From Covid to Cost-of-Living



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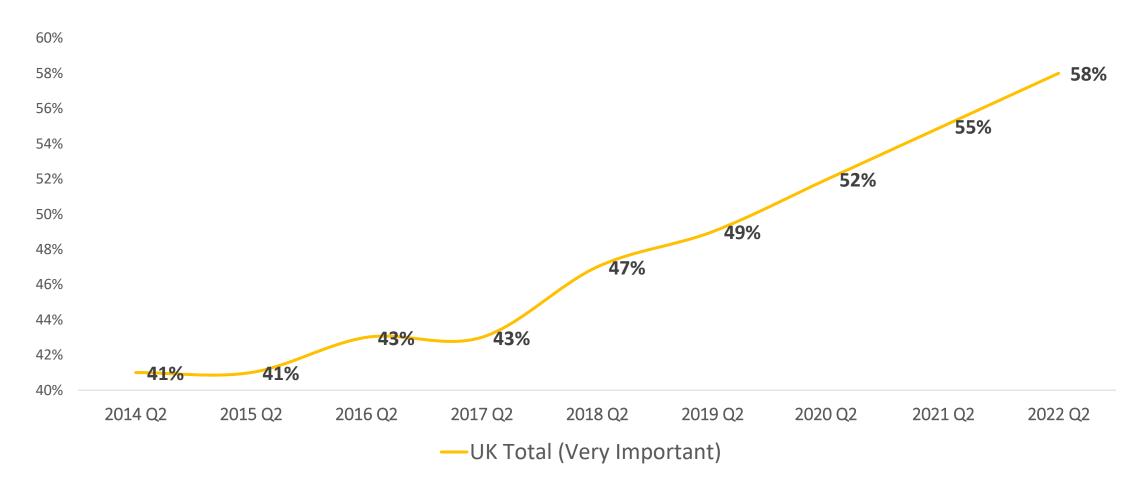
What is the Index?

- The industry standard benchmarking survey for student experience in accommodation
- 17 countries in 14 different languages approx. 100,000 responses per year
- 2 waves per year for 'entry' and 'exit'
- mobile-optimised and compliant with local privacy laws (GDPR, APP etc)
- detailed reporting including tracking and benchmarking
- designed for operational and strategic value

