

2013/14 Equalities Information:
Lettings and Housing Department Queues

Introduction:

The Council must allocate both its own housing accommodation and housing made available by RSLs (Registered Social Landlords including housing associations) under nominations agreements in accordance with its published allocations scheme¹. The Allocation Scheme states that; 'The Council is committed to the principle of equal opportunities in the delivery of all its services. The Council will seek to ensure that its allocation policies are operated in a manner which is fair to all sections of the community regardless of colour, race, religion, nationality, ethnic origin, marital status, sexual orientation, age, gender or disability. All applicants for housing or rehousing will be asked to provide details of ethnic origin. However, this will not be a requirement for acceptance of an application. Records of ethnic origin will be kept and monitored on a regular and systematic basis to ensure properties are being offered and allocated fairly in accordance with stated objectives. Allocation policies and any changes to them will be reviewed regularly to ensure they do not operate in ways that discriminate against or disadvantage any particular group.'

Each year, the Council is able to offer housing to a limited number of applicants. The properties that become available for letting are predominantly existing Council and housing association properties that become available for letting but also include new properties developed under the Council's hidden homes scheme² and other new build housing association properties.

The Council's Allocation Scheme must give reasonable preference to:-

- a) persons occupying insanitary, overcrowded or unsatisfactory housing conditions;
- b) persons occupying housing accommodation which is temporary or occupied on an insecure basis;
- c) families with dependent children;
- d) households consisting of or including someone who is expecting a child;
- e) households consisting of or including someone with a particular need for settled accommodation on welfare grounds, and
- f) households whose social or economic circumstances are such that they have difficulty in securing settled accommodation.

The Council's Allocation Policy gives reasonable preference to these groups through the operation of a number of difference housing queues. In order to ensure that properties are allocated in a fair and efficient manner, the Department's Equalities Working Group receives regular monitoring reports about the ethnic origin and gender of the applicants on the Council's housing queues (including the Physical Disability Queue and the Older Persons Housing Queue), applicants granted a

¹ Housing Allocation Scheme -
http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/download/3818/housing_allocation_scheme

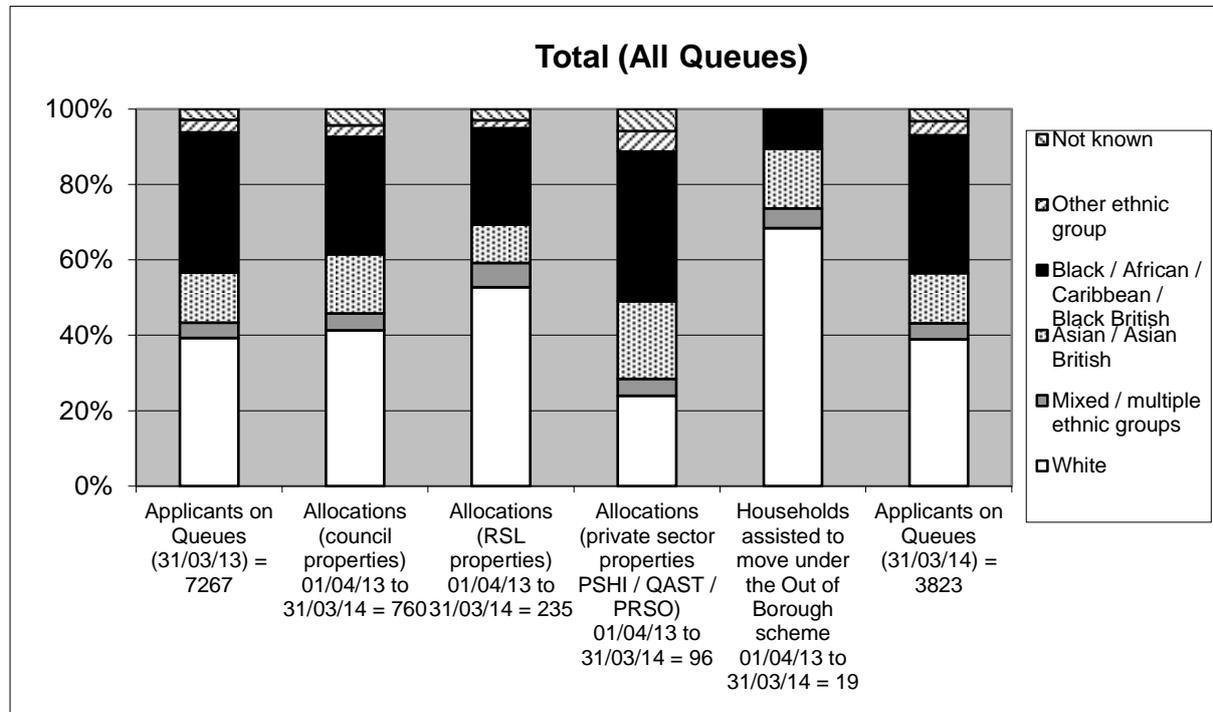
² Hidden Homes -
http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/info/200027/council_housing/247/hidden_homes

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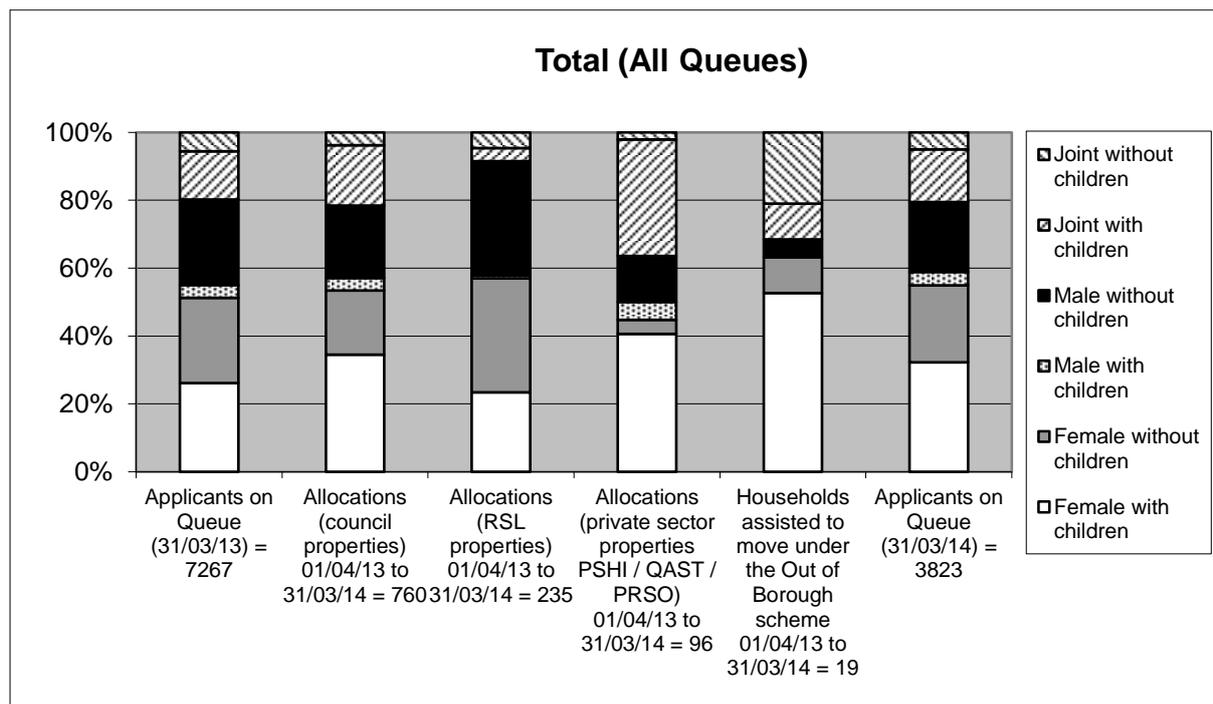
Council tenancy and applicants granted a housing association tenancy having been nominated by the Council.

