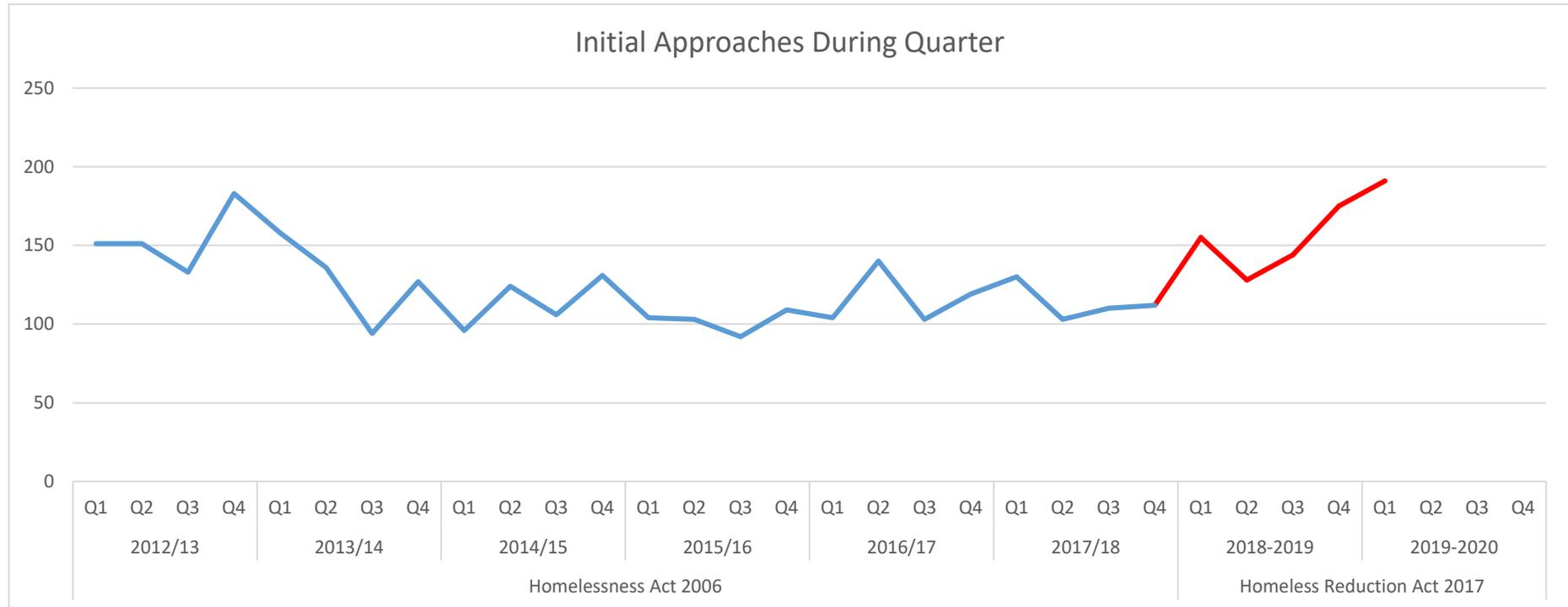


Households Approaching the Council for Help

This data review reflects the position as at the end of June 2019.

