



## Glasgow Winter Night Shelter Statistics 2018

**Govan Law Centre runs Housing & Homelessness law and advice surgeries in Glasgow's Winter Homeless Night Shelters. These are run in partnership with GCHSP welfare rights team and Glasgow City Mission.**

We provide legal services, welfare rights and general advice and social support to rough sleepers. We ran our services from 1 December 2017 to 31 March 2018

- **163 people used our services**
- **154 people were accommodated**
- **9 people found their own accommodation.**

We provided support to people with a range of issues: homelessness, welfare rights (provided by GCHSCP WRO) and in need of access to social support for those with multiple & complex needs

### **The issues people presented us with included:**

- **73% with mental health problems:** from less severe to severe and enduring
- **56% also presented with complex needs:** physical disabilities, drug and or alcohol addiction, chaotic/complex lifestyle, multiple contact with criminal justice and other social issues
- **8% with degenerative condition:** Parkinson's disease, some cancers, AIDS, HIV positive, hepatitis c, and others
- **6% had a learning disability**
- **11% had been liberated from prison into homelessness**

### **Welfare Rights**

- **81% had benefits entitlement checked**
- **73% received assistance, support and representation to challenge multiple benefit issues including applications for ESA, PIP, JSA, HB and Scottish Welfare Fund**
- **43% received money and multiple debt advice**

### **163 people used our services. The reasons for being in the winter night shelter were:**

- 65 assessed homeless and not accommodated by LA
- 18 were sent away not interviewed by LA caseworker
- 13 were told no accommodation was available
- 4 right to reside issues
- 1 had no recourse to public funds
- 5 were refused a s5 referral by housing association
- 36 were rough sleeping
- 17 were refused emergency accommodation
- 4 were refused temporary accommodation

### **154 people were accommodated through Govan Law Centre's services.**

- 51 were accommodated by Glasgow City Council
- 14 were accommodated by Voluntary organisations
- 15 were allocated emergency accommodation
- 64 temporary accommodation
- 2 were in permanent accommodation
- 4 accommodated under section 5
- 1 supported local authority accommodation