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1. Information about the numbers of units of temporary accommodation provided across the county (by us directly, and by HA's and third sector partners). Include the refuges

We currently have 62 temporary accommodation units across the county, ranging from self contained single and family accommodation to shared units (eg converted 2/3 bed houses). This number fluctuates as we are able to use HRA accommodation flexibly as demand requires. Additionally, there are 5 refuges. Breakdown as follows:

MACHYNLLETH

2 units - managed by Gwalia (under management pilot) - lease expires end of April 18 and legal negotiating handback. Looking at options for alternatives in Mach currently

WELSHPOOL (& surrounds)

3 units at Chalfont - managed by Gwalia (under management pilot)

12 units of HRA accommodation used as temporary - managed by Gwalia (under management pilot)

NEWTOWN

9 units at Ty'r Bont, Newtown - leased property managed and supported by The Wallich - 18 units of HRA accommodation used as temporary, managed by Gwalia (under management pilot)

1 x female refuge (4 spaces) MFCC

1 x male refuge (4 spaces) MFCC

LLANDRINDOD WELLS

6 units at Gwynfa, Lant Avenue - males only - owned by Mid Wales Housing Association, managed and supported by Gwalia

1 unit of HRA accommodation used as temporary - managed by HMOO

1 x refuge (4 spaces) CALAN DVS

BRECON

6 units at Stoneleigh Manor, Llanfaes – owned by Wales & West Housing Association, supported by Gwalia
2 x refuge (7 spaces) CALAN DVS

YSTRADGYNLAIS

5 units of HRA accommodation used as temporary – managed by HMOO with support of Cymryd Rhan

2. Whether dogs are allowed in temporary accommodation?

Our policy towards dogs being allowed in temporary accommodation depends on the suitability of the available temporary accommodation to allow for dogs without causing nuisance or noise to other residents. Where accommodation is self contained and may have access to an outside area/garden, we can look more favourably on agreeing to dogs being accommodated, especially if there is professional evidence that the dog is beneficial to the homeless persons mental well-being. Sometimes, however, we cannot agree to accommodating dogs and kennelling options need to be looked at / temporary re-homing of the dog with friends or family. Shared accommodation and supported accommodation will not permit pets, and all of the current bed and breakfast accommodation we access have no pet policies.

Response to Welsh Government Rough Sleeping Action Plan

The view from Powys is that both documents are welcome in order to drive improvements needed to assist rough sleepers (and in our case, more “chaotic” individuals).

Whilst the need for collaborative working is highlighted, it does rely on full engagement from our partners to make it a success. This needs to include the Police, Health, Adult Services, Childrens Services and third sector partners. Key to this will be Supporting People funded services who can provide the additional capacity to undertake the work required to build trust and gain the confidence of problematic rough sleepers to get them into settled accommodation and ensure that they can sustain their tenancies. In certain cases this is likely to be 1 to 1 support.