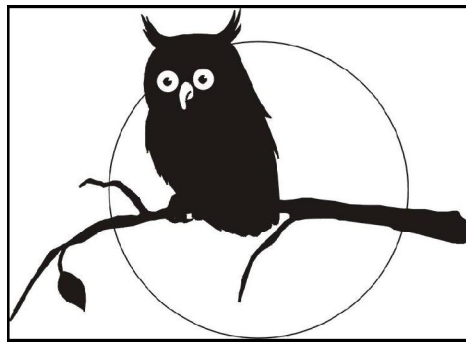


Homeless Watch 2005

A Snapshot Survey Of Homelessness in Nottinghamshire

19th September – 2nd October 2005



Broxtowe Borough Council – Mini Report

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www.hlg.org.uk/homelesswatch.htm

1. Background

The Nottinghamshire Homeless Watch Survey 2005 is the second County wide snapshot survey of people who present as homeless during a two week period, which ran from the 19th September to the 2nd October 2005. The survey is co-ordinated by a steering group comprising representatives from the eight local authorities which make up the area, the Nottinghamshire Rural Community Council, the Supporting People Partnership For Nottinghamshire and Nottinghamshire County Council. Funding for the survey has been provided by the eight district authorities in the County and Nottinghamshire County Council's Social Services Department. The survey has been conducted on their behalf by HLG – a Nottinghamshire umbrella organisation for voluntary sector services working with homeless and other vulnerable people.

In addition to the main Homeless Watch report, which covers the results from the snapshot survey for the whole of Nottinghamshire, a series of eight mini reports have been produced, covering the main findings for the eight district authority areas in Nottinghamshire. The main report and the district reports are all available for download from the Homeless Watch website at www.hlg.org.uk/homelesswatch.htm.

For the purpose of these mini district reports, figures on the number of presentations and homeless people are calculated using a different methodology than has been used for the area analysis in the main Nottinghamshire wide Homeless Watch report. Figures in this mini report for Broxtowe Borough Council are based on presentations by people who were either:

- a. Recorded by the Homeless Watch survey as receiving advice about their homelessness whilst in the Broxtowe area.
- b. Recorded as not seeking advice whilst in Broxtowe (i.e. they sought advice whilst in another local authority area), but were recorded as having a local connection with Broxtowe. A local connection was defined as: family connection, residence in area for 6 of the last 12 months or 3 of the last 5 years, or employment in the area.

This methodology is consistent with that used in some of the district based homelessness snapshot surveys that have taken place in previous years, notably the regular annual surveys conducted in Ashfield.

2. Overall Numbers

52 presentations fitted the two categories detailed in the background section. However, there were a small number of duplicate presentations and therefore the table below records the actual number of individuals who presented to one or more agencies during the Homeless Watch fortnight, namely 48. In addition, there were 9 dependent children recorded as being part of a presenting household – again this figure is calculated after removing any duplicates. Duplicates are identified by matching initials, gender and date of birth information from the presenting adults.

Table One: Overall Numbers

Category	Adjusted Figure To Take Account of Duplicate Presentations
Adults	48
Children	9
Total	57

Within the overall figures, 26 people (16 male, 10 female) are shown as having a connection with Broxtowe but were in another local authority area when they requested advice. Over a

third of those who had a local connection to Broxtowe were in Nottingham City when they sought advice about their homelessness. However, it should be noted that a person could have a connection with more than one local authority area, and of the 18 people with a connection to Broxtowe who were in Nottingham City when they sought advice, 11 are also recorded as having a local connection with Nottingham City.

Table Two: Area When Advice Was Received

Local Authority Area	Men		Women		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Ashfield	0	0	1	5	1	2
Bassetlaw	0	0	1	5	1	2
Broxtowe	12	43	10	50	22	46
Mansfield	3	11	0	0	3	6
Newark & Sherwood	1	4	0	0	1	2
Nottingham City	11	39	7	35	18	38
Out Of Notts	1	4	0	0	1	2
Rushcliffe	0	0	1	5	1	2
Total	28	100	20	100	48	100

The figures in this table have been calculated after removing duplicates

3. Gender

The 2005 Homeless Watch survey recorded that across the County, 60% of those presenting as homeless were male (this is calculated after removing those cases where no gender has been specified); The proportion of men experiencing homelessness with a connection to or seeking advice whilst in Broxtowe was only slightly lower at 58%. Please note that these figures are for adults only and do not include dependent children who were part of a presenting family.

Table Three: Gender

Gender	No.	%
Male	28	58
Female	20	42
Total	48	100

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4. Age

Table four (see next page) shows that there are notable differences between the genders in terms of age. 57% of men were aged 25 and over, whereas 60% of women were aged under 25. Across both genders, 51% were aged under 25 years old. Please note that table four does not include data about dependent children (of any age) who presented as homeless as part of a family. Further information about the numbers and ages of children can be found in table seven.