The graphs below provide a breakdown of applicants on the Housing Department queues by ethnic origin and gender.

Applicants and Lettings: All Queues by Ethnic Origin

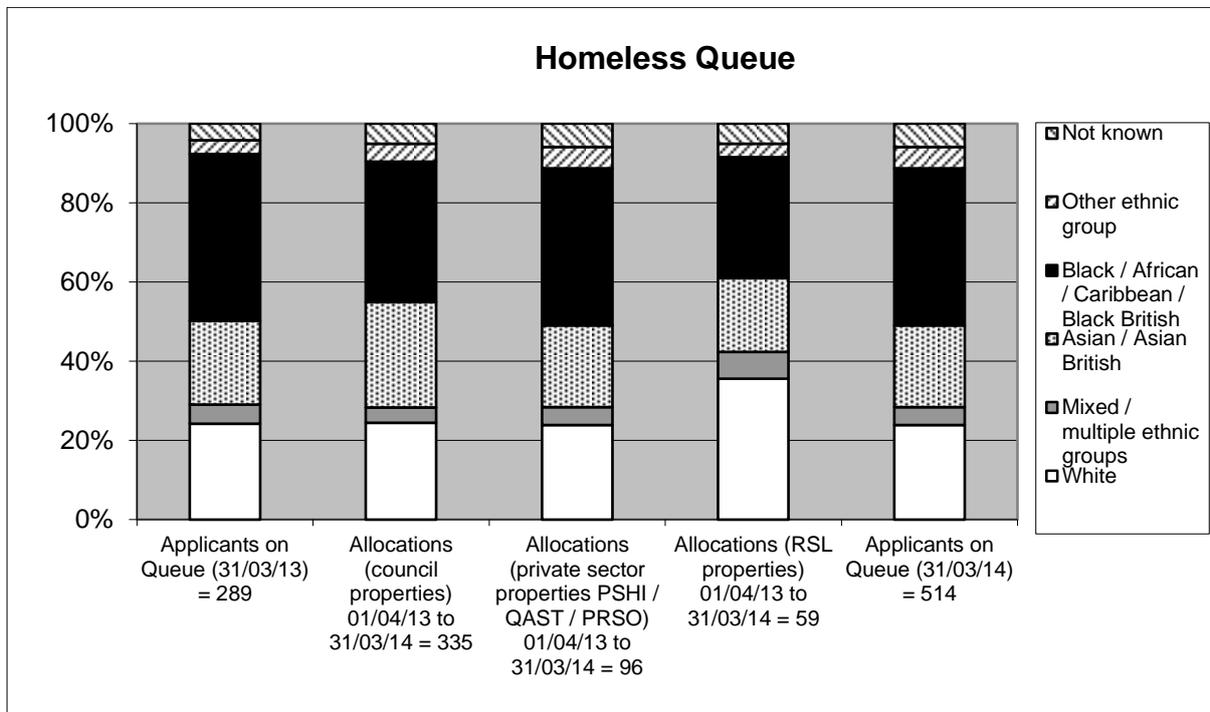


Applicants and Lettings: All Queues by Gender

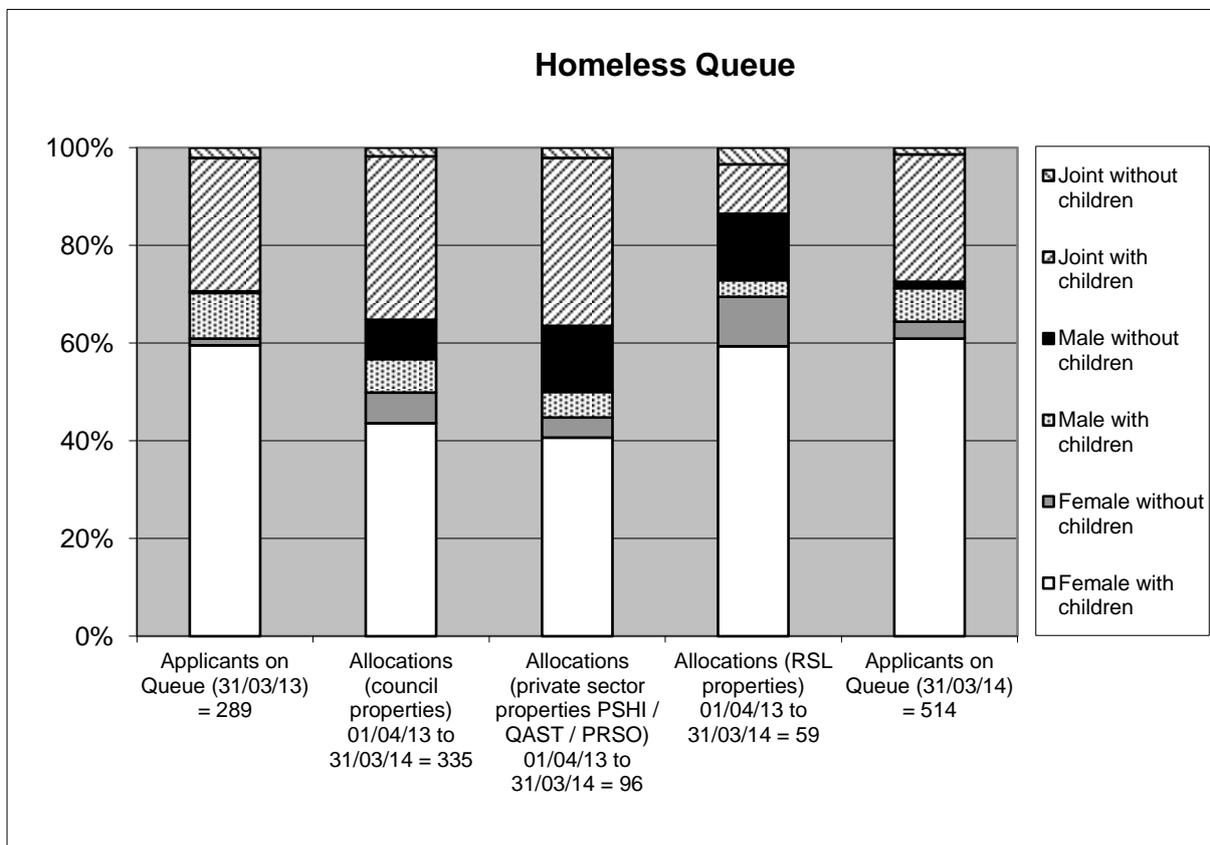


Applicants and Lettings: Individual Queues by Ethnic Origin and Gender

