

Under Performing Indicator Recovery Plan

2021/22 Quarter One

Indicator Name

Number of households in temporary accommodation.

Current Performance

Target: 70

Performance: 105

Historic Performance

	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22
Q1		41	47	52	54	105
Q2	42	47	67	53	97	
Q3	35	41	57	73	94	
Q4	43	47	52	53	95	

Reasons for Current Under Performance

The reasons we have so many households in emergency housing is:

- a) because we still have 13 people being accommodated under the 'Everyone In' initiative – the Government have asked local authorities to ensure that no one is sleeping rough during the pandemic. This brings the total number of households in emergency, nightly paid housing to 50.
- b) We also have a larger number of homeless households in temporary accommodation, because we started leasing some additional properties during the pandemic, to help manage the higher demand for homelessness services.

In addition to the 13 single people in emergency housing who had been either sleeping rough or were at risk of doing so during the pandemic, on 30 June 2021 we were accommodating four families with children in emergency housing. The remaining 33 placements were single people with a 'priority need' – a vulnerability such as a mental health issue. This is a higher number of single people than we have had in previous years.

We have a further 55 households in temporary accommodation currently. This includes the 25 flats at Dowding House, 10 further flats and houses owned by TWBC and 20 properties leased from Town and Country Housing.

Actions to Improve Under Performance

(or reasons why this is not necessary)

We are continuing to work as proactively as possible to move people on from emergency housing and temporary accommodation. This involves identifying privately rented properties and supported housing for people we're currently housing.

The Council has renovated three houses at Crescent Road, Tunbridge Wells into 6 flats, which will be let to former rough sleepers during August. We have also been offered two studio flats by West Kent Housing Association which will be used as further temporary accommodation for people currently in nightly paid emergency housing.