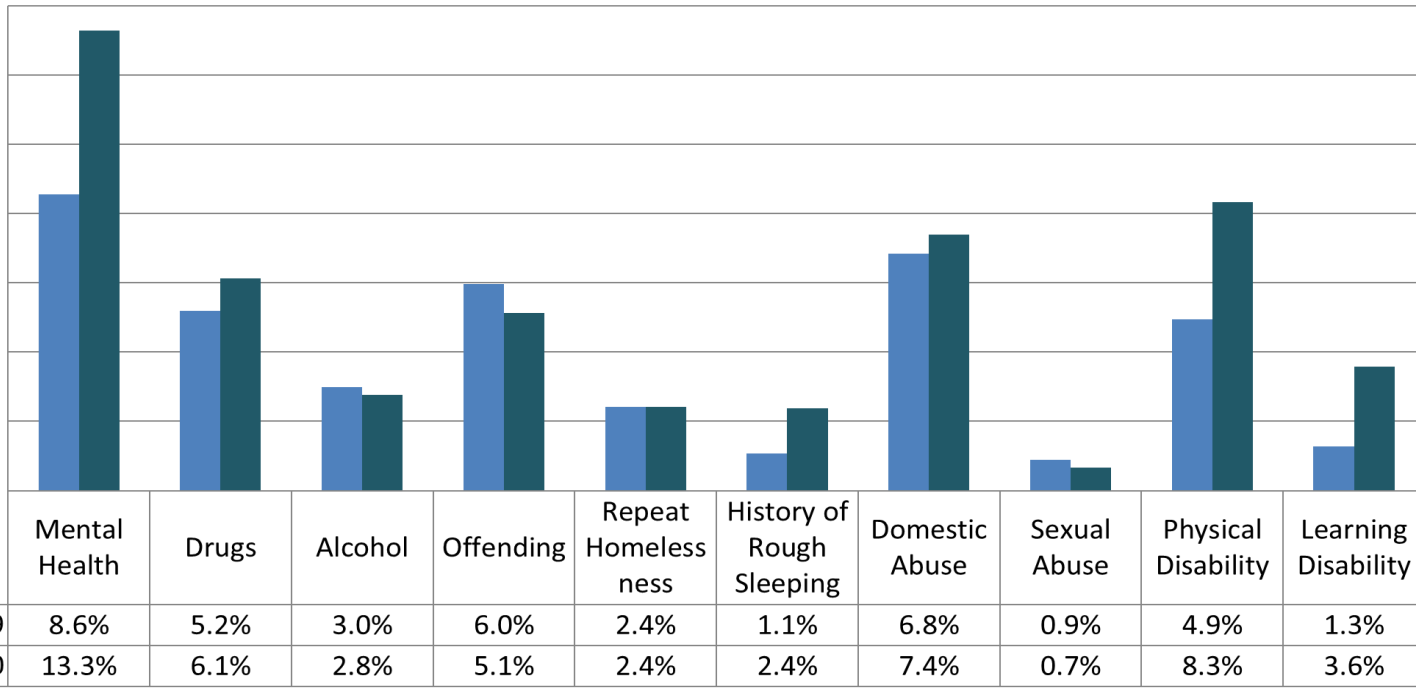
Temporary Accommodation Demand



- NO OF HOMELESS HOUSEHOLDS IN TEMP ACCOMMODATION
- NO OF HOMELESS HOUSEHOLDS IN HOTELS (WITH CHILDREN)
- NO OF HOMELESS HOUSEHOLDS IN HOTELS (WITHOUT CHILDREN)
- NEW AND EXISTING HOMELESS CASES WHO NEED TEMP ACCOMMODATION

1.To support people with complex needs.

% of Homelessness cases in the year with Priority Needs by type



11.9% of 2019/20 new cases had 2 or more priority needs compared to 6.7% in 2018/19

Wider Progress

- Housing First accommodation increased to 30.
- We have set up a working group of partners, under the title of 'First Steps Rotherham' which is the name we use for the rough sleeper initiative project, funded by RS13.