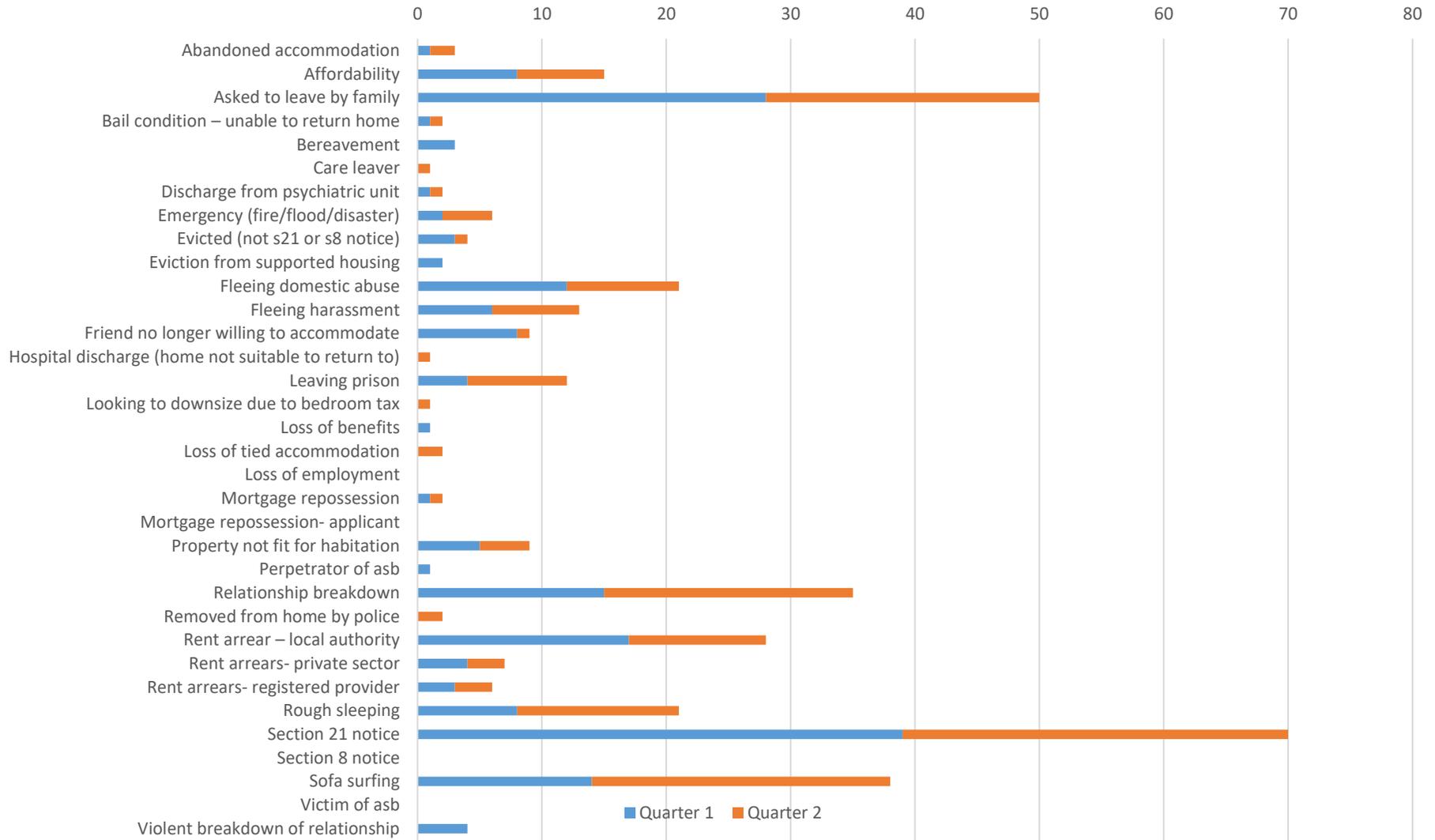
Since the introduction of the Homeless Reduction Act 2017, the number of applicants presenting as homeless has increased by 25% rising from 455 in 2017/18 to 602 in 2018/19. In 2019/20, the number increased to 191, an increasing trend set to continue.



