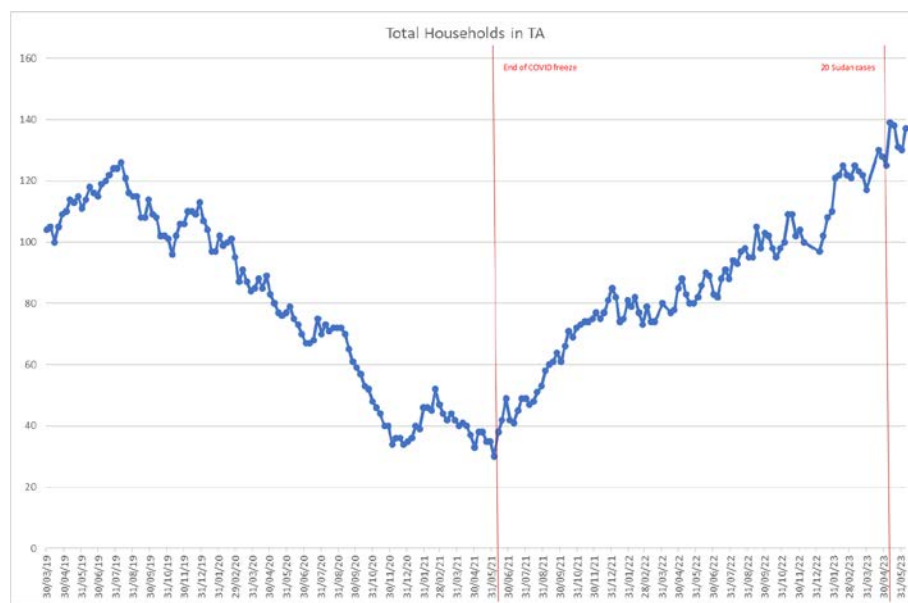


Temporary Accommodation Trends

Nationally, there has been a 74% rise in temporary accommodation in the last 10 years. 68% of families living in temporary accommodation have been there for over a year. Data shows that (63% of individuals living within temporary accommodation has had a negative impact on their mental health. (51% say that it has had a negative impact on their physical health and 39% say that living in temporary accommodation has made it harder to access healthcare appointments.

Within Sandwell there has been an increase in temporary accommodation from June 2021 with 122 households within this accommodation type at the end of March 2023. The chart below shows the trend over the last four years:



The chart above shows a gradual decline in TA numbers from August 2019 to an all-time low of 30 units in May 2021. This was achieved through both the eviction freeze due to COVID (and predominantly PRS sector) and piloting a new operating model and the associated reduction in demand from 8% of presentations to 4%. In June 2021 significant latent demand in the system started to come through (as the freeze ended) and this continued throughout the next 12 to 18 months. The gradual increase in number of households in TA plateaued in February 2023 and remained within about 8 households for next three months,

which was largely maintained until we placed 20 Sudanese households as part of the evacuation.

Figure 1 highlights the yearly trend of household in temporary accommodation placed by Sandwell Council’s housing solutions team and the net change. Figure 2 echoes the national rise in number of households placed in TA.

Figure 1

Year	Number	% change
Mar-20	87	
Mar-21	44	-49%
Mar-22	74	68%
Mar-23	122	65%

Figure 2



In figure 1, The table shows that the service saw 49% less households in TA from March 2020 to March 2021 with a decrease from 87 households to 44. The following year saw an increase of 68% in placements moving the figure to 74 households. As of March this year, the number of households in TA placed by Sandwell Council’s housing solutions service was at 122, which is a further 65% increase.

It is important to note that whilst Sandwells proportion is increasing, the borough has less than half the number per 1000 households when compared to the all England rate. Sandwell has 0.92 h/holds per 1000 in TA compared to 15.98 households living in temporary accommodation in London and 2.06 households in the Rest of England.