



Spotlight on: Trans Homelessness

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Overview of Stonewall Housing

- * Established in 1983
- * Impacted by Section 28
- * Extended services to bi and trans people in 2006
- * Supported housing for LGBT+ people
- * Free, confidential housing advice to LGBT+ people
- * Drop-in housing advice surgeries for LGBT+ people
- * Specialist and awareness training for housing and housing services providers, statutory and third sector organisations
- * Consultancy and information to other agencies about LGBT+ housing issues
- * campaigning and influencing for the housing rights of LGBT+ people

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Advice Service

- * Pan-London LGBT housing advice and advocacy
- * Homelessness
- * Domestic abuse
- * Harassment
- * Neighbour disputes
- * Tenancy issues
- * Disrepair
- * Housing applications and reviews
- * Tenancy sustainment



LGBT+ people under 25 experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness



LGBT+ people experiencing domestic or sexual violence



stonewall
housing

STAR (+25)

Shelter

St Mungo's
Ending homelessness
Rebuilding lives

ThamesReach
power

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Trans Peoples Access - Over Time

- 17/18 – 23%
- 16/17 – 22%
- 15/16 – 18%
- 14/15 – 8%

The above figures show the increase in trans identifying people approaching our services.

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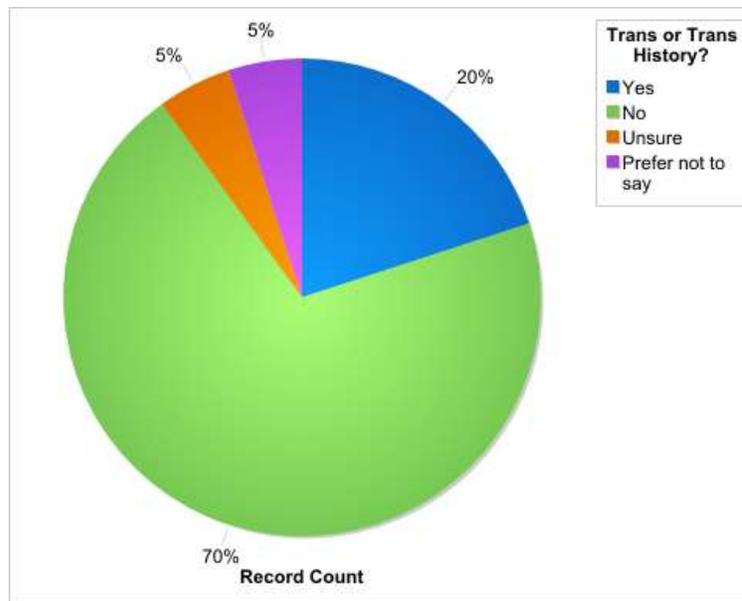
Reasons for growth

- We are seen as a more trans inclusive organisation over time (trans people have previously accessed but not realised we were trans inclusive).
- Better data collection (more explicit questioning).
- Increase in trans visibility (and a better understanding of cisgenderedness).
- Emergence of more trans identities (or more likely the words to articulate our identities).
- People coming out at all ages (80 Year Old Woman living in Sheltered Accommodation)

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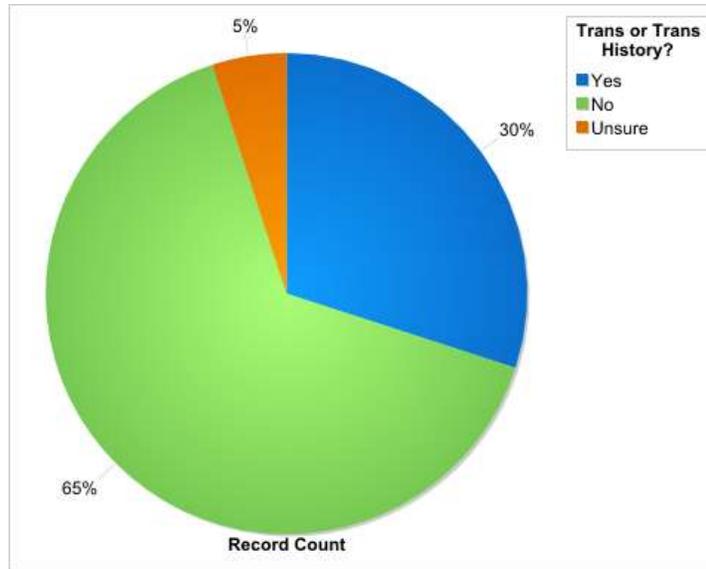