Triggers of homelessness in Mid Devon

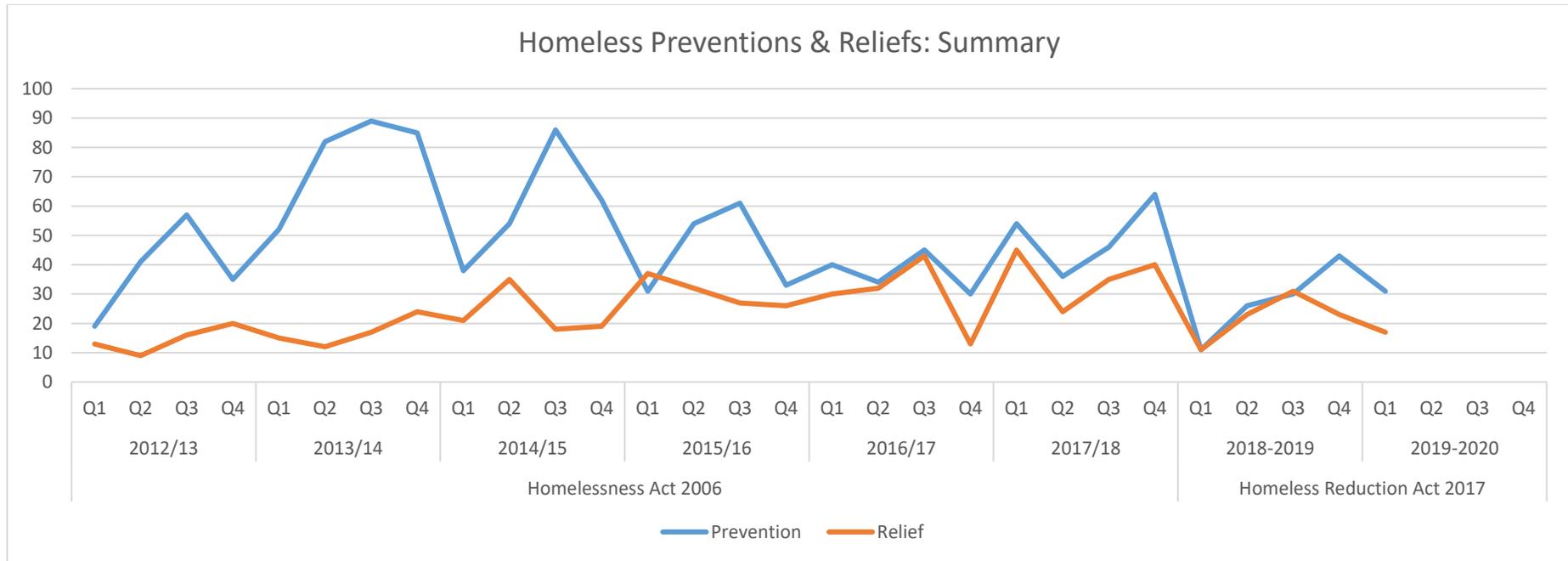
The main cause of homelessness during 2018/19 arose from the loss of a home in the private rented sector. However, there has been an increase in the number of approaches from those being evicted by social landlords in the period from April 2018 and this is becoming a significant cause of homelessness in Mid Devon. Those who have been asked to leave by family and friends have also made up a significant proportion of those who have presented as homeless in recent years, which is why mediation is seen as an important tool in the prevention of homelessness.

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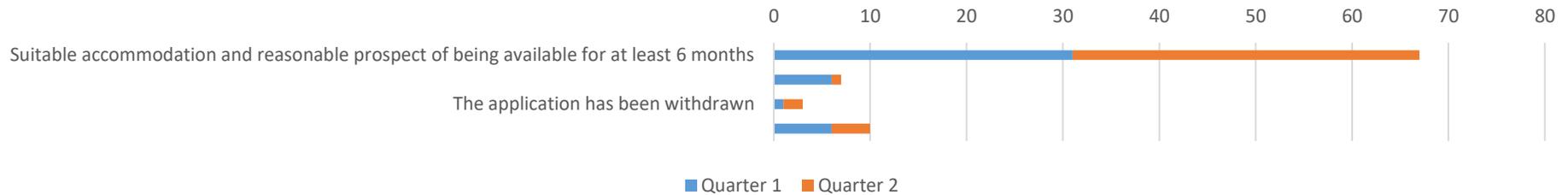


Homeless Prevention

The Homeless Reduction Act 2017 introduced a number of duties for local authorities, which included those relating to [prevention](#) and [relief](#). The number of cases where homelessness has been successfully prevented or relieved has reduced over the past 12 months due to the way the Government record homelessness statistics.



Prevention Duty Ending 2019/20



Reason Relief Ended 2019/20

