

Homelessness update



Adult Services and Housing Policy and Scrutiny Panel - 25 June 2020



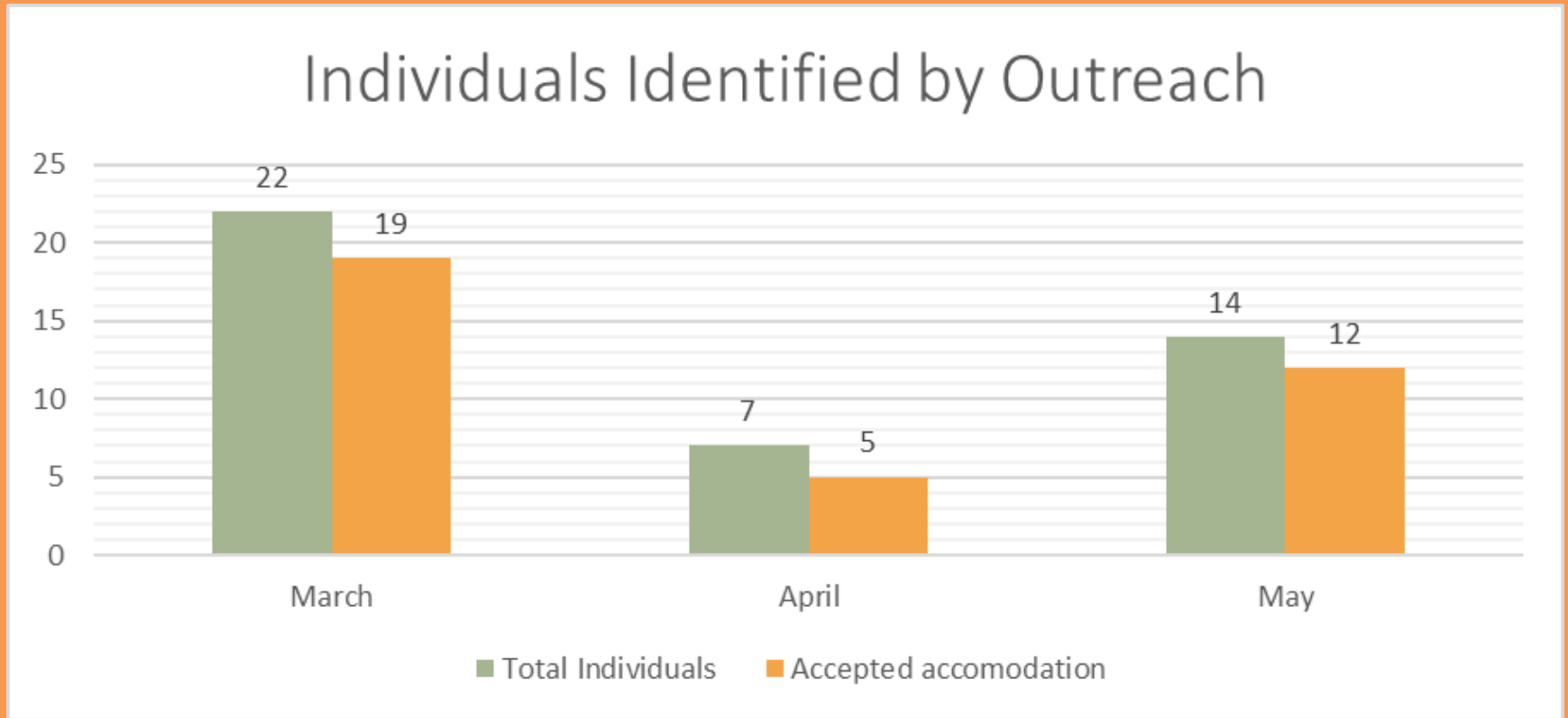
Response to Covid 19

- Prior to 19 March
 - 10 homeless people accommodated in the Night Assessment Centre (NAC)
 - Somewhere to Go (STG) – open 5 days per week
- Subsequently
 - NAC closed 19 March
 - STG closed approx. 1 week later
 - Govnt request to accommodate those sleeping rough during the crisis
 - Main need - single people/rough sleepers

Action taken

- Emergency accommodation secured
- All residents from NAC housed in emergency accommodation
- Outreach continued identifying and supporting anyone at risk of/rough sleeping
- Anyone at risk of/rough sleeping housed in emergency accommodation regardless of eligibility

Outcomes



- 31 people housed through Outreach
- 10 housed from NAC
- Further 47 people housed through self-referral or referral from public body, to council
- As at 11 June 2020 - 36 people in emergency accommodation

Issues

- Limited supply of accommodation & reliance on small number of providers
- ASB/isolation/non-engagement
- Closure of services – basic needs
- Predicted increase in family homelessness as courts re-open

Actions

- Accommodation sourcing
- Multi agency work
 - Support for accommodation owners
 - Engagement
 - Evictions and move-on
 - Service provision
- Partnership work to provide food and access to showers
- Additional staff being recruited to manage expected/service pressures
- Cost implications being assessed and tracked

Next Steps

- Homelessness applications offered to every person
- Personal Housing plans
- Advice and assistance
- Partnership work to access longer term accommodation
- Move on and joint work with MHCLG :
 - Accommodation and support needs
 - Resourcing