Applicants and Lettings: Homeless Queue by Ethnic Origin

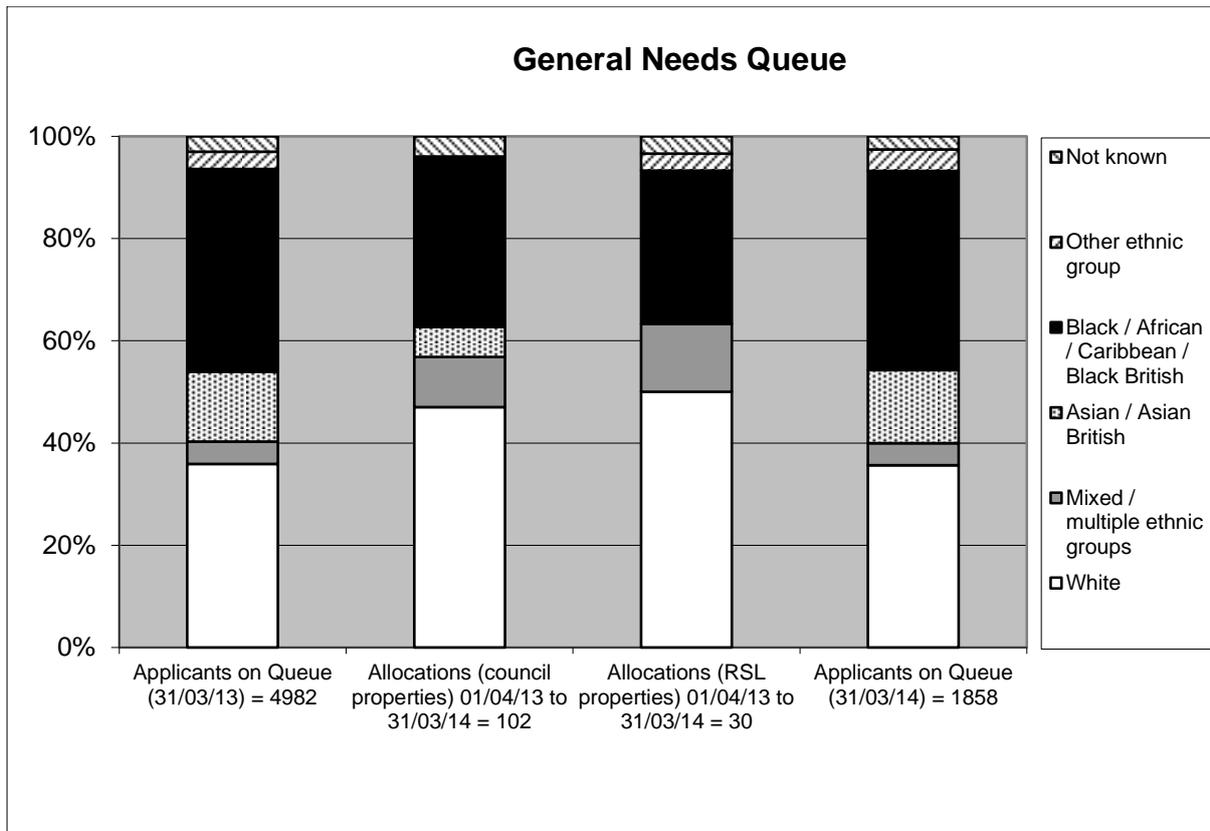


Applicants and Lettings: Homeless Queue by Gender

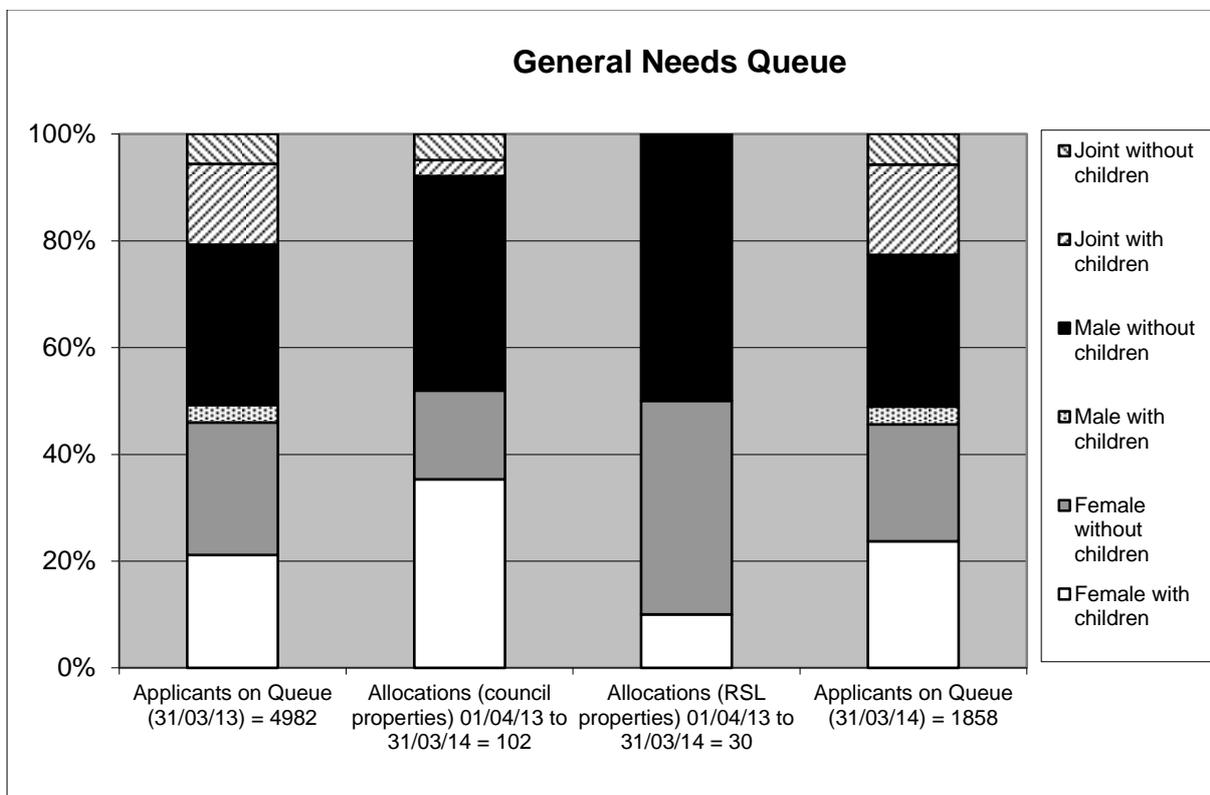


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Applicants and Lettings: General Needs Queue by Ethnic Origin