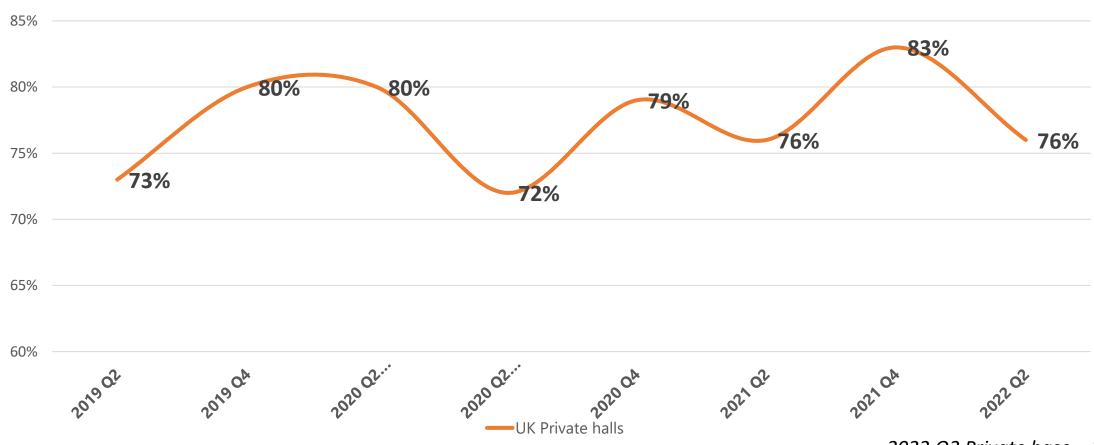




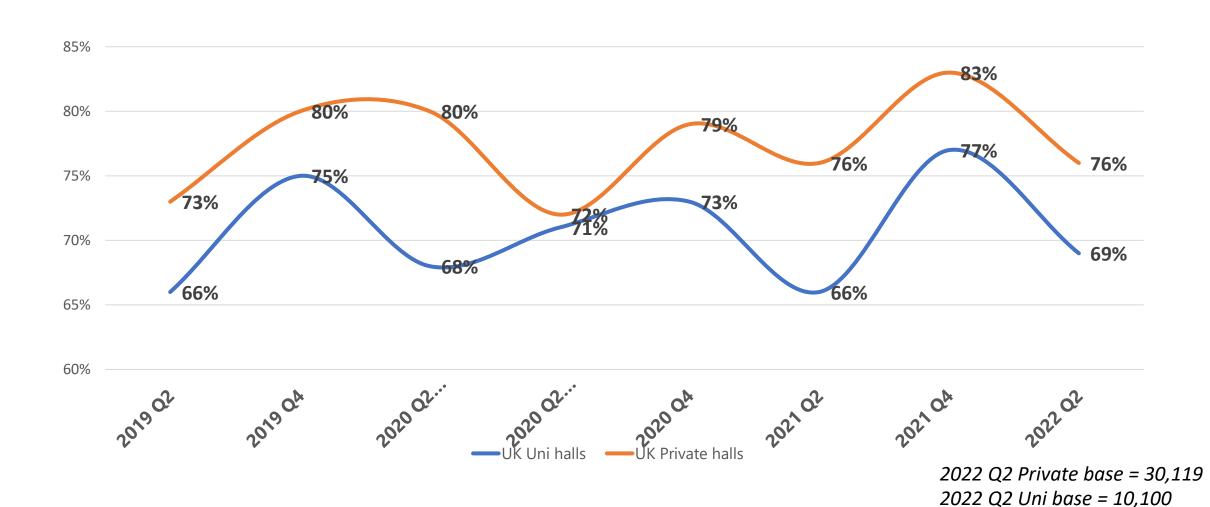
Importance of accommodation to the decision of where to study continues to rise



Satisfaction levels have recovered strongly post-lockdown



Private PBSA continues to outperform uni



Core factors still drive satisfaction but Learning Environment now more prominent

2017 2021 2022



Condition and Quality



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Management



Value for money



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Management



Management



Relationships with others



Communication



Care and Support



Learning environment



Design of bedroom



Design of bedroom

Learning environment and Design of the bedroom are now seeing a higher correlation to satisfaction scores, but care and support are still important

With cost of living on the rise, budget/price has become more influential...

Top factors that influenced the decision on where to live (UK Total):



Proximity to place of study



Condition and quality of accommodation



Feels safe and secure



Budget/price

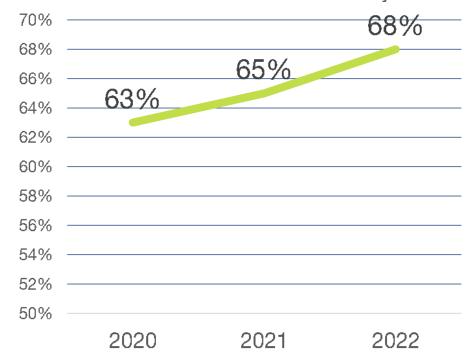




Availability of an en-suite



% reporting that budget had the biggest influence on the decision of where to live while at university



Value for Money perceptions are driven by core factors but laundry is a source of discontent...

Factors influencing value for money scores:



Condition and Quality



Management



Communication



Learning environment



Care and Support



Laundry services

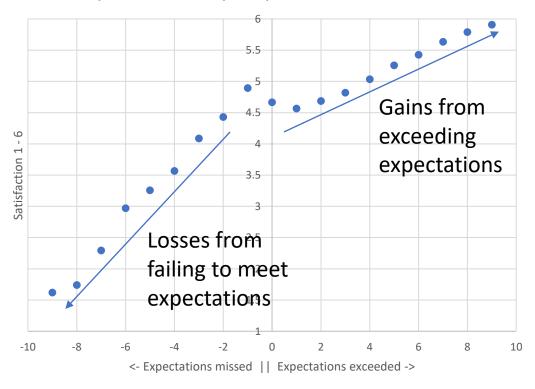
The most likely aspect that students say is 'Worse than they expected' (1 out of 5 students)

The 2nd lowest rated aspect of student accommodation (only behind parking)

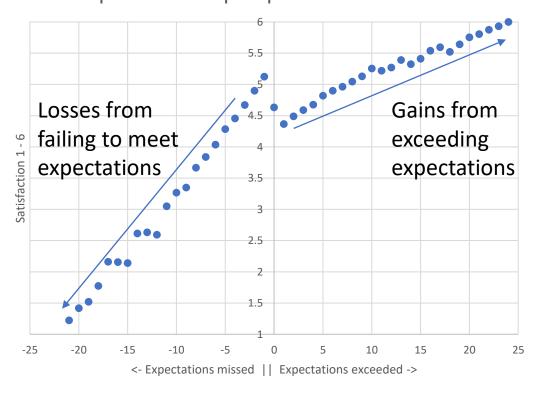
The 3rd most likely aspect of student accommodation they would want to improve for a higher rent (after bathrooms and kitchens)

Managing expectations will be vital – avoid the temptation to oversell

Hard Factors
Expectation Gap Impact on Satisfaction



Soft Factors
Expectation Gap Impact on Satisfaction

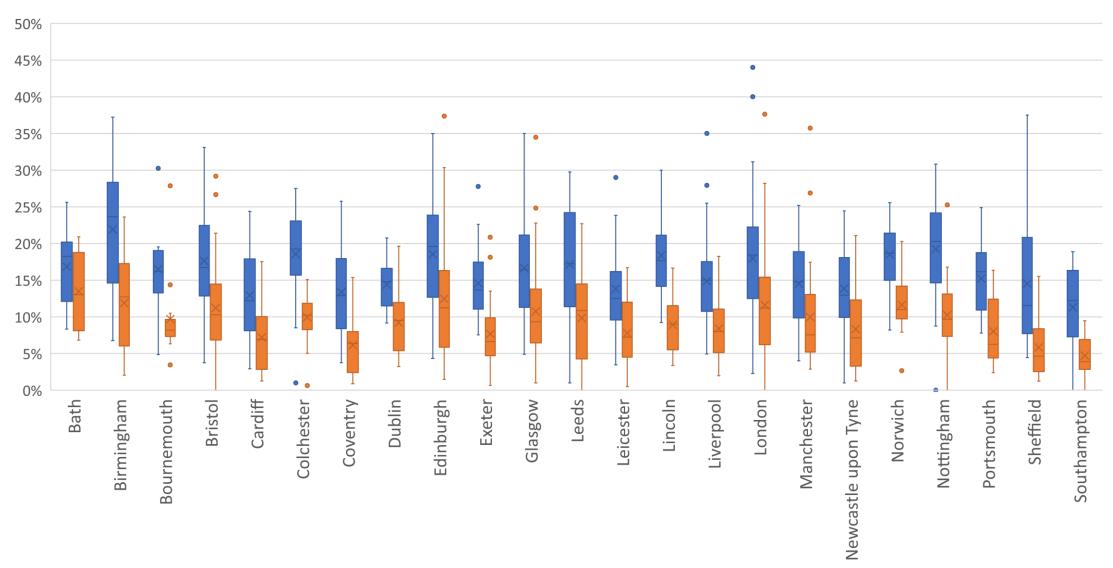


Mental health & wellbeing issues are likely to rise again

- Rent inflation will massively out-strip grants, parental or personal income
- CPI hitting 10% will disproportionately hit lower-income groups including students
- Labour market outlook is uncertain good for uni recruitment, not casual work
- Students worry about their parents' finances as well as their own

Product / market fit – assets by city

■ Would pay for improvements ■ Experience worse than expected



Student values, needs and preferences do not align simply to budget

At GSL we are looking to develop a **standardised** set of attitudinal and behavioural student segments for the PBSA market.

- More sophisticated student insight
- Benchmark performance across different segments
- Identify and target more effectively



Thank you.



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