

# Youth Homelessness in the North East 2019 Providers

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## Page 1: Introduction

Dear All

Thank you for taking part in YHNE's regional survey of youth homelessness 2019. This is the eighth annual survey of its kind. The research has proven highly useful in developing our understanding of the nature of youth homelessness and experiences of young people in our region over time, as well as informing policy responses. Each year, the survey explores:

- The nature, extent and primary causes of youth homelessness in the North East;
- The impact of the wider social, economic and political context on the experiences of young people; and
- Changes to the nature and levels of service provision for homeless young people in our region.

The survey should take approx. 15 minutes to complete.

The survey refers to young single people aged 16-24.

In order to provide clarity of data, please can you ensure only one person from your organisation collates the data and completes the online survey.

Most of the questions in the survey ask for actual numbers of young people. Please estimate these figures if you cannot provide accurate numbers.

Please remember to click the 'Finish' button once you have entered your responses.

All of the individual responses provided will be kept confidential and anonymous.

If you have any questions about the survey, please contact Sharon Brown, YHNE Director, [Sh.Brown@yhne.org](mailto:Sh.Brown@yhne.org)

## Page 2: About You

1. Please provide the name of the project or organisation that your data refers to (This is to help avoid duplication. We will not publish individual responses)

2. What is the name of your parent organisation (if applicable)?

3. Which local authority area(s) does your data relate to?

- Darlington
- Durham
- Gateshead
- Hartlepool
- Middlesbrough
- Newcastle
- North Tyneside
- Northumberland
- Redcar and Cleveland
- South Tyneside
- Stockton
- Sunderland
- Region-wide

4. Would you describe your project or organisation as specialist youth provision?

Yes

No

# Page 3: Levels of Youth Homelessness

5. How many people of all ages were being supported by your project in February 2019?

<input type="text"/>
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6. How many young single people between the ages of 16-24 were being supported by your project in February 2019?

<input type="text"/>
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7. What was the gender breakdown of young homeless clients being supported by your project in February 2019?

Male	<input type="text"/>
Female	<input type="text"/>

8. What was the age breakdown of the young people being supported by your project in February 2019?

16-17 years old	<input type="text"/>
18-20 years old	<input type="text"/>
21-24 years old	<input type="text"/>

9. How has the overall number of young homeless clients being supported by your

project changed since February 2018?

- Increased
- Decreased
- No change
- Don't know

9.a. If the number has changed, can you account for this?

10. How many young homeless clients being supported by your project in February 2019 were in the following categories?

Looked after young people aged 16-17	<input type="text"/>
Young parents / pregnant young people	<input type="text"/>
Care leavers	<input type="text"/>
Offenders	<input type="text"/>
LGBT	<input type="text"/>

## Page 4: Causes of Homelessness

**11.** How many young clients accessing your project in February 2019 became homeless for the following reasons? (Young people may have become homeless for several reasons. Please include ALL of these reasons in your answers)

Parents / caregivers no longer able or willing to accommodate	<input type="text"/>
Other relatives or friends no longer able or willing to accommodate	<input type="text"/>
Non-violent relationship breakdown	<input type="text"/>
Abuse or domestic violence	<input type="text"/>
Overcrowded housing	<input type="text"/>
Eviction or threat of eviction as a result of rent arrears	<input type="text"/>
Eviction or threat of eviction as a result of ASB	<input type="text"/>
End of tenancy (social housing)	<input type="text"/>
End of tenancy (private rented sector)	<input type="text"/>
Leaving institutional care	<input type="text"/>
Young people's sexual orientation	<input type="text"/>
Other	<input type="text"/>

**12.** For those young clients that experienced homelessness because their parents were no longer able or willing to accommodate them, what were the main reasons for this? (Please rank the following with 1 being the most common and 7 being the least common)

	1	2	3	4	5	6
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Breakdown in relationship with parent	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Breakdown in relationship with stepparent or other family member	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Financial reasons	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Overcrowding	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Violence/abuse perpetrated by the young person	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Young people's sexual orientation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**13.** To what extent do you think the welfare reforms of recent years are continuing to impact upon the lives of homeless young people in your area?

