



Priority 5

Create homes and communities where people choose to live and are able to thrive



Objective 2:

Prevent homelessness and support residents to lead fulfilling lives



Indicator 2A:

Homelessness preventions as a percentage of approaches



Target:

To reach 40% by May 2018
New target under discussion

What does the data say?

The first quarter of the year coincided with the introduction of the Homelessness Reduction Act (HRA) which completely changed working practices. It is now not reliable to make direct comparisons with previous years as definitions and recording mechanisms are very different.

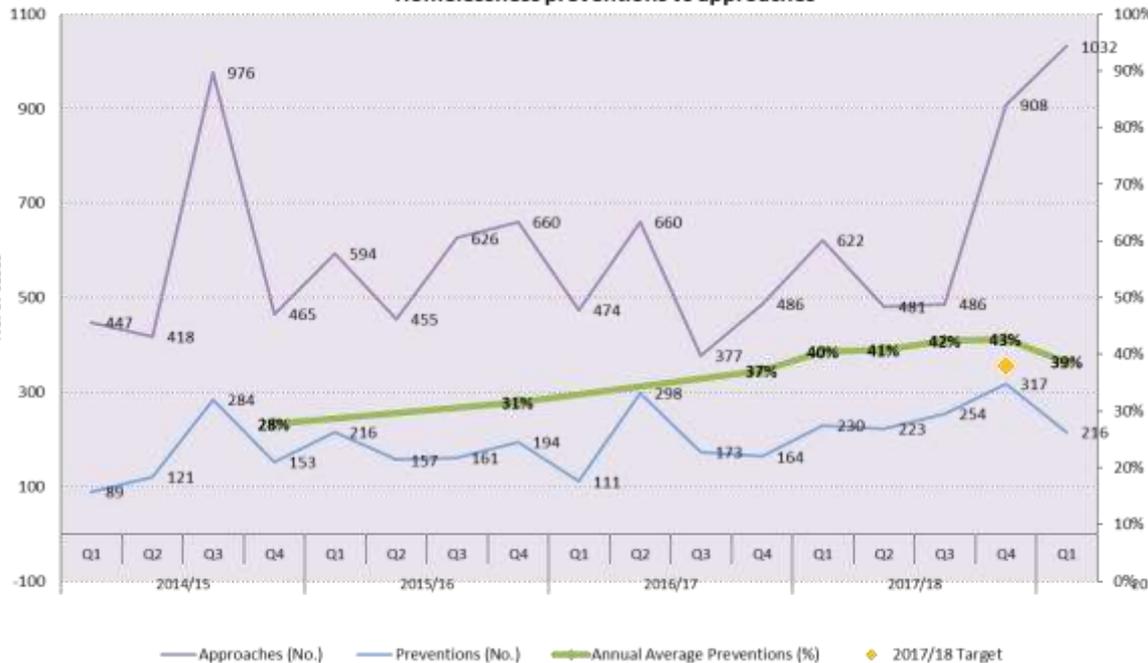
Previously prevention activity completed outside of statutory homelessness, including partner preventions was recorded, but this can no longer be included therefore recorded numbers of preventions are expected to drop as can be seen in the chart.

It is also misleading to compare the % of successful preventions/reliefs to approaches as the comparators are very different. Prior to HRA, initial triaging of cases occurred at two junctures, Customer Services and within the Housing Needs Triage team. This no longer happens, and all cases regardless of eligibility, priority need and local connection are seen by Housing Needs if there is a threat of homelessness, which is demonstrated by the large increase in approaches recorded.

The MHCLG has advised that it has an intention to release the first set of data relating to Q1 performance in December. The council will use this data to benchmark local performance against similar local authorities to provide new, meaningful indicators of performance in this area.

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Homelessness preventions vs approaches



The green line shows the average annual preventions as a percentage of approaches (total cases closed)
The purple line shows the number of cases closed within a period (approaches)
The blue line shows the number of those cases that were prevented from becoming homeless (preventions)