2. To prevent homelessness and offer rapid housing solutions

Wider Progress

- Improved the website information for people including landlords about services to prevent homelessness
- Numbers of households rehoused via the Allocation Policy is being monitored weekly as part of the performance recording.
- Pathway developed with hospital discharge team
- Improved information on how to access to social housing for members of the Armed Forces, Veterans, and their families
- Monitoring the local causes of homelessness to align resources and services

Number of households prevented from becoming homeless in the prevention stage (high is better)

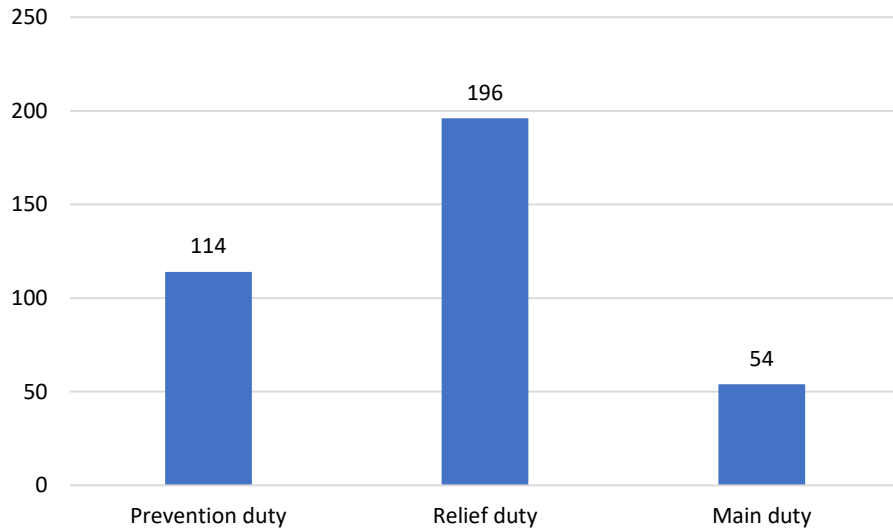
2018/19	2019/20	Yr on Yr DOT
419	467	↑

Total number of homelessness cases prevented from becoming homeless in all stages (Prevent, Relief and Main) high is better

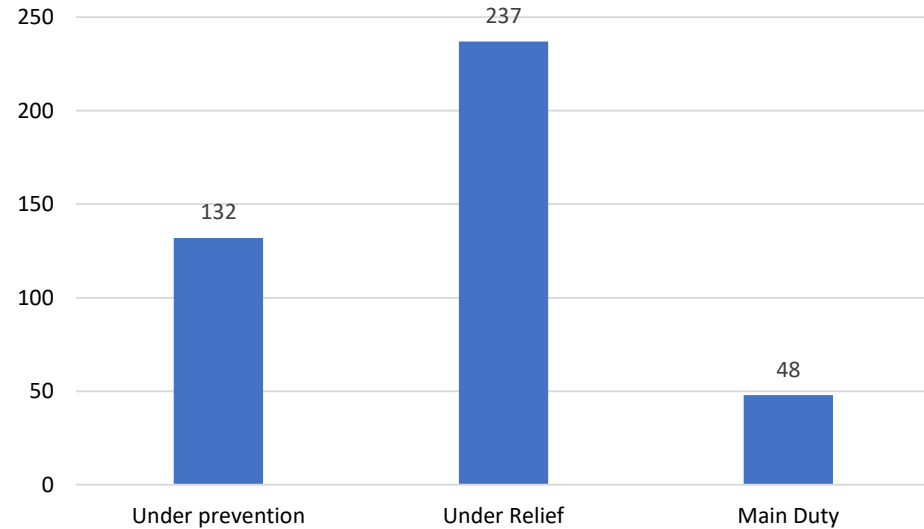
2018/19	2019/20	Yr on Yr DOT
1106	1680	↑

