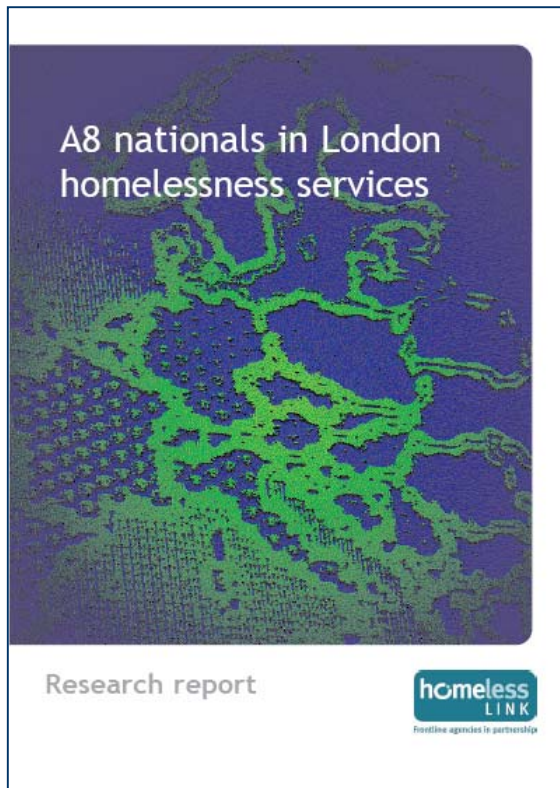


2006 Research: A8 nationals in London Homelessness Services

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A8 nationals research - Origins



- Concerns among our members
- Beyond individual agencies/anecdotal evidence
- Getting picture across London
- Developing recommendations that reflected the concerns of the whole sector.

What we wanted to find out

- To what extent were A8 nationals accessing homeless services?
- What issues was this creating for homeless services?
- What changes were needed to address the issues identified?

