

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



Joanne McGrath, PhD student Northumbria University

Supervisors: Prof. Monique Lhussier, Dr. Natalie Forster, Dr. Stephen Crossley



What is homelessness?

Rough sleeping

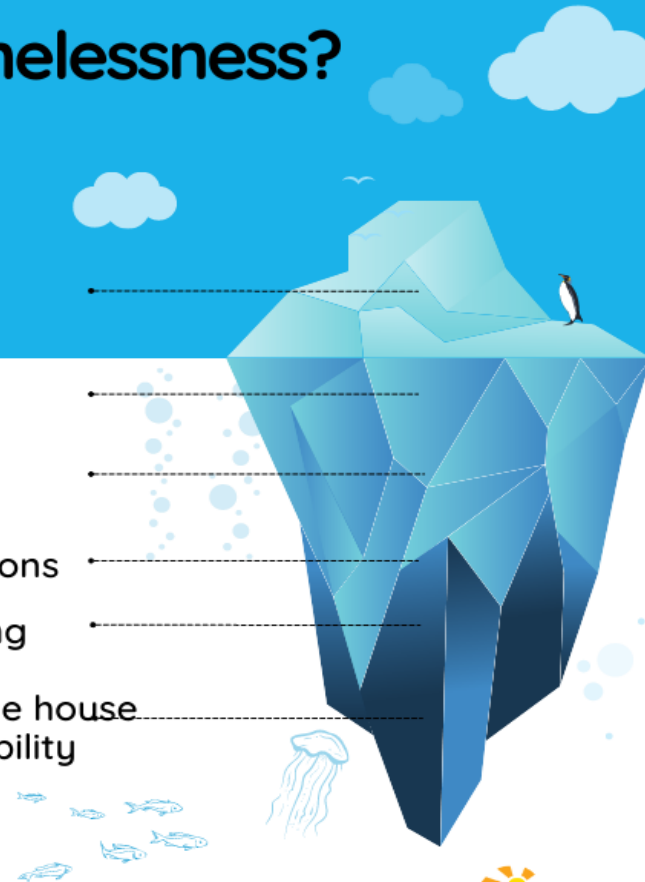
Sofa surfing

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).

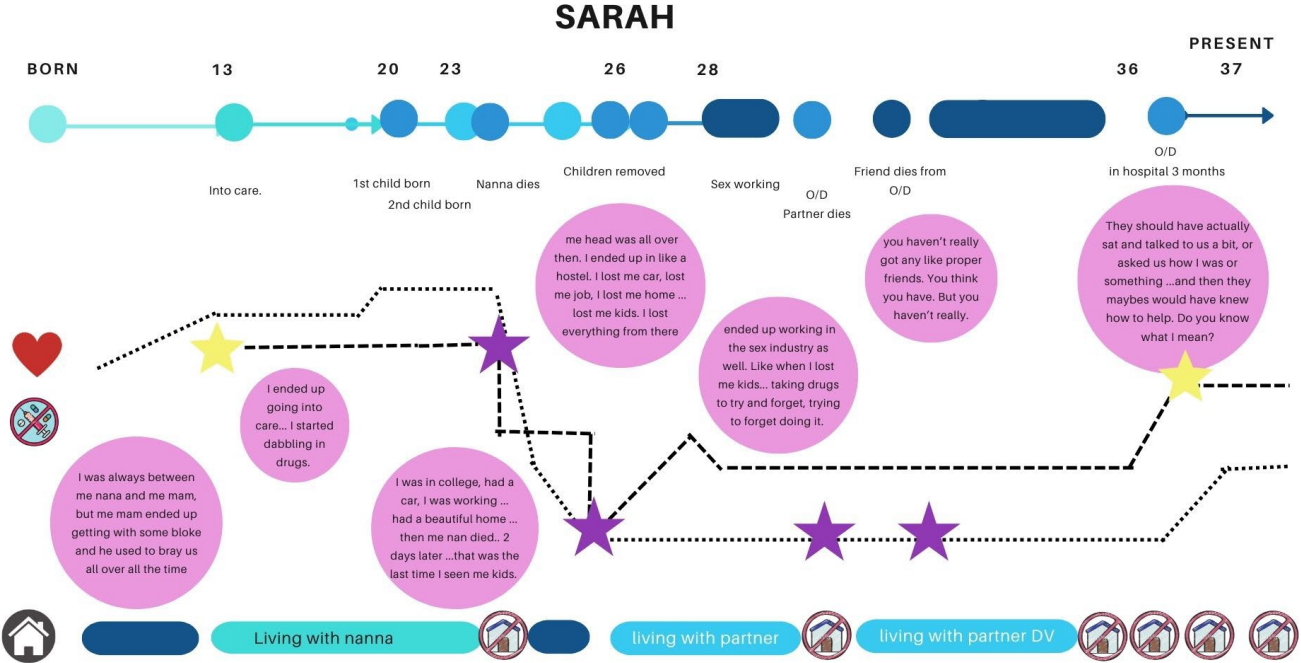
Data collection

- 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.

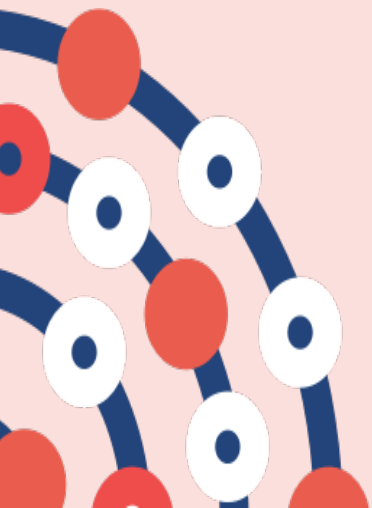
Timelines



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

- All the women who shared their stories
- Research partners, special thanks to Oasis
- NIHR SPHR & NENC ARC

- Any questions?

e: joanne.mcgrath@northumbria.ac.uk

 @joannemcgrath10