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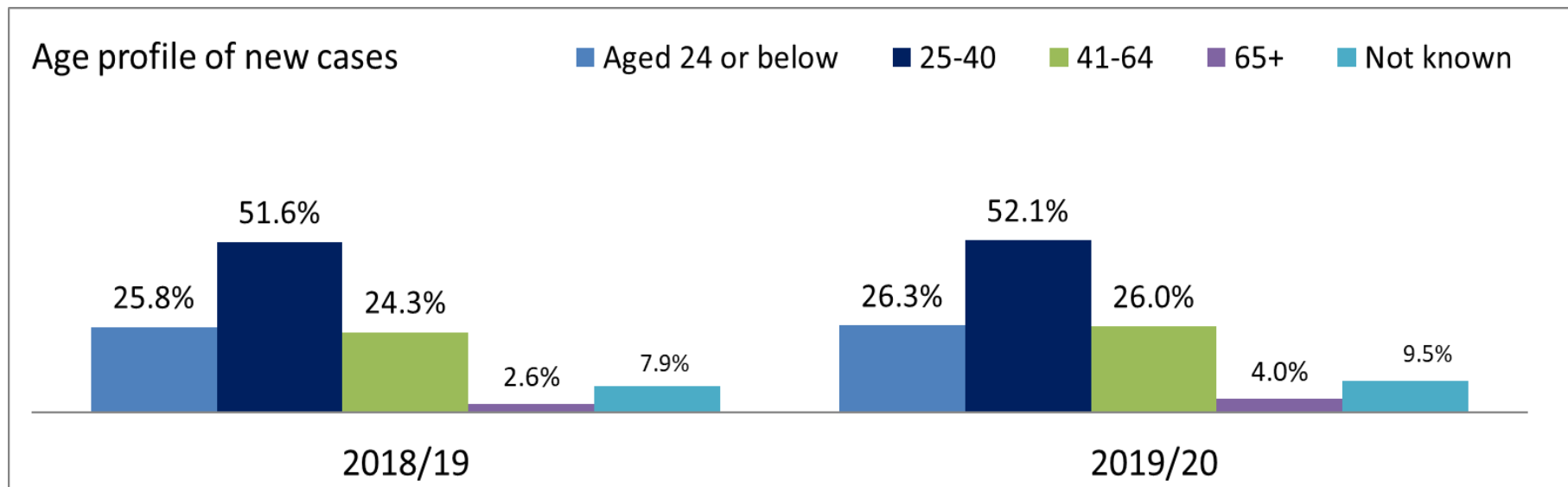
364 open homelessness cases on 31st March 2020