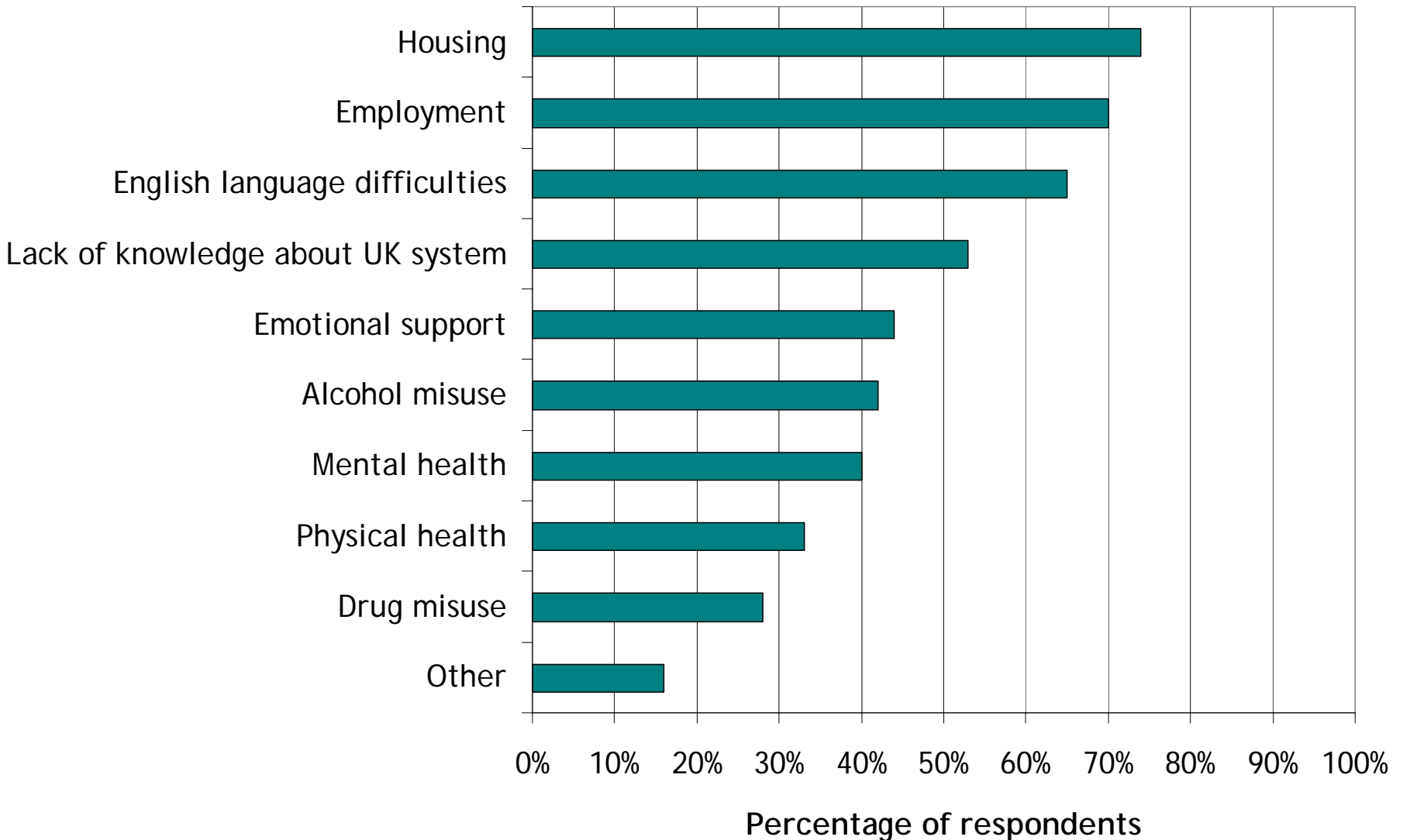
Survey

- Survey - Day centres, Outreach teams, Nightshelters
 - Week in March
 - 43 responses (64% response rate)
- Focus groups - discussing solutions
- Interviews/Desk research
 - Website with resources
 - Practice guide

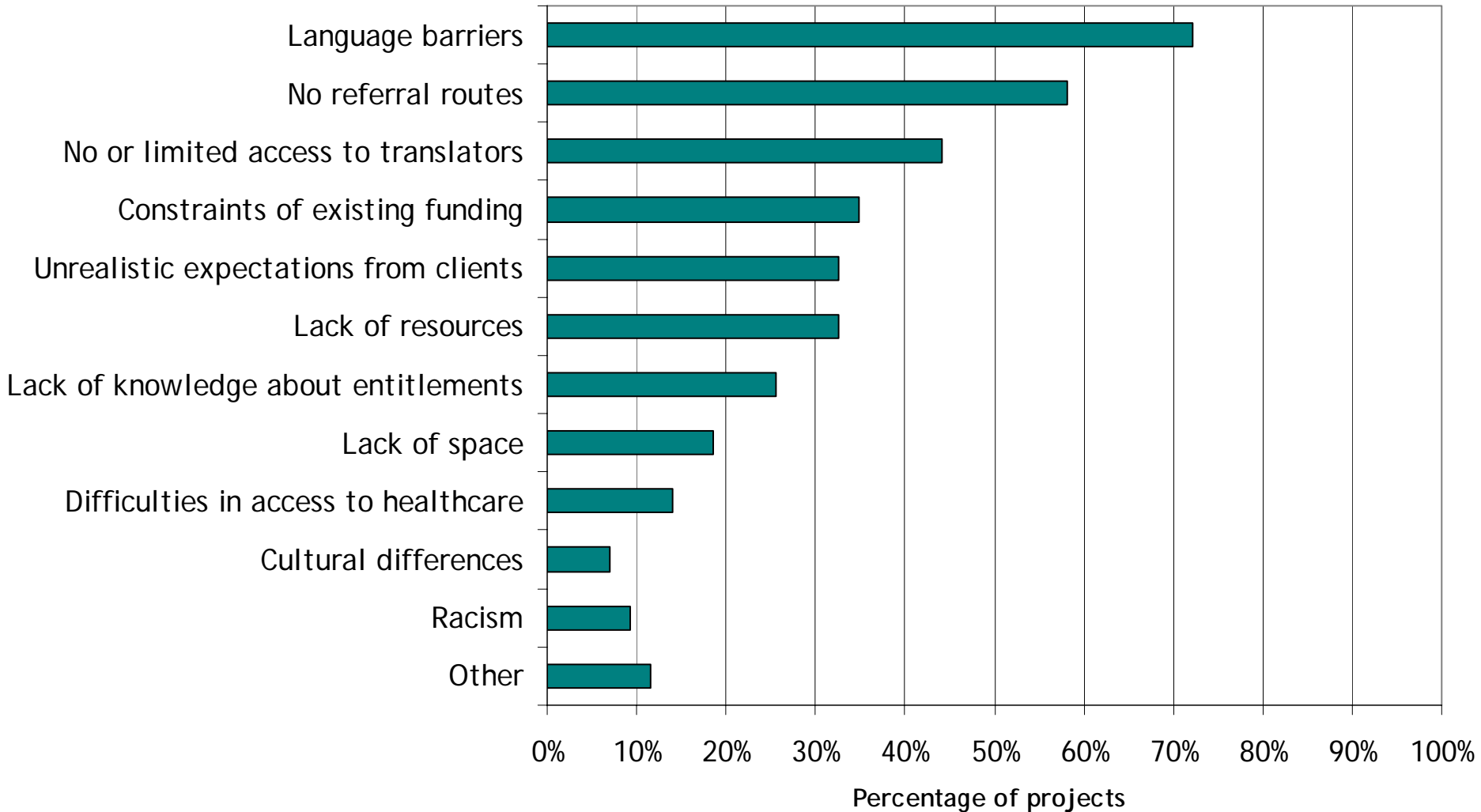
Survey Findings

- 4356 contacts in a week - 638 A8 nationals (15 per cent)
- Predominately male, polish, older than group registered on WRS, lower support needs.
- 2 groups - majority limited support needed; minority with higher support needs

Support needs reported by agencies



Barriers reported by agencies



Developments since research

- Launched September 2006
- Communications with ministers and government departments
- Practical resources for homelessness agencies
- Follow on research by Broadway