Very significantly  
 Significantly  
 Moderately  
 Infrequently

**13.a.** If relevant, please explain which aspects of welfare reform are having the most significant ongoing impacts on your clients and in what ways.

## Page 5: Support Needs

**14.** How many young clients accessing your project in February 2019 reported sleeping rough immediately prior to accessing help?

**14.a.** How has the number of young clients who reported sleeping rough immediately prior to accessing your project changed since February 2018?

- Increased
- Decreased
- No change
- Don't know

**14.b.** How many young clients accessing your project in February 2019 had the following support needs? (Some young people may have multiple support needs. Please report on ALL of their needs separately)

Substance misuse (illegal substances)	<input type="text"/>
Alcohol misuse	<input type="text"/>
Use of legal highs	<input type="text"/>
Mental health problems	<input type="text"/>
Learning disability	<input type="text"/>
Physical health problems	<input type="text"/>
Lack of independent living skills	<input type="text"/>
Lack of literacy and numeracy skills	<input type="text"/>
Lack of relationship skills	<input type="text"/>



Not in education, employment or training	<input type="text"/>
Offending history	<input type="text"/>
English as a second language	<input type="text"/>
LGBT	<input type="text"/>
Other	<input type="text"/>

14.c. Of the young people with mental health issues who accessed your service in February 2019, in how many cases were their mental health problems *diagnosed*?

14.d. How has the number of young clients accessing your project with complex needs (defined as three or more needs) changed since February 2018?

Increased  
 Decreased  
 No change  
 Don't know

14.e. How has the complexity of young clients' needs changed since February 2018?

Increased  
 Decreased  
 No change  
 Don't know

15. Have you been unable to assist any young homeless people who approached your service in February 2019 because of the following reasons?

- Limited capacity
- Client needs are too high
- Client needs are too low
- Client has no recourse to public funds
- Client has no local connection
- Client was heavily under the influence of drugs/alcohol
- Client was considered violent/high risk to others
- Other
- Other

15.a. If you selected Other, please specify:

# Page 6: Accommodation and Support Services for Young Clients

16. What support services does your project provide to young people?

- Advice and information
- Help accessing benefits
- Mediation services
- Emergency or short stay accommodation
- Non shortstay or other accommodation
- Housingrelated support
- Help finding independent accommodation
- Health support
- Employment/education support
- Signposting to other agencies
- Other (please specify)
- Other

16.a. If you selected Other, please specify:

17. How have the availability of support services for young clients within your project changed since February 2018? (Please mark 'X' in the relevant boxes)

	Increased	Decreased	No change	Don't know
Services you provide	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

External services you can refer to

**17.a.** Has the nature of your service delivery changed in any way over the past 12 months?

**18.** Has the provision of emergency accommodation for young homeless people in your area changed since February 2018? (Emergency refers to temporary, short stay accommodation without waiting lists)

- Increased
- Decreased
- No change
- Don't know

**19.** In February 2019, which type of accommodation were young clients most likely to move on to?

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- Private rented sector tenancy
- Local authority owned housing
- Housing association accommodation

- Staying with family or friends
- Other

**19.a.** Please explain if/how this situation has changed over the past 12 months.

**20.** Has the provision of youth services in your area (both publicly and nonpublicly funded) changed since February 2018?

- Increased
- Decreased
- No change
- Don't know

**20.a.** Please explain your answer as far as possible.

**21.** Is there a Positive Pathway model/approach in your area? (The Positive Pathway aims to prevent young people becoming homeless by giving LAs and other organisations a clear framework, and sets out the sort of services and support needed to help young people who do become homeless).

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

22. Based on your observations of the first 12 months of its operation, what impact do you think the Homelessness Reduction Act 2017 has had on levels of youth homelessness in your area?

- Highly positive
- Positive
- No impact
- Negative impact
- Don't know

22.a. Please explain your answer.

22.b. What impacts (positive developments and challenges) have the first 12 months of implementation of the HRA 2017 had on homelessness practice in your area?



## Page 7: Final Comments

23. What are the biggest gaps or challenges for young people / young people's services in your area?



24. We would welcome your comments and feedback on the following areas: Changes to housing benefit and the affect on young people's ability to access the housing in your area; Concerns over issues of asylum / refugees; Good practice in your area.