417 open homelessness cases on 12th June 2020

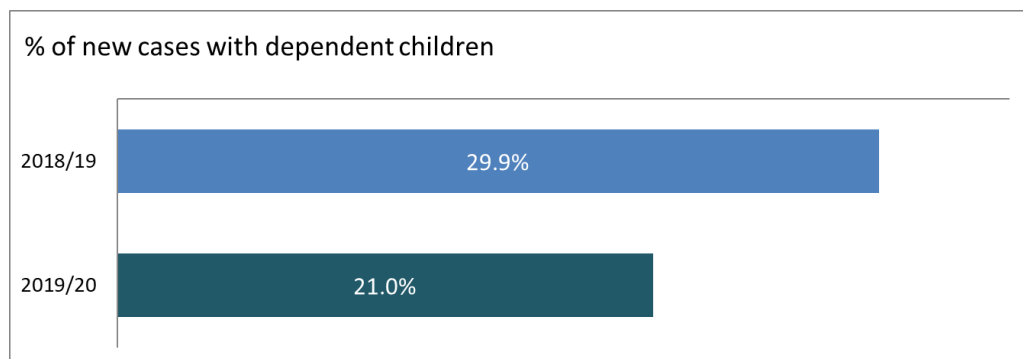


3. To increase support for young people to prevent homelessness

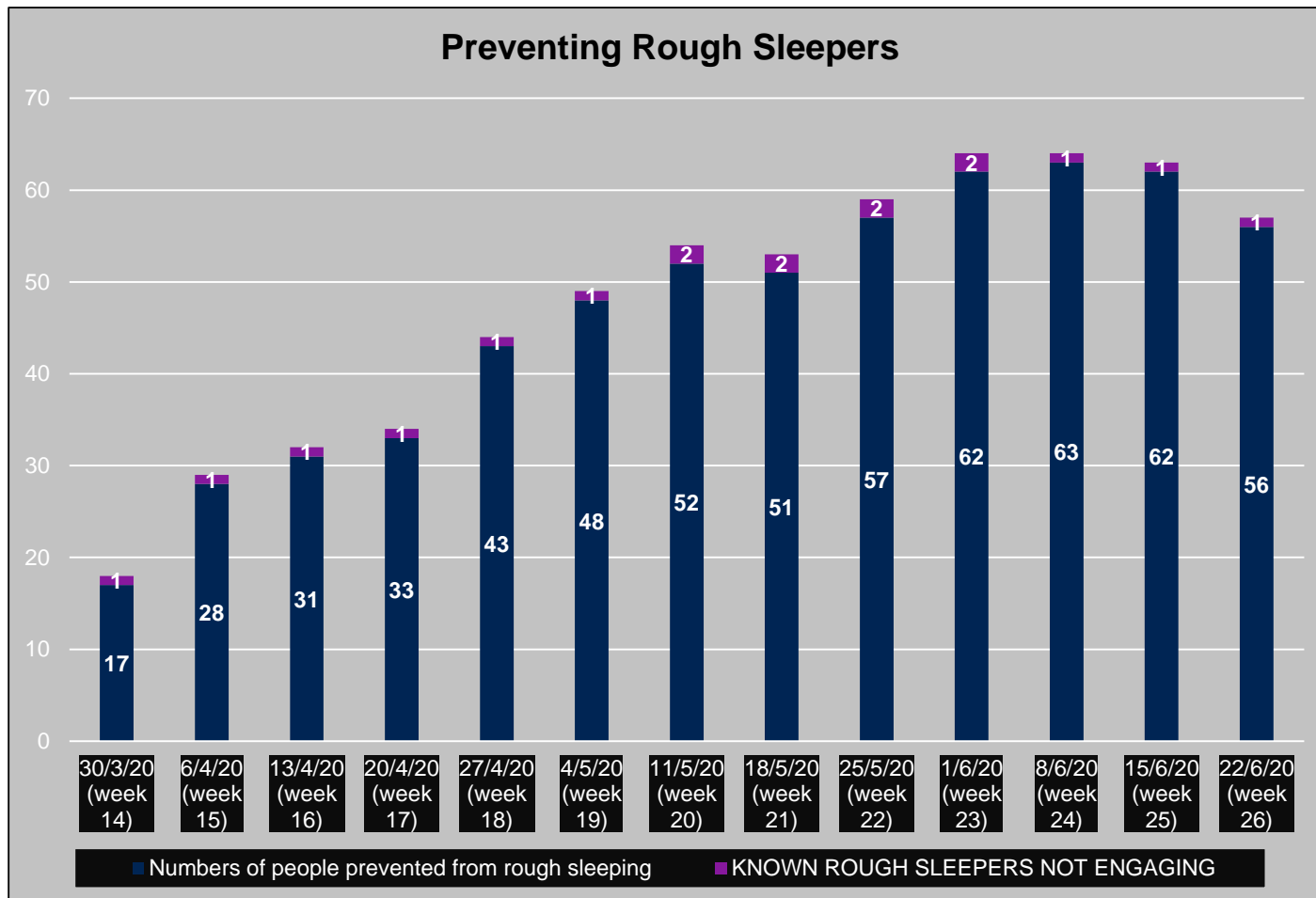


Wider Progress

- Continuing to fund 3 Early Help Support workers to support families in financial distress and at risk of eviction
- Set up 7 properties as part of the House Project for Care Leavers and continuing to identify further properties



4. Preventing rough sleeping and begging in Rotherham



4. Ending rough sleeping and begging in Rotherham

Wider Progress

- Resettlement and Tenancy Support Officers now patch based with a portfolio of temp accommodation. Each occupant has a move on plan which includes ongoing support to set up their new home if required
- Attained £380K of funding to support rough sleepers
- Developing an Rough Sleeper Initiative Team, with additional specialist roles to help improve Coordination and move on effort
- First Steps Rough Sleeper Ring fenced accommodation already in place

5. To improve access to tenancy support, employment and health support services

Wider Progress

- Attained sub regional funding attained for 3 Prevention Officers across the region to work with local prisons.
- The Financial Inclusion team are Connecting people to employment, training, volunteering
- Tenancy Health Check Visits have been undertaken



6. To ensure there is enough emergency accommodation

Wider Progress

- During the last 3 months the portfolio of temporary accommodation has increased from 64 to 89 units. A further review is being undertaken
- Set up 4 dispersed properties for people fleeing domestic abuse
- Set up 6 step up step down properties

Next 6 months

- Implement next steps move on plans for Rough Sleepers
- Review of the Housing Allocation Policy (start from July/August 2020)
- Housing Service Covid-19 recovery plan
- Recruit to new posts
- Bid for funding
- Working in partnership through the SHP with all stakeholders
- Utilising improved data through dashboard
- Analysing potential spikes