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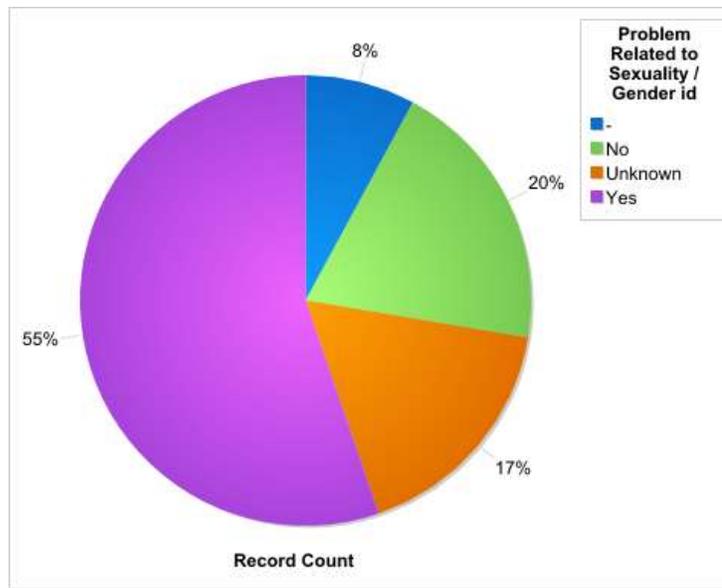
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25 and under – current open cases

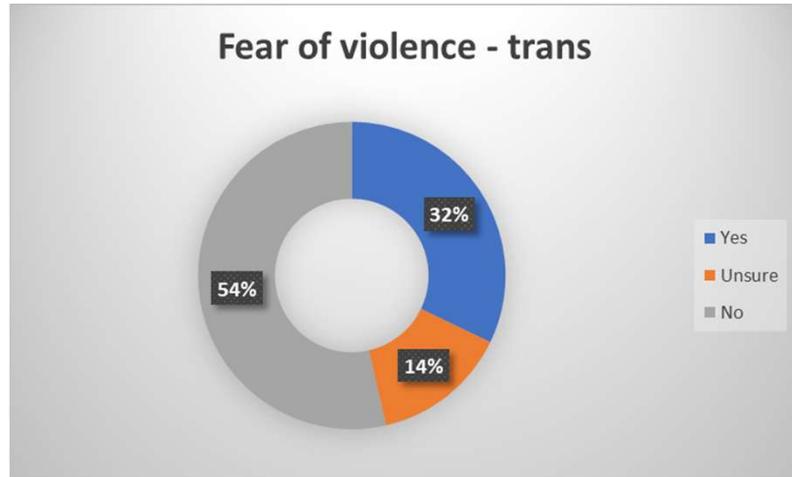


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Trans Identity Poverty

- Similar to period poverty
- Financial impact on ability to purchase toiletries
- Significant impact on trans feminine identifying people
- Example – Church Shelter “trauma”
- **CAUTION:** non-conformity, don’t have to look like, to feel like!

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Key Facts

- Trans people are more likely to experience homelessness
- Trans people are more likely to experience domestic abuse
- Trans people (trans women in particular) experience high levels of sexual violence.
- Trans people often struggle in the employment market reducing their opportunities to escape cycles homelessness.

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