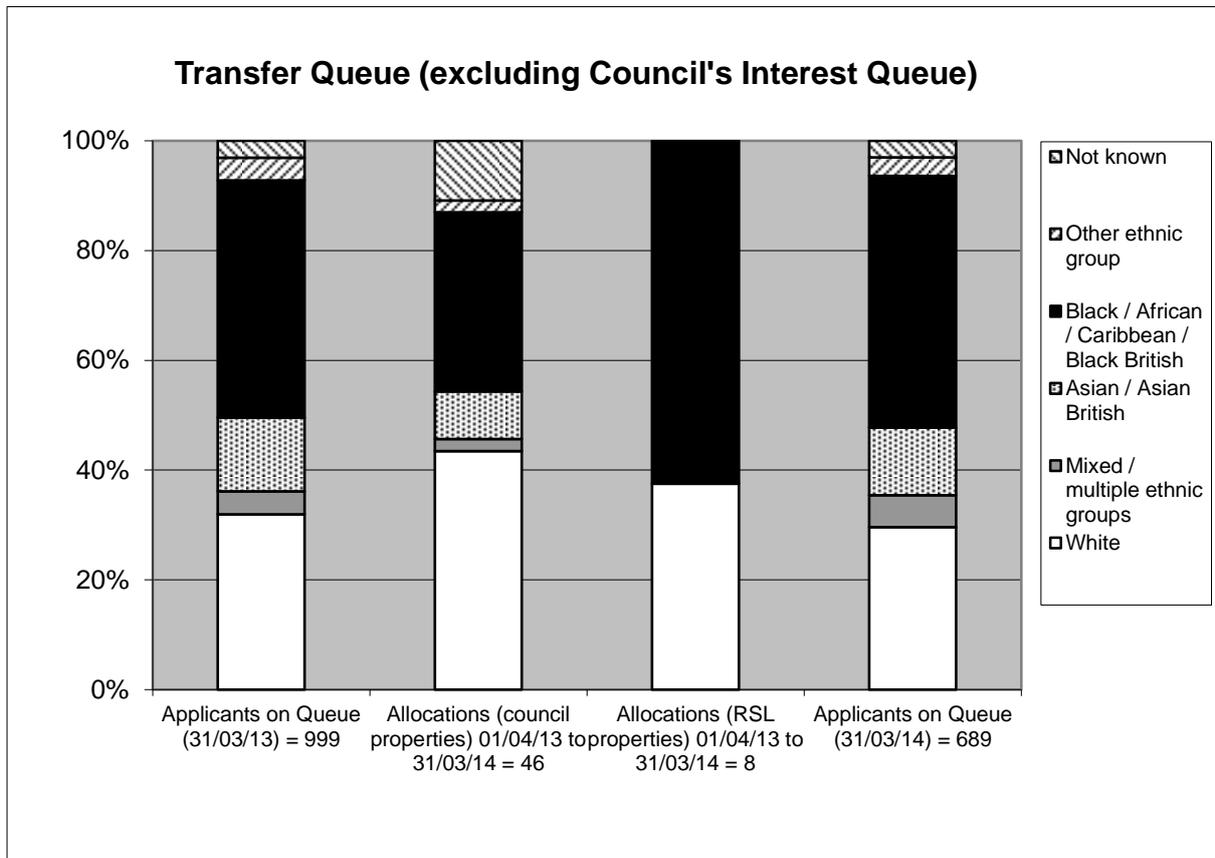


Applicants and Lettings: General Needs Queue by Gender

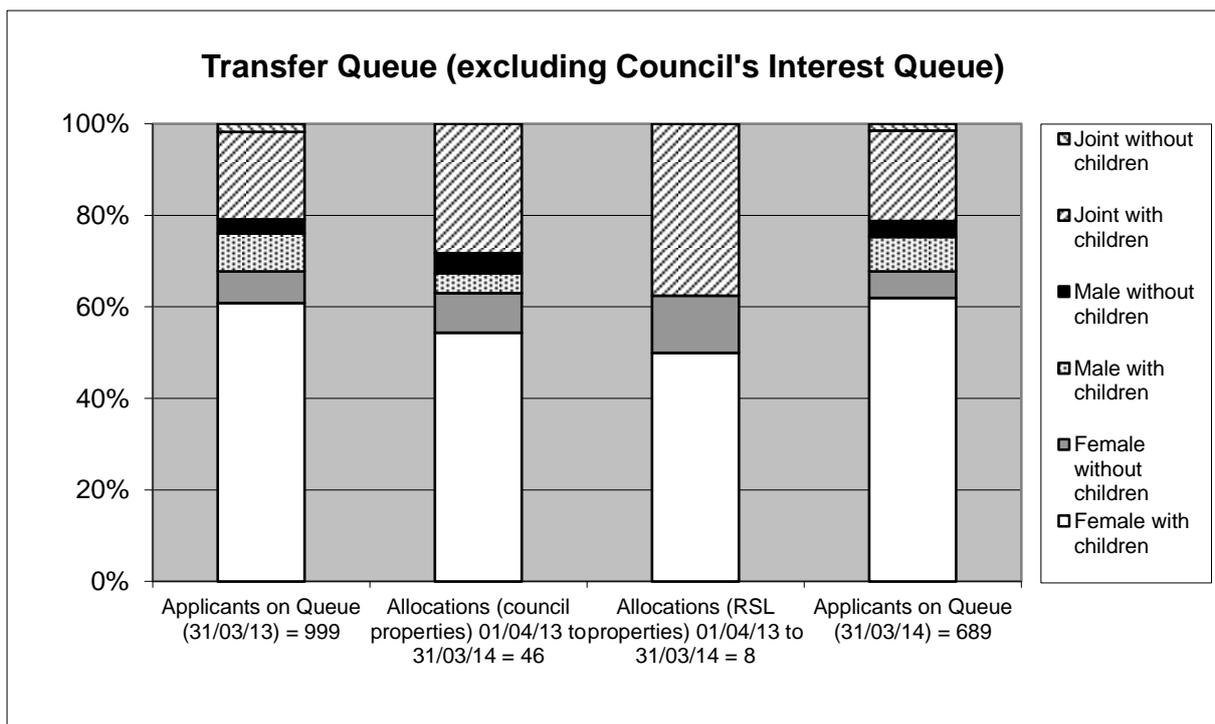


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Applicants and Lettings: Transfer Queue (excluding Council's Interest Queue)
 by Ethnic Origin

