

Women's narratives of multiple exclusion and access to services: an intersectional analysis

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What is homelessness?

Rough sleeping

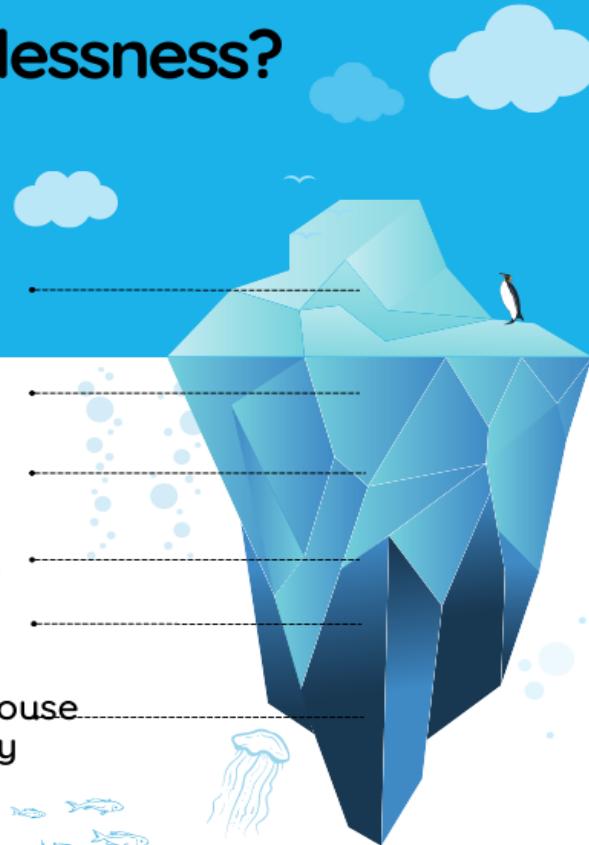
Sofa surfing

Temporary
accommodation

Living in poor conditions

Living in overcrowding

Living in an unsuitable house
due to sickness/disability



Aims

- defining aspects of multiple exclusion and pathways to homelessness
- links between homelessness and health, focusing on mental health and wellbeing
- exploring how effectively services have responded to single women's needs

Method

- Questionnaire
- MSPSS
- Semi-structured interview

Sampling criteria

- homeless more than 2 times or longer than 3 months
- previous or current unmanaged substance use, self reported poor mental health.
- Over 18
- Single (i.e. without dependent children).

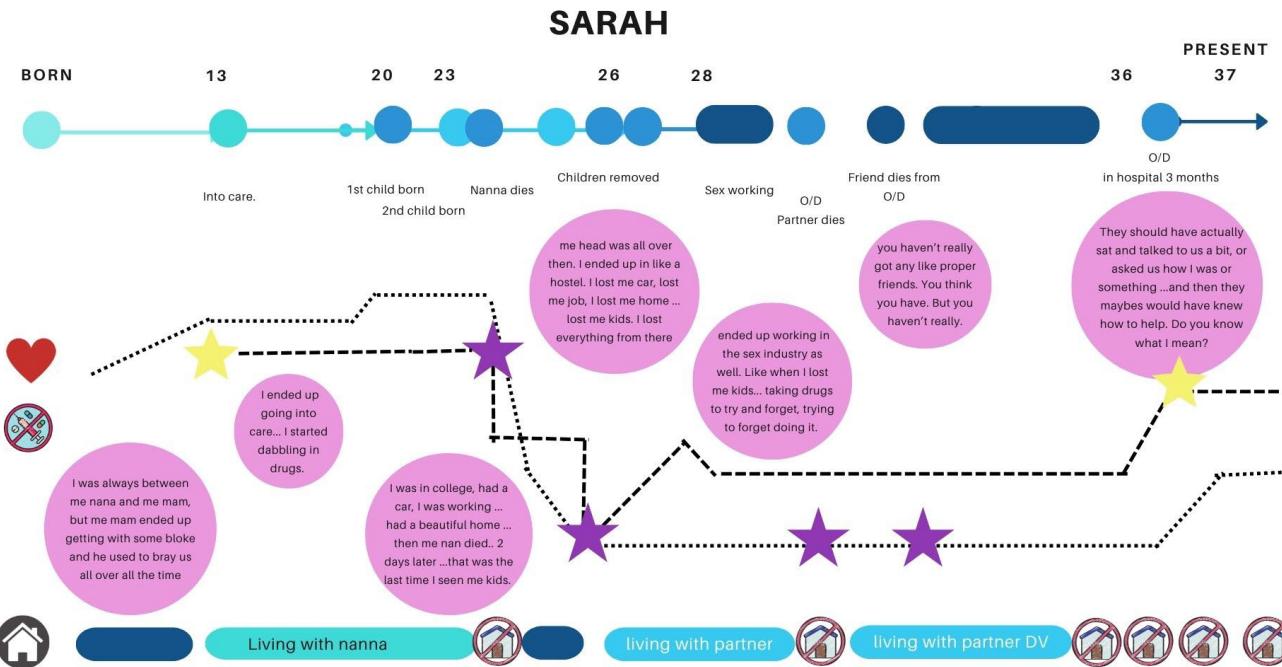
Data collection

- 20 interviews
- Oct 21 - Mar 22
- Gateshead, via homeless services, community groups & snowball sampling.

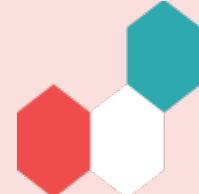
Using timelines in qualitative research

- Widely used in homelessness services – coaching
- Participative space
- “telling stories” – making sense of complex information
- Depersonalising difficult topics
- See Patterson, M. L., Markey, M. A., & Somers, J. M. (2012). Multiple Paths to Just Ends: Using Narrative Interviews and Timelines to Explore Health Equity and Homelessness. *International Journal of Qualitative Methods*, 11(2), 132–151.

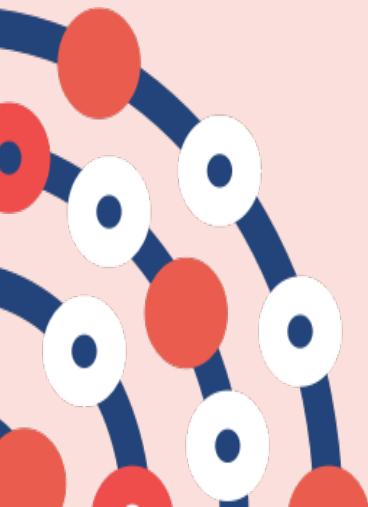
Timelines



Hints and tips



- * Cup of tea & a biscuit goes a long way
- * Many people prefer a text to a phone call
- * Building trust – consistent and flexible
- * Be aware of own preconceptions
- * Switch tape recorder on straight away...!



Thank you

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- Any questions?

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