

**South-East Scotland, HNDA3 Existing Housing Need
Methodology Statement
Preferred Option 3 HNDA Tool with LA Existing Need**

Homeless / temporary- the Covid-19 pandemic has led to significantly increased statutory homeless cases, not reflected in the HNDA Tool default methodology (HoTOC) which is based on 31st March 2020 data for people in temporary accommodation. Historically a high percentage of statutory homeless customers make their own arrangements with not all choosing to be housed in temporary accommodation. The data has therefore been based on Homelessness HLI 'live cases' at 31st March 2021 comprising 9,324 households, after adjustment for Fife (West & Central). The City of Edinburgh figure is different from the nationally published data and a correction has been submitted to the Scottish Government. A deduction of 288 households was made from this figure to reflect a past trend in some local authorities for homeless customers secure accommodation in private housing. The net homelessness figure is **9,037** households in South East Scotland.

Overcrowded and concealed – Scottish Government HNDA Tool data was used for this indicator, based on the Census 2011 updated to reflect more recent SHCS 2017-19 household data. There are **727** overcrowded and concealed households in South East Scotland. This follows the methodology outlined in the publication: Scottish Government¹ (November 2020) Estimating concealed family rates with overcrowding using Scottish survey data (2016-2018) with uprating for more recent household numbers.

Support needs / special forms of housing – local authorities use a range of methods to record specialist housing needs, including through the housing list, common housing register, health & social care partnership, disability services and rehousing panel. Each local authority was asked to provide local data that would only include high housing need, a requirement for new build specialist housing to resolve that need, and on the basis that any move to satisfy that need would not create a vacancy in social housing. The justification for the figures presented by each local authority is outlined in Appendix 5: South East Scotland HNDA3, Existing Need Model, worksheet 'LA Data & Methodology'. One local authority had insufficient evidence to include a figure. The combined figure for households with support needs / requiring a specialist form of housing is **928** households in South East Scotland.

Total existing housing need – based on the above methodology, an estimated **10,691** households are in housing need in South East Scotland at 31st March 2021.

¹ <https://www.gov.scot/binaries/content/documents/govscot/publications/advice-and-guidance/2020/11/concealed-and-overcrowded-households-methodology-2020/documents/concealed-and-overcrowded-2020-households-methodology-note/concealed-and-overcrowded-2020-households-methodology-note/govscot%3Adocument/CHMA%2B-%2BHNA%2BRefresh%2B-%2B2019%2B-%2BGuidance%2B-%2BPublish%2B-%2BConcealed%2Band%2BOvercrowded%2BAccessible%2BVersion.pdf>