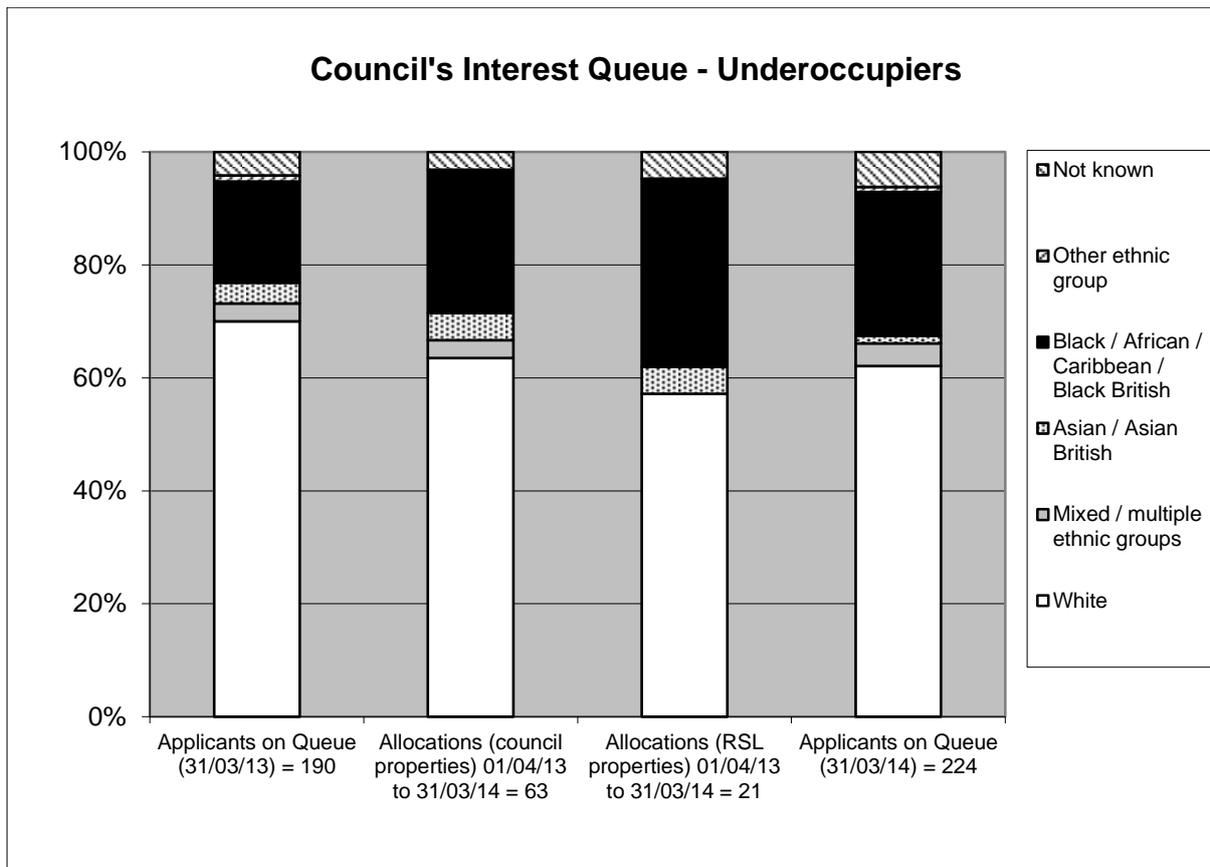


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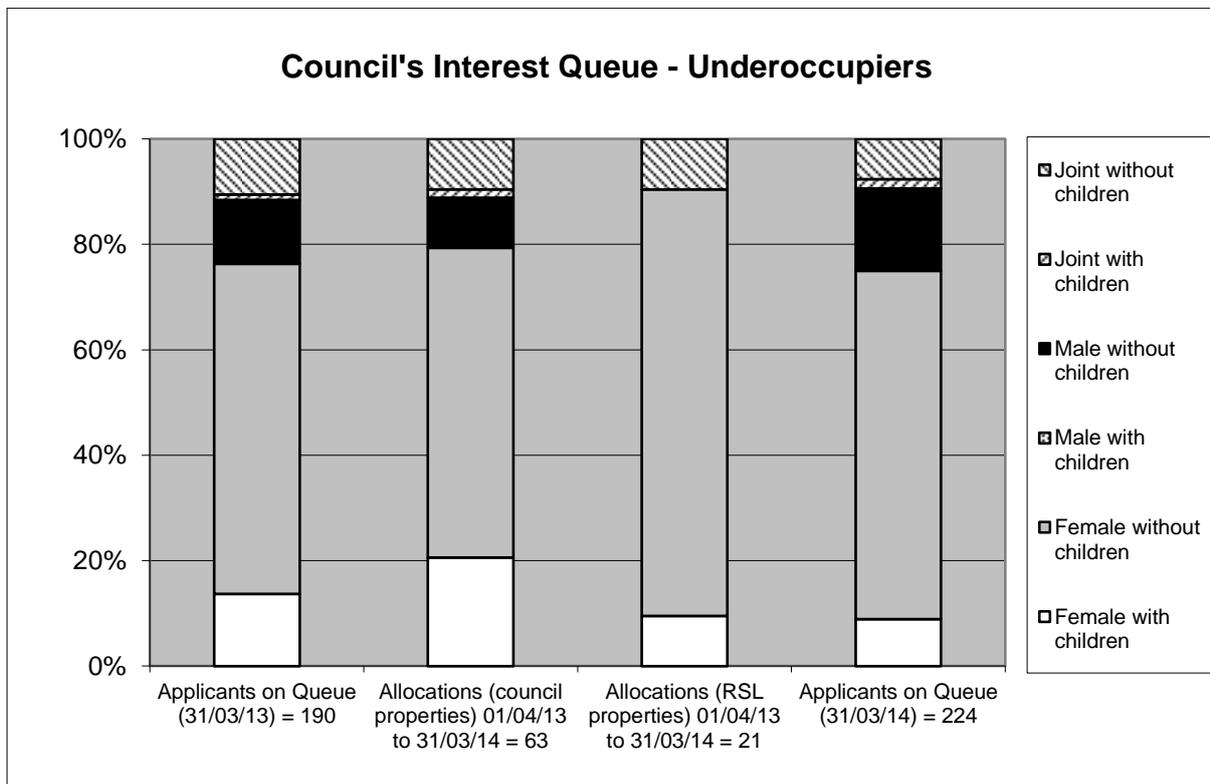


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Applicants and Lettings: Council's Interest Queue by Ethnic Origin