Table Four: Age By Gender

Age Range	Male		Female		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
16 & 17 Years Old	3	11	3	15	6	13
18-24 Years Old	9	32	9	45	18	38
25-40 Years Old	12	43	3	15	15	31
41-59 Years Old	4	14	2	10	6	13
60 years old and over	0	0	0	0	0	0
No Age Data Supplied	0	0	3	15	3	6
Total	28	100	20	100	48	100

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5. Ethnic Origin

According to the UK Census data from 2001, 6.8% of the population of Broxtowe are of a non White: British ethnic origin. In the County wide Homeless Watch survey report it was noted that people from Black and Minority Ethnic communities were over-represented among those who presented as homeless and this is also reflected in the data for Broxtowe. 10.4% of the Broxtowe cases are recorded as being people of a non White: British ethnic origin. However, as can be seen from table five, the actual number of people from particular black and minority ethnic groups is very small (in most cases just one person) and therefore it is difficult to draw any firm conclusions about over-representation among specific ethnic groups.

Table Five: Ethnic Origin

Ethnic Origin of People Presenting As Homeless From Broxtowe	Men		Women		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Black/Black British Caribbean	0	0	1	5	1	2.1
Mixed: White & Black Caribbean	0	0	1	5	1	2.1
White: British	27	96.4	16	80	43	89.6
White: Irish	1	3.6	0	0	1	2.1
White: Other	0	0	2	10	2	4.2
Total	28	100	20	100	48	100

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6. Household Type

81% of people were recorded as being single people with no children, slightly above the 77% recorded for the whole of Nottinghamshire. The proportion of single parents at 13% was the same as for the County, but the proportion of other family household types was slightly lower than for Nottinghamshire. Table six, which summarises the household type data, is on the next page.

Table Six: Household Type

Household Type	No.	Percentage - Broxtowe	Percentage - Nottinghamshire
Single Person (No Children)	39	81	77
Single Parent With Children	6	13	13
Childless Couple	2	4	5
Couple With Children	1	2	4
Missing Data	0	0	1
Total	48	100	100

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7. Children

A total of 9 children were recorded as being part of the adult households who presented as homeless. In addition, three households recorded that a member of the household was pregnant, two of which were 18 years old.

Table Seven: Age & Numbers Of Children

Age Of Children	No. of children in this range	% of children in this range
0-4 years old	4	44
5-10 years old	4	44
11-15 years old	0	0
16 -17 years old	0	0
18 years old and over	1	11
Total	9	100

The figures in this table have been calculated after removing duplicates

8. Care Leavers

11 people are recorded as having been in the care of a local authority as a young person, representing 23% of all those recorded as either presenting for advice whilst in Broxtowe or with a local connection to the area. This figure is above the 20% recorded for the whole of Nottinghamshire. Of these 11 people, 8 are recorded as being in the care of Nottinghamshire County Council, 5 of which are aged 21 or under.

Table Eight: Age Of Care Leavers

Age	Numbers Of Care Leavers In This Age Group
16 & 17 Years Old	1
18 - 21 Years Old	5
22 and Over	5
Total	11

This table has been calculated after removing duplicates

9. Presenting Support Needs

The section records the support needs of people who presented during the survey fortnight. As different data is recorded by agencies for different presentations by the same person, these figures are based on the full 52 presentations rather than the 48 individuals. Please note that people could record more than support need. A separate question which asked whether a person had any support needs, shows that 12 people (23% of the 52 presentations) stated that they did not have any support needs.

Table nine summarises the profile of support needs for Broxtowe and includes an additional column to enable comparison with the County wide findings. Please note the percentage columns show the percentage of the male, female and overall presentations where this support need was identified. The baseline figures for the calculation are therefore, 29 men, 23 women and 52 overall presentations.

The overall percentages are broadly similar to the County wide findings, although the proportion of people requiring support due to offending issues is noticeable lower at 17%, compared to 23% for Nottinghamshire.

Table Nine: Support Needs

Support Needs	Men		Women		Totals		Percentage – Nottinghamshire
	No.	%*	No.	%*	No.	%*	%
Drug Abuse	12	41	4	17	16	31	32
Ex-offender	8	28	1	4	9	17	23
Alcohol Abuse	6	21	3	13	9	17	18
Mental Health	4	14	4	17	8	15	17
Domestic Violence	1	3	5	22	6	12	10
Learning Difficulties	1	3	2	9	3	6	8
Physically Disabled	1	3	0	0	1	2	4
Other	0	0	2	9	2	4	11
Total	33	N/A	21	N/A	54	N/A	100

**The percentages in this table show the percentage of male and female presentations with a particular support need. The total column is also calculated on this basis – i.e the 52 presentations identified for Broxtowe and the 1187 presentations for Nottinghamshire.*

10. Previous Night

Where an individual slept the previous night could change during the course of the two week survey period and therefore this data is usually listed for all presentations, even if a person presented more than once during the fortnight. However, although there were three people who presented two or more times to an agency, in all three cases the same previous night information was recorded. Therefore, table ten is based on the 48 individuals who presented during the fortnight, rather than the 52 presentations. As shown in table ten, 31% of people were recorded as sleeping rough the night prior to presenting to an agency for advice. Although 7 of the people rough sleeping presented for advice while they were in Broxtowe, a further 8 rough sleepers with a connection with Broxtowe are recorded as seeking advice whilst in another local authority area. 5 of these 8 rough sleepers sought advice about their homelessness whilst in Nottingham City.

