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# **CHAIN QUARTERLY REPORT**

## **OUTER BOROUGHES**

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

This quarterly report presents information about people seen rough sleeping by outreach teams in Outer Boroughs in October - December 2023.

Information in the report is derived from the 'Combined Homelessness and Information Network' (CHAIN), a database commissioned and funded by the Greater London Authority (GLA) and managed by Homeless Link. For more information see [www.homeless.org.uk/chain](http://www.homeless.org.uk/chain).

The data on which this report is based is also available in an accessible tabular format, aggregated to borough and Greater London level, in a separate CHAIN Quarterly Data Tables file. This can be downloaded from the GLA Datastore at <http://data.london.gov.uk/dataset/chain-reports>.

In the rough sleeping figures in this report people are grouped into three categories:

<b>New rough sleepers</b>	Those who had not been contacted by outreach teams rough sleeping before the period
<b>Living on the streets</b>	Those who have had a high number of contacts over 3 weeks or more which suggests they are living on the streets
<b>Intermittent rough sleepers</b>	People who were seen rough sleeping before the period began at some point, and contacted in the period - but not regularly enough to be 'living on the streets'

For more information about the methods used to derive statistics for this report, and definitions of different groups, please see the Methodology section.

Most sections of this report include figures representing an amalgamated total for everyone seen rough sleeping in the outer boroughs taken as a whole, followed by a breakdown providing figures for each of the boroughs individually. Some people will have been seen rough sleeping in more than one of the outer boroughs during the period, so the combined total for the separate boroughs works out to a higher number than the overall amalgamated total for the outer boroughs.

Editions of this report prior to April 2018 included the borough of Haringey. However, due to the increased number of rough sleepers seen there, together with the advent of a dedicated outreach service in the borough, Haringey is now covered by a separate report and is no longer included in the outer borough figures. Similarly, prior to April 2017, Newham was included in the outer boroughs figures. This should be taken into account when comparing the amalgamated outer boroughs total against that for periods prior to these changes.

## 2. ROUGH SLEEPER POPULATION ANALYSIS

### Outer Boroughs: Headlines

Table 1: People seen rough sleeping in 2023-24 Q3, by new, living on the streets, and intermittent breakdown

Volumes	No. Rough Sleepers	Change from last period	Change on same period last year
<b>New Rough Sleepers (All)</b>	<b>829</b>	<b>+41</b>	<b>+155</b>
New RS with no second night out	602	-26	+71
New RS with a second night out but not living on the streets	210	+66	+77
New RS joining living on the streets population*	17	+1	+7
<b>Living on the Streets (All)</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>+17</b>	<b>+39</b>
LOS - Transferred from new RS*	17	+1	+7