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Accommodation on Release statistical release - Appendices

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Annex A – background information

Accommodation measure calculations (MI014 and MI015a)

The accommodation MI014 and MI015a are measured as a percentage. The percentage is the outcome of the equation:

$$\frac{a}{a + b}$$

where:

'a' is the number of instances that are positive, where the individual has accommodation at the measurement point, and

'b' is the number of instances of an individual released from custody that were known to be negative at the given point in time, where an individual does not have accommodation when reported in line with the definitions contained in the appropriate technical note; an excerpt of each technical note is contained in Annex B.

Events or instances recorded as 'neutral' when reported in line with the definitions contained in the appropriate technical note are not included in the calculation.

Instances are 'neutral' where:

- The accommodation status of the individual is not recorded, or there are multiple statuses, or there are errors in the record; or
- The accommodation status has been provided by the Home Office Immigration Enforcement Service; or
- The individual is no longer under supervision in the community or has been returned to custody before the measurement point.

Releases from custody

Figures provided count accommodation circumstances by instances of release from custody, including releases following recall, committal to custody for breach of post sentence supervision and at sentence or post sentence supervision expiry. Release on temporary licence (RoTL), releases where the individual is subject to same-day recall to custody, release from unsupervised short sentences, and releases from Immigration Removal Centres are not included.

Where an individual has been released from custody more than once in the period, they will be counted once for each release, with the accommodation circumstance relevant at the time of that release.

Due to use of different inclusion criteria and data cleansing, the total volume of releases in this ad-hoc release will not necessarily match official statistics for total releases.

Definitions: Accommodation

Accommodation circumstances are assessed at the point of release (MI014) and three months following release (MI015a) from prison for those serving custodial sentences.

"Settled Accommodation" consists of either: (i) Any accommodation that provides a permanent independent housing solution including: As a house holder/owner; Rental Accommodation (Tenant) – private or social rental; Living with Friends and Family (Settled) - the person can reside in that home and is able to return to that home; or living with a friend with a bedroom available for the person's use and access to domestic facilities; a caravan or boat that is viewed by the Person as their permanent home; (ii) Supported Housing - regardless of the duration of residency; (iii) Long Term Residential Healthcare.

"Other Housed" consists of individuals living in transient/temporary accommodation that does not provide a long-term solution to housing need. Previously known as "Other unsettled accommodation".

"Bail / Probation Accommodation" includes probation Approved Premises (AP), Bail Accommodation Support Services (BASS) accommodation, Community Accommodation Services (CAS3), and accommodation provided by the Home Office Immigration Enforcement Service.

"Homeless, Not Rough Sleeping" is where the individual does not have any accommodation they are entitled to occupy, or they have accommodation they are entitled to occupy but they cannot be reasonably expected to occupy it for any reason. Either: (i) the individual occupies a property with no legal authority or permission to do so, such as squatting; (ii) the individual may reside in night shelters, emergency hostels, direct access hostels or campsites.

"Rough Sleeping" is where the individual does not have any accommodation they are entitled to occupy, or they have accommodation they are entitled to occupy but they cannot be reasonably expected to occupy it for any reason. The individual sleeps in open air (such as on the streets, in tents, doorways, parks, bus shelters or encampments) or in other places not designed for habitation (such as stairwells, barns, sheds, car parks, cars, derelict boats or stations).

The accommodation status is "Unknown" either because the status is awaiting assessment, or because no status is recorded, or because there are multiple statuses, or because of other errors in the record.

Cases are excluded for the MI014 under the following circumstances: the individual is recalled on the day of release; the case is terminated on the day of release.

Cases are excluded for the MI015a under the following circumstances: the release is recorded against multiple sentences; ORA Committal for PSSR Breach; the individual is recalled before three months post release; the case is terminated before three months post release.

In instances where there are multiple releases for the same person on the same day, only one instance of the records are assessed.

Annex B - Technical Notes

| <u>MI014 - Housed on release from custody</u> | |
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| Long Description & Rationale | <p>Long Description: The proportion of individuals in settled or temporary accommodation on the night of release from custody.</p> <p><i><u>Rationale:</u> To support individuals in their rehabilitation, and the reduction in re-offending.</i></p> |
| Reporting Frequency | Monthly |
| Data Source | N-Delius |
| <u>Technical Description</u> | |
| <p><u>Settled Accommodation means:</u></p> <p>(i) Any accommodation that provides a permanent independent housing solution including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As a house holder/owner • Rental Accommodation (Tenant) – private or social rental • Living with Friends and Family (Settled) - the person can reside in that home and is able to return to that home; or living with a friend with a bedroom available for the person’s use and access to domestic facilities • a caravan or boat that is viewed by the Person as their permanent home <p>(ii) Supported Housing (iii) Approved Premises Regardless of the duration of residency. (iv) Long Term Residential Healthcare:</p> <p>Care should be taken to properly determine whether the housing is transient/short term (i.e. less than three months) rather than permanent or supported housing. Note that the three month minimum period does not apply for persons accommodated in Approved Premises.</p> <p><u>Temporary Accommodation includes:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friends/Family (Transient) • Transient/Short Term Accommodation • BASS Accommodation • CAS3 Accommodation • Supported Housing <p><u>Eligibility</u></p> <p>Persons are considered eligible at release from custody and are consequently subject to supervision on licence or Post Sentence Supervision.</p> <p><u>Release and recall recording:</u></p> <p>In instances where multiple custodial events exist for the same person only one instance of the records shall be assessed.</p> | |

Cases are excluded for the MI014 under the following circumstances: the individual is recalled on the day of release; the case is terminated on the day of release.

MI015a - Settled accommodation at 3 months post release

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| <p>Long Description & Rationale</p> | <p>Long Description: The proportion of individuals in settled accommodation at three months post release for custodial sentences</p> <p><i>Rationale: To support individuals in their rehabilitation, and the reduction in re-offending.</i></p> |
| <p>Reporting Frequency</p> | <p>Monthly</p> |
| <p>Data Source</p> | <p>N-Delius</p> |

Technical Description

Settled Accommodation Means

- (i) Any accommodation that provides a permanent independent housing solution including:
 - As a house holder/owner
 - Rental Accommodation (Tenant) – private or social rental
 - Living with Friends and Family (Settled) - the person can reside in that home and is able to return to that home; or living with a friend with a bedroom available for the person’s use and access to domestic facilities
 - a caravan or boat that is viewed by the Person as their permanent home
- (ii) Supported Housing:
- (iii) Approved Premises:
Regardless of the duration of residency.
- (iv) Long Term Residential Healthcare:

Care should be taken to properly determine whether the housing is transient/short term (i.e. less than three months) rather than permanent or supported housing. Note that the three month minimum period does not apply for persons accommodated in Approved Premises.

Eligibility

Persons are considered eligible for each sentence at the three month point post release from custody.

Release and recall recording

In instances where multiple custodial events exist for the same person only one instance of the records shall be assessed.

Cases are excluded for the MI015a under the following circumstances: the release is recorded against multiple sentences; ORA Committal for PSSR Breach; the individual is recalled before three months post release; the case is terminated before three months post release.