Estimating Unmet Need
for
Supported Housing

Why is this important?

- **Supported Housing has a contribution to make to a number of "care" pathways**

- **Supported Housing is under threat from funding changes**

What did we do ?

Undertook a "quick and dirty" piece of work to see if it is possible to find a robust methodology for doing this.

Commissioned by **NHF**

Started with an "old" methodology used in the days of *Supporting People*

But changed it to one based on *flows* not *stocks*

Used a new list of *Client Groups* based on the reason for a presenting need for supported housing

Compared the number of people in need for a housing place in a year with the number of likely available lettings

We think it worked !

The Methodology

Population
at risk

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Population
in need

⬇

Supply

⬇

Net
requirement
for supported
housing

Population at risk
This is an estimate of the total working age population, over the course of a year, who are at risk because they experience a particular situation or event and have particular vulnerabilities that make it difficult for them to resolve the issue themselves. Figures for different at-risk groups were drawn from a number of national data sets.

Population in need
This is an estimated sub-set of the 'population at risk' that would benefit from a supported housing intervention, as opposed to another intervention. This is based on historical figures that indicate the proportion of at risk people who received supported housing, as opposed to other types of service intervention.

Supply
This is an estimate of the number of units available for letting in the year, as opposed to the overall number of units per se

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The Results

125,196
lettings needed for people of working age during 2015/16

109,556
places available for people of working age during 2015/16

15,640
shortfall in supported housing for people of working age during 2015/16

If current trends continue

29,053
annual shortfall in supported housing by 2019/20

2019/20

46,771
annual shortfall in supported housing by 2024/25

2024/25

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Looking to the Future

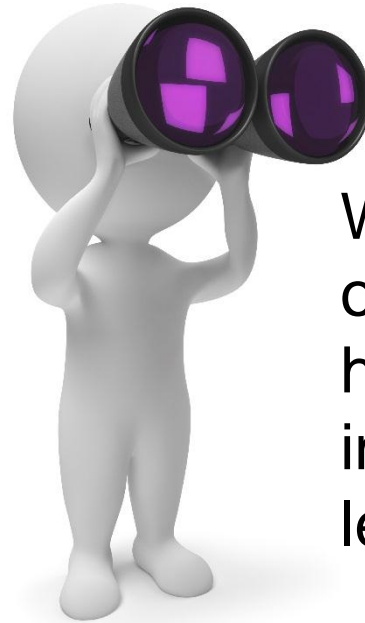**In order to make the model truly robust more work is needed**

Population at risk

We need to check we have included all pathways into supported housing. We need to check we have used the data sources correctly

Supply

We need to carry out research on the needs of sample clients presenting to key agencies

Population in need

We need to use the CLG Research on the size of the supported housing sector. We need robust information from providers on lettings trends

What do we need to do this?

Some funding

Some volunteers

To find out more

The Report can be found at:

http://www.housing.org.uk/resource-library/browse/supported_housing_understanding_need_and_supply/

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