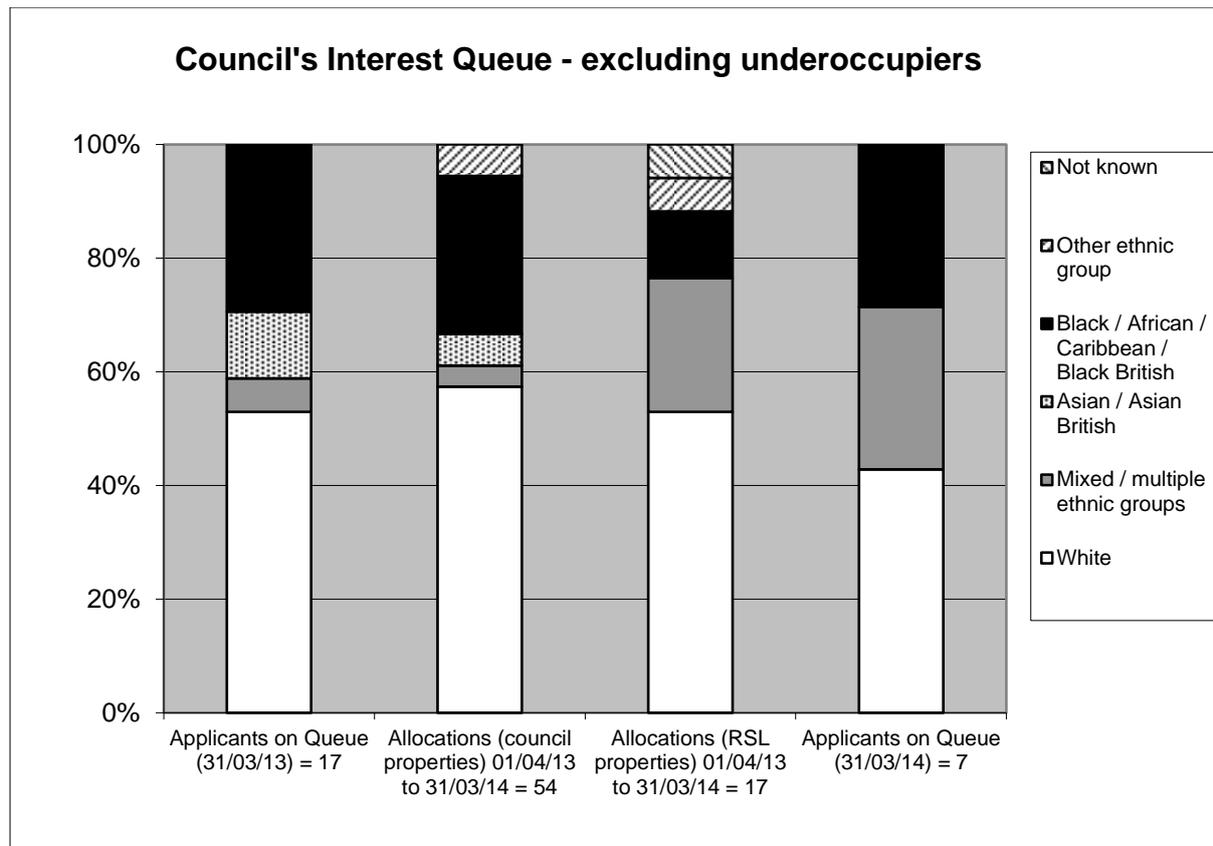


Applicants and Lettings: Council's Interest Queue by Gender

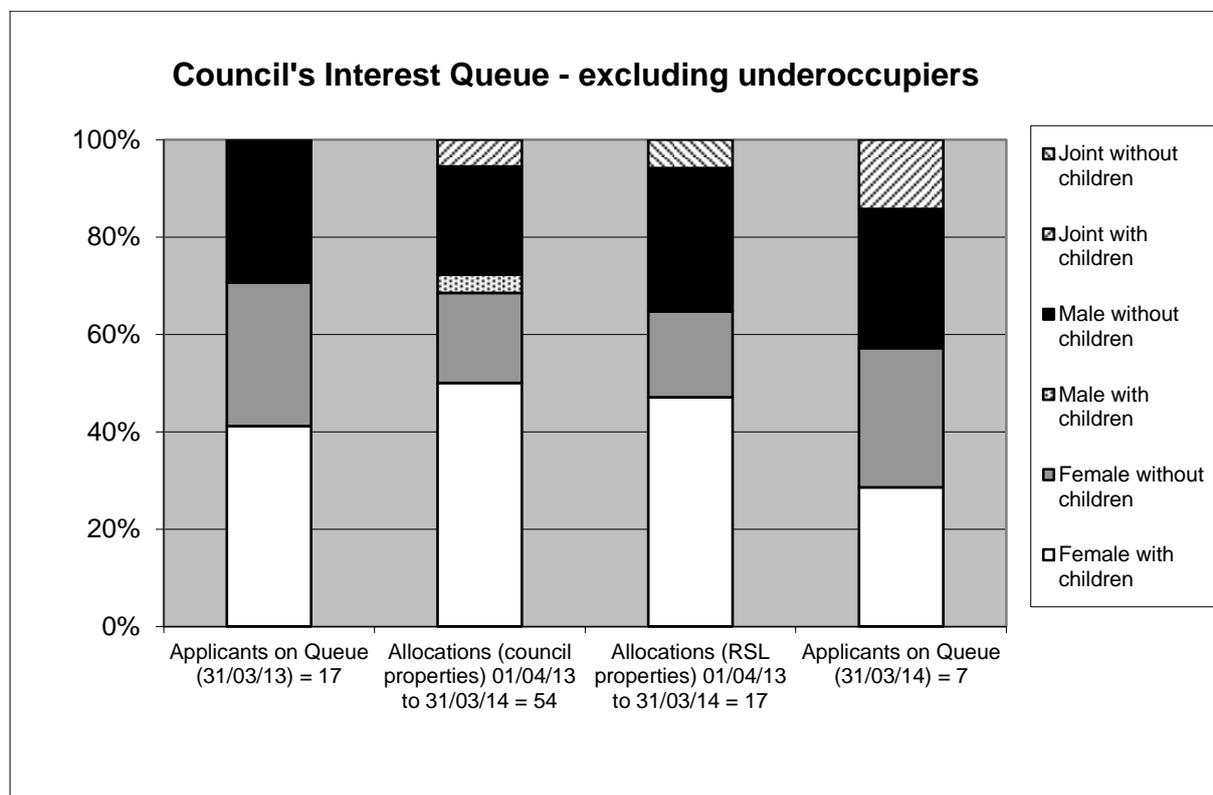


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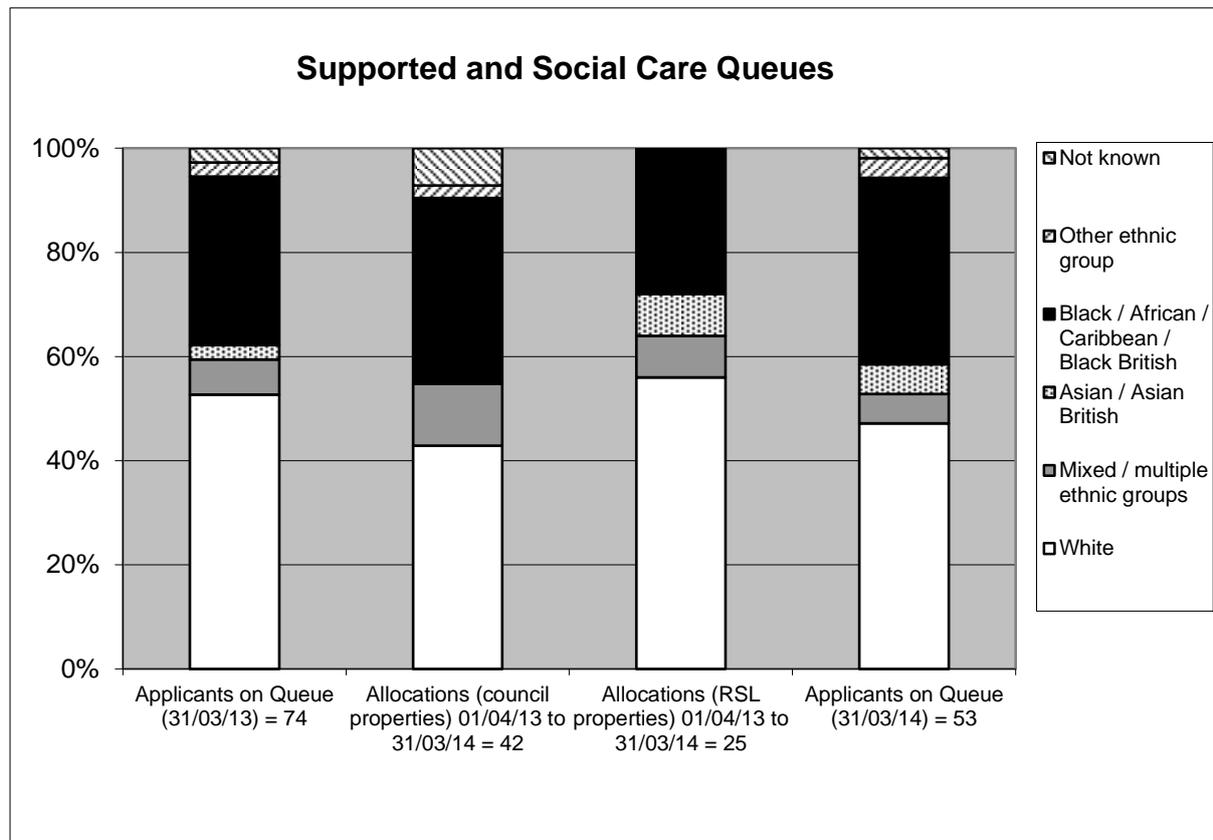


