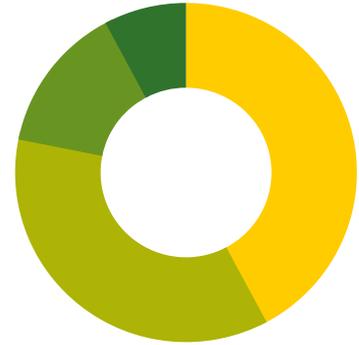# HOMELESSNESS & EXPLOITATION

Understanding the drivers of exploitation for people experiencing homelessness, and approaches for prevention.
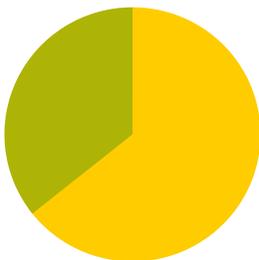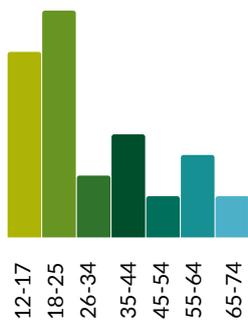
PROJECT SUMMARY

The project centred around engagement with those working closest to the issue, such as front-line workers, utilising interviews and focus groups to gather evidence. The findings indicated a clear causal link between homelessness, in addition to other support needs and exploitation. The results from this initial research provided the foundation for the initiation of three distinct projects: a geo-targeted social media campaign, community awareness raising activity and the championing of a financial inclusion scheme. The report also makes recommendations that potentially have national reach in terms of their applications and implications.

Exploitation types by sector

- Criminal Exploitation
- Sexual Exploitation
- Labour Exploitation
- Domestic Servitude

Victim Age

12-17 | 18-25 | 26-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55-64 | 65-74

KEY FINDINGS

- The most common vulnerability within the homeless community was drug dependency with no bank account second.
- The most common type of recruitment was befriending which often started with the giving of gifts to build trust.
- All types of exploitation were seen with criminal exploitation the most common, closely followed by sexual exploitation.
- The traffickers and victims had similar demographics, anecdotally traffickers tended to be older (although there was insufficient volume of data to see this robustly).
- Victims tended to use a different language to support organisations, using terms like "bullying" or "abuse" rather than "modern slavery" or "victim of trafficking."

Victim Gender

- Male
- Female

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