Centrepoint factsheet series 2000/2001
Centrepoint and Youth Homelessness

During a 12-month period, Centrepoint had 1026 individual referrals resulting in 758 admissions.

Of the young people surveyed:

- Over three quarters (78 per cent) had experience of sleeping rough and over half (53 per cent) of this group revealed that they had slept rough for a month or more.

- Three out of every four (75 per cent) were forced to leave their last home due to factors outside of their control.

- Approximately two fifths (41 per cent) were female.

- One fifth (20 per cent) were aged 16 and 17.

- Forty-three per cent were white, 44 per cent were black and the remainder were of South East Asian, mixed or other origin.

- Four out of every five (77 per cent) were unemployed.

- Forty-seven per cent had qualifications, 36 had no qualifications.

- A quarter (25 per cent) had no income whatsoever.

- The majority (69 per cent) were from London and 21 per cent were from overseas.

- Forty per cent had last lived with their parents.

- Thirty per cent had been looked after by a Local Authority.

The above information is based upon data collected between 1 April 2000 to 31 March 2001 from fifteen Centrepoint projects existing at that time.

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