

YOUTH HOMELESSNESS FACTSHEET

- Byte Night raises money to fund Action for Children's work with some of the 83,000 young people in the UK who experience homelessness through no fault of their own.
- Relationship breakdown, mental health issues, neglect and abuse can force young people on to the streets, leaving them without support and with nowhere to call home.
- 150,000 young people ask their local authorities for help because they are homeless or at risk of homelessness.
- One in five (20%) young people say they have sofa surfed.
- One in six (17%) young people say they have slept rough.
- One in four (27%) homeless young people have been diagnosed with a mental health problem.
- One in two (50%) homeless young people use illegal substances.
- One in five (21%) homeless young people have self-harmed.