The 38% of people who spent the previous night with friends is noticeable higher than the 24% recorded in this situation for the Nottinghamshire wide report.

Table Ten: Previous Night's Accommodation

Previous Night	Men		Women		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%
Friend's Home	7	25	11	55	18	38
Slept Rough	13	46	2	10	15	31
Parents' Home	2	7	3	15	5	10
Own Home	2	7	2	10	4	8
Hostel	2	7	0	0	2	4
Other Relative's Home	1	4	1	5	2	4
Other	1	4	1	5	2	4
Total	28	100	20	100	48	100

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11. Profile of Rough Sleeping

Agencies were asked to record whether people sleeping rough, were sleeping in the open air, or in a building or structure not designed for human habitation. One person was recorded as sleeping in the air before presenting to one agency, but sleeping in a building not designed for habitation after contact with another agency. Table eleven therefore includes data for all 16 presentations by people sleeping rough. Of the 7 people who were in Broxtowe when they sought advice about their homelessness, 2 are shown as sleeping in the open air, 4 in a building or structure not designed for habitation and no data is recorded for the other person.

The two rough sleeping categories in table eleven are based on a definition of rough sleeping used by the ODPM. The figures show that half of the rough sleepers in the area (or with a connection to Broxtowe) are sleeping in a building or structure not designed for human habitation, with a further 38% sleeping in the open air.

Table Eleven: Type Of Rough Sleeping

Slept Rough Type	Number	Percentage – Broxtowe	Percentage - Nottinghamshire
Sleeping In Open Air	6	38	55
Building/Structure Not For Habitation	8	50	30
Don't Know/Not Stated	2	13	15
Total	16	100	100

Agencies were also asked to record the approximate amount of time that a person had been rough sleeping. No data has been supplied for one case and the rough sleeper who presented to more than one agency was recorded by both as sleeping rough for longer than 12 months and so the number in this category has been reduced accordingly. A summary of this data is shown in table twelve and shows that 57% of those rough sleeping have been doing so for more than 1 week, with three people (21%) sleeping rough for longer than 6 months.

Table Twelve: Duration Of Rough Sleeping

Time Rough Sleeping	No. of People In This Category	Percentage
More than a night up to 1 week	6	43
More than 1 week and up to 1 month	2	14
More than 1 month and up to 3 months	2	14
More Than 3 months and up to 6 months	1	7
Over 6 months	3	21
Total	14	100

12. Comparison of Previous Night & Coming Night Accommodation

Agencies were asked to record details of where a person was likely to spend the coming night. Table thirteen on the next page summarises these responses and enables comparison between where people spent the previous night, with information about their likely accommodation circumstances the night after contact with an agency.

It is of note that there are no people recorded as spending either the previous or coming night in bed and breakfast or lodgings. The County wide survey identified that just under 3% of people were expected to spend the coming night in this type of accommodation and in some districts the figure was over 10%.

In five cases, people who were rough sleeping the previous night are not recorded as doing so the coming night, although in two of these cases no 'coming night' data has been supplied and in another case the person was due to be admitted to hospital. Two rough sleepers were due to stay the coming night in hostel accommodation.

In addition to the eleven cases where rough sleepers were expected to still be rough sleeping, a further four cases are recorded where people are expected to be rough sleeping the night after contacting an agency, but who had been in another accommodation situation the previous night. All four people where this situation applied, had spent the previous night with friends.

Table thirteen is on the next page.

Table Thirteen: Comparison Of Previous & Coming Night's Accommodation

		Where Person Is Sleeping the Night Following Contact With An Agency															
		B&B Lodgings	Custody	Emergency Bed	Friends Home	Grandparents	Hospital	Hostel	Other Relative	Own Home	Parents Home	Partner's Home	Sleeping Rough	Social Services	Other	No Data Supplied	Totals
Where Person Slept The Night Prior To Seeing Agency For Advice	B&B Lodgings	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Custody	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Emergency Bed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Friend's Home	0	0	0	13	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	4	0	1	1	20
	Grandparents	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Hospital	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Hostel	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
	Other Relative	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
	Own Home	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
	Parents' Home	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	5
	Partner's Home	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sleeping Rough	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	11	0	0	2	16
	Social Services	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Other	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
	No Data Supplied	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Totals:	13	0	0	0	18	1	1	5	2	2	1	0	15	0	2		