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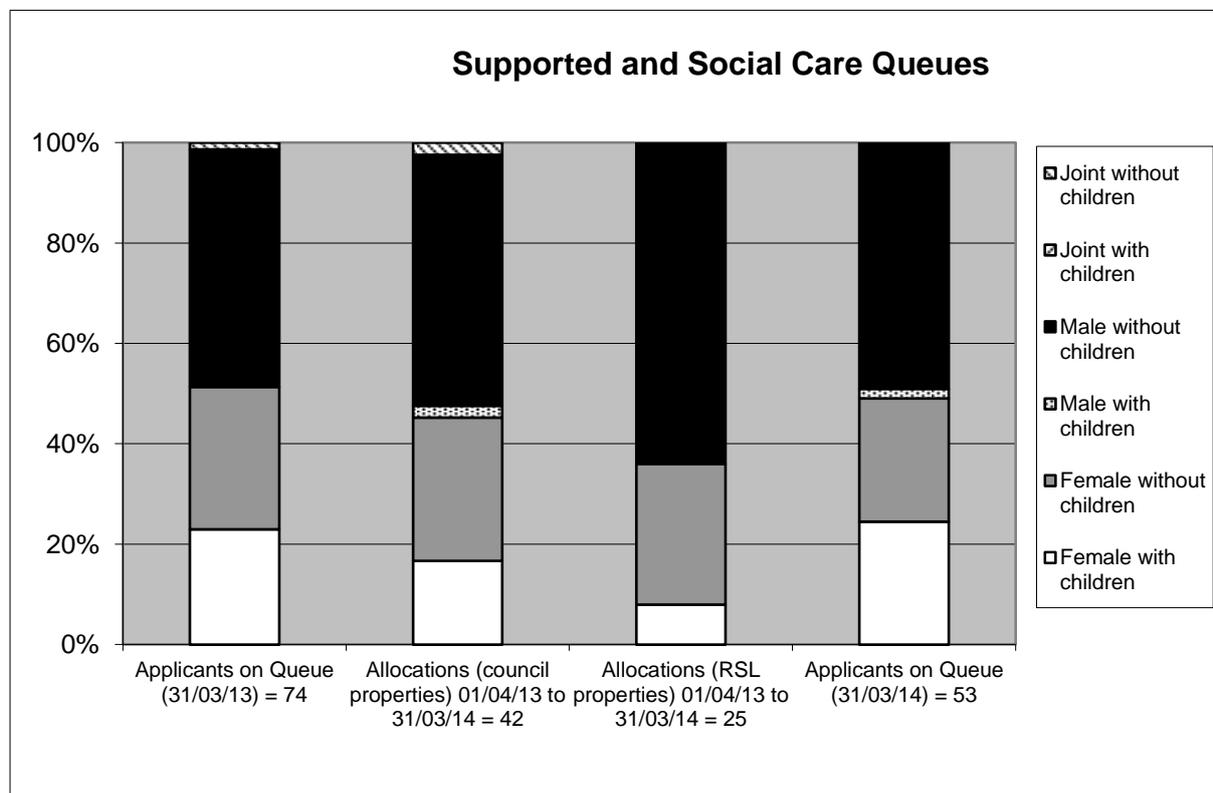


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Applicants and Lettings: Supported and Social Care Queues by Ethnic Origin

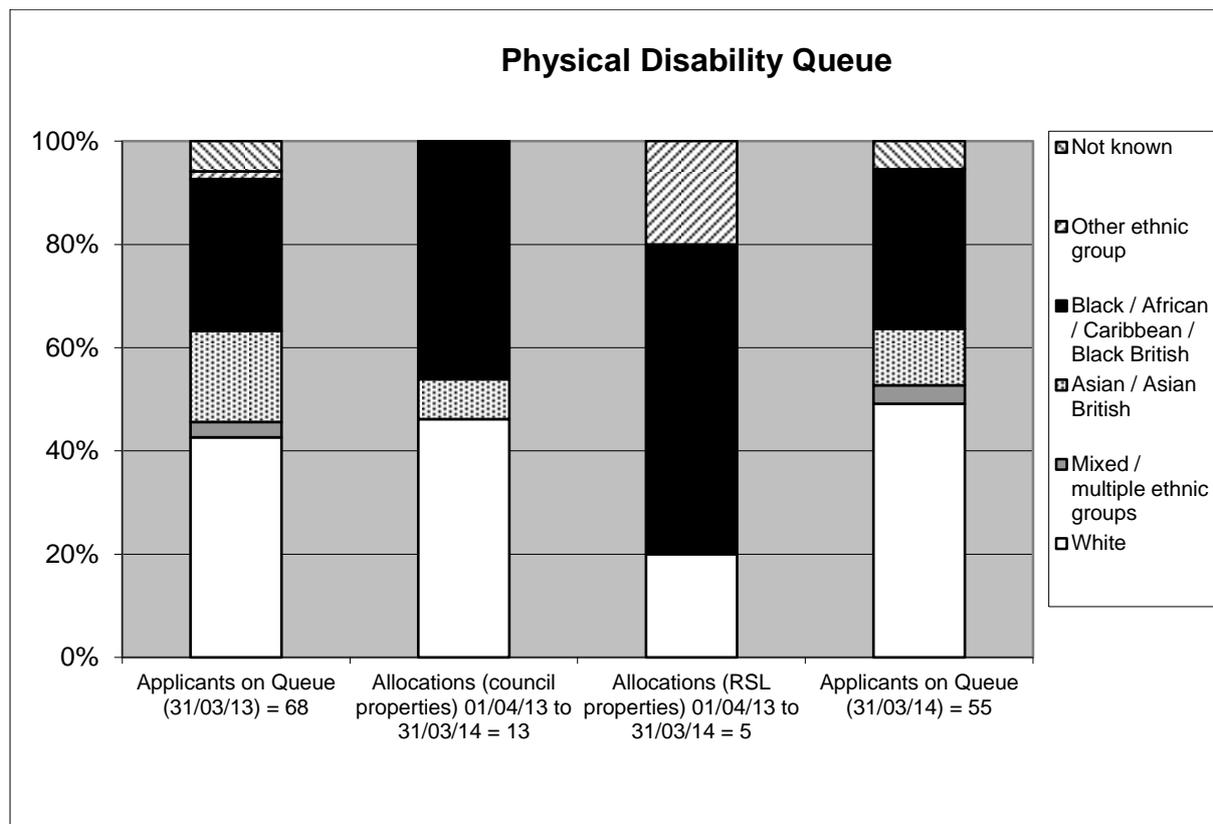


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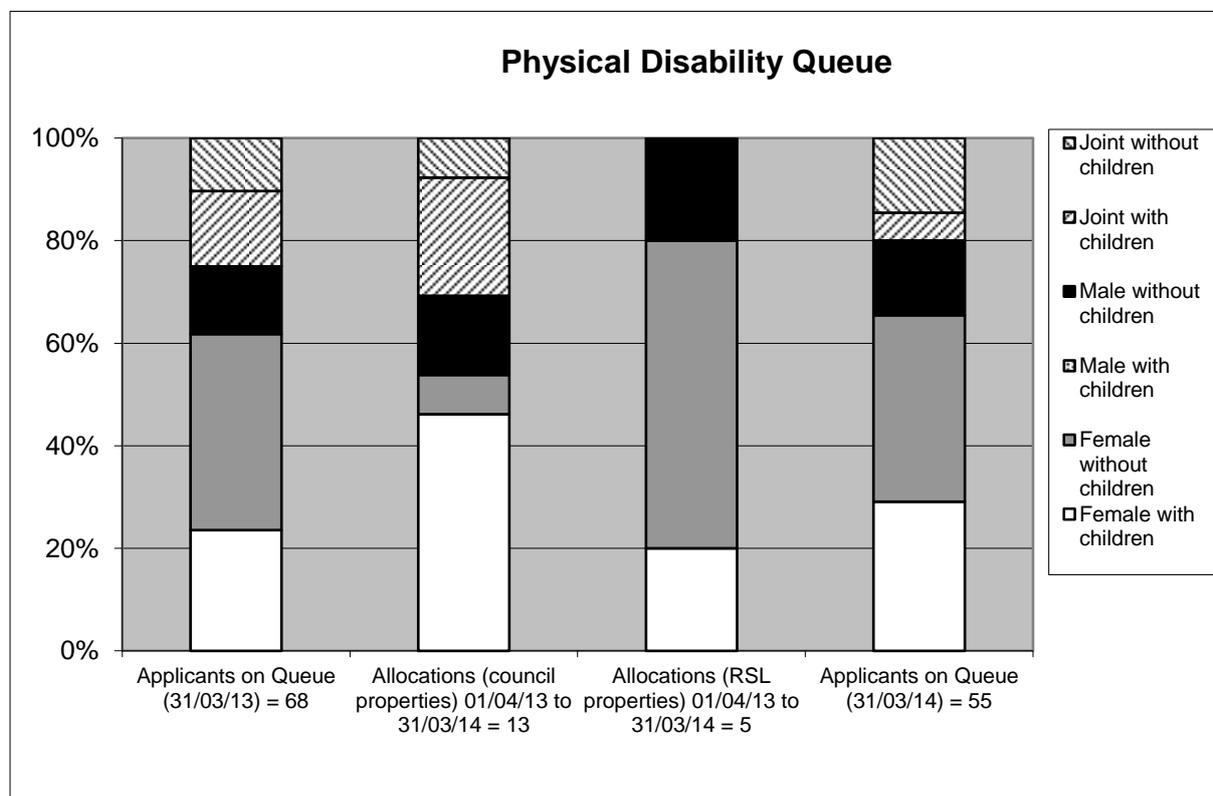


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Applicants and Lettings: Physical Disability Queue by Ethnic Origin

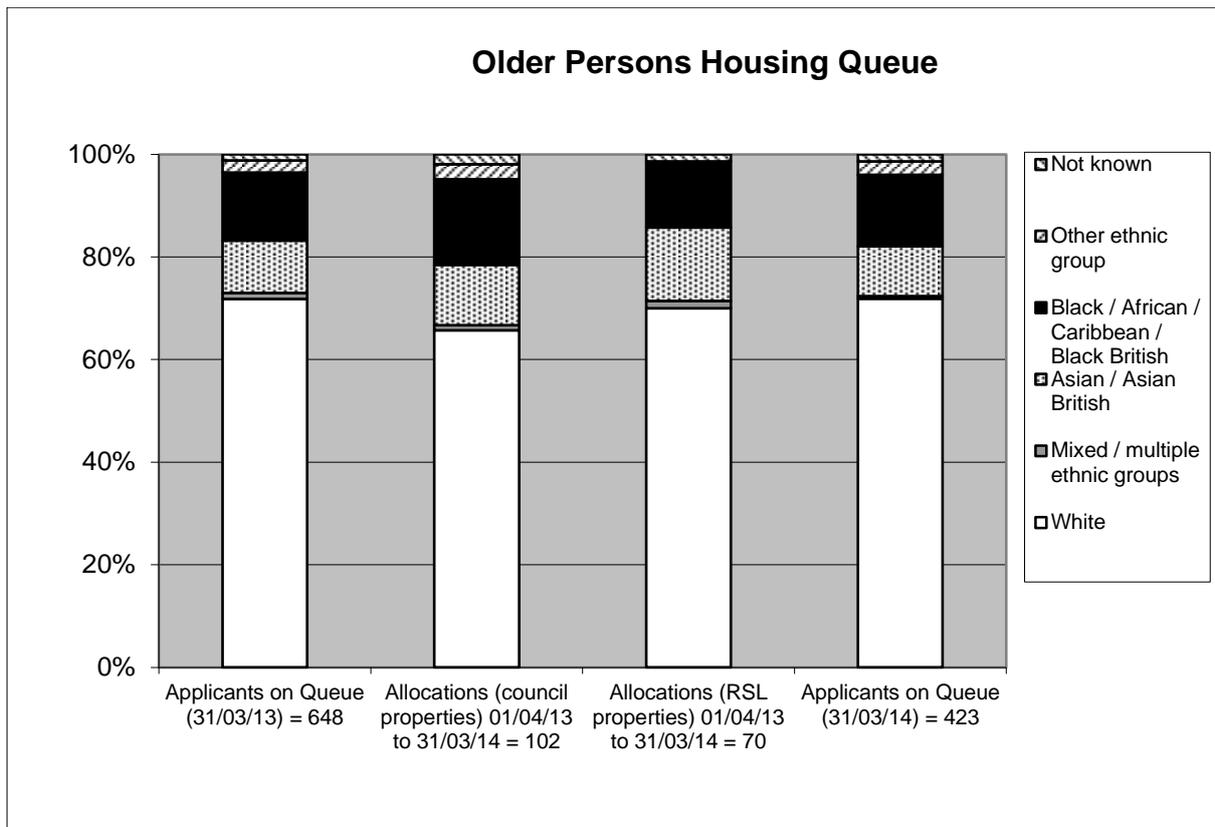


Applicants and Lettings: Physical Disability Queue by Gender



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Applicants and Lettings: Older Persons Housing Queue by Ethnic Origin



Applicants and Lettings: Older Persons Housing Queue by Gender

