Core Homelessness

- Core homelessness concept developed in quest for more robust measurement framework while focusing on most serious and immediate forms
- Developed with Crisis in 2017, updated in 2018 and 2020-1
- Recognises shortcomings of official measurement framework, including RS counts and statutory system statistics
- Normally presented as 'stock' figure at point in time- partly to avoid double-counting – but some sources entail flow-> stock conversion
- Core homelessness used both for monitoring changes/comparing regions/countries, but also in forward projection model for policy scenarios

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Core Homelessness Categories

Category	Description
Rough Sleeping	Sleeping in the open e.g., in streets, parks, carparks, doorways
Unconventional Accommodation	Sleeping in places/spaces not intended as normal residential accommodation, e.g., cars, vans, lorries, caravans/motor home, tents, boats, sheds, garages, industrial/commercial premises
Hostels etc.	Communal emergency and TA primarily targeted at homeless people including hostels, refuges, shelters and special COVID-19 provision
Unsuitable Temporary Accommodation	Homeless households placed in TA of certain types, viz Bed and Breakfast, Private Non-self-contained Licensed/ Nightly Let, and Out of Area Placements
Sofa Surfing	Individuals or family groups staying temporarily (expecting or wanting to move) with another household, excluding nondependent children of host household and students, who are also overcrowded on the bedroom standard

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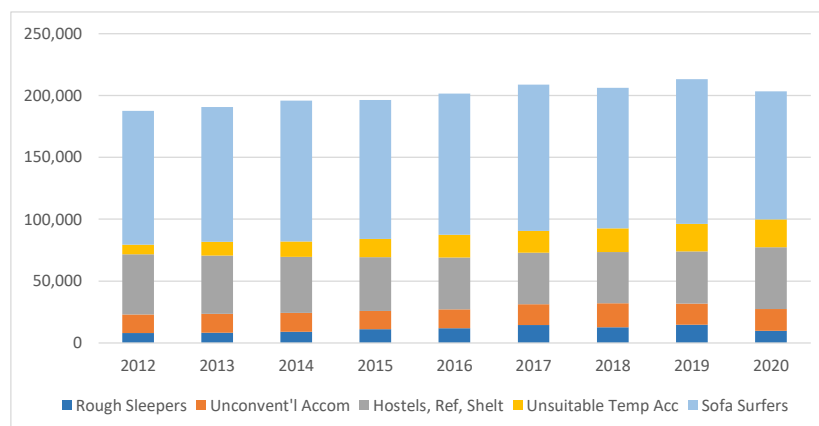## Measurement of Core Homelessness

To measure core homelessness robustly we use, but go well beyond, conventional official homelessness statistics, including:

- Survey of crisis service users ('Destitution') and retrospective questions in new household surveys
- National household surveys (EHS, UKHLS, LFS, ONS-SLC)
- Dept of Work & Pensions (data on Hostel & Temp'y Accom)
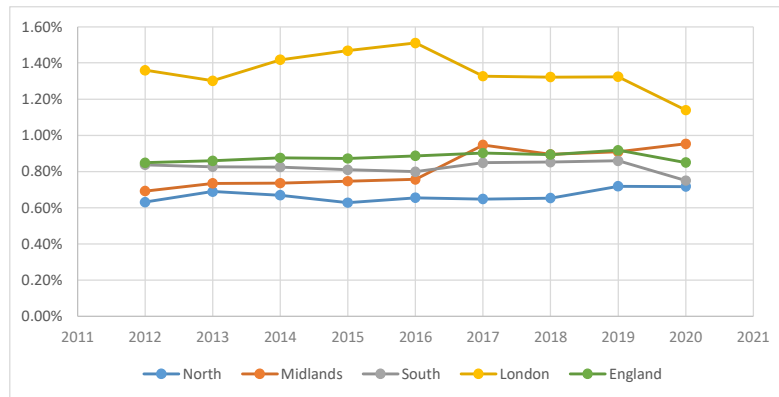- Several sources are new, others significantly improved since 2017

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Core Homelessness Trends 2012-20

Legend: ■ Rough Sleepers ■ Unconvent'l Accom ■ Hostels, Ref, Shelt ■ Unsuitable Temp Acc ■ Sofa Surfers

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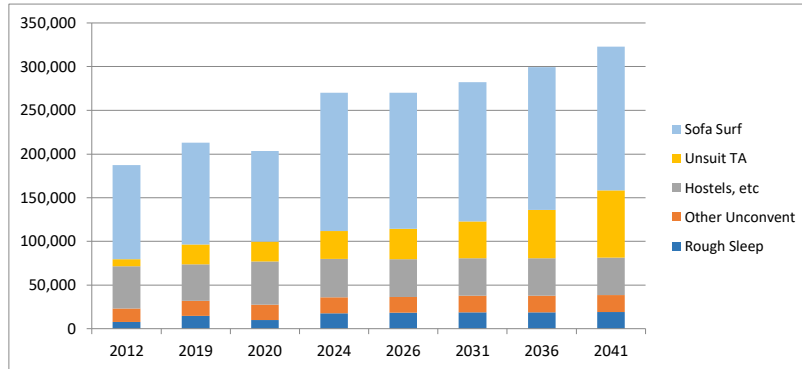
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Regional Geography of Core Homelessness

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Looking forward – projection model

- Building on previous research going back to 2010, we use a sub-regional housing market model to project future scenarios and their impacts on core homelessness
- Comprehensive refresh of models since 2017-18; re-estimated predictive functions for many variables using data from period 2009-18/19; further refresh of 6 component models in latest round
- Start from neutral baseline of existing policies and trends/economic forecasts, then apply variant policies
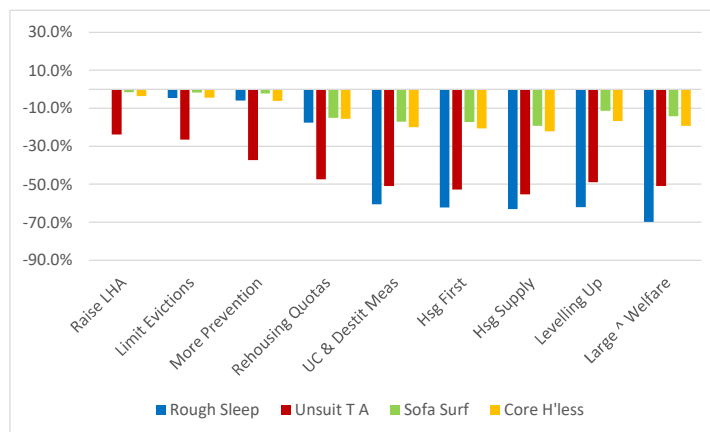- Make allowance for Covid impacts and ameliorative measures
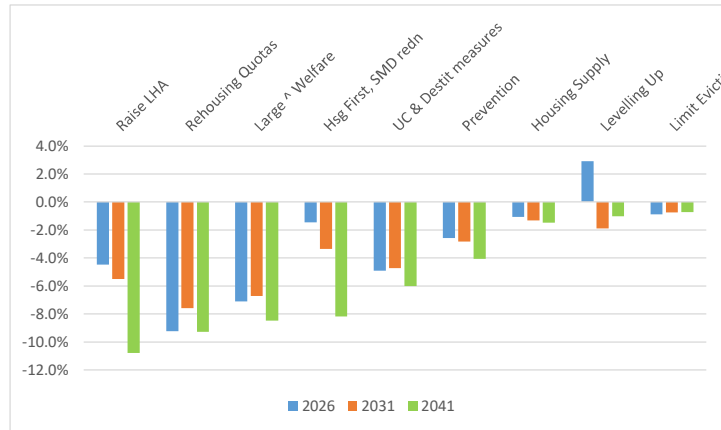
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Baseline Projection 2012-2041

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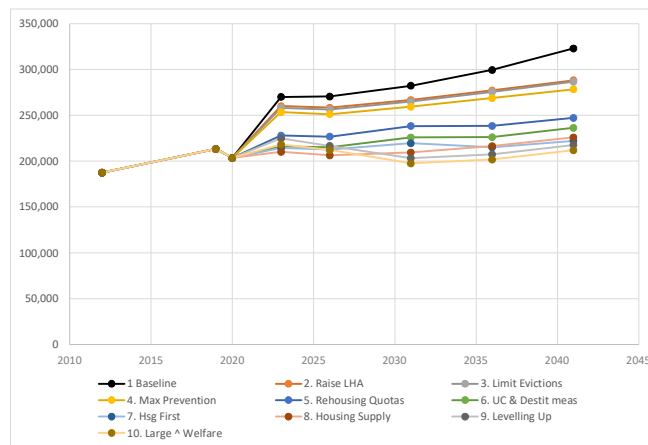Hitting short term aspiration (ending R S by 2024?)

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Policy impacts in medium-longer term

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Sequential impacts of policies on core homelessness longer term

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Reports

- https://www.crisis.org.uk/ending-homelessness/homelessness-knowledge-hub/homelessness-monitor/england/the-homelessness-monitor-england-2022/
- Bramley, G. (2021) *Research on Core Homelessness and Homeless Projections: Technical Report on new baseline estimates and scenario projections*. Edinburgh. Heriot-Watt University. https://doi.org/10.17861/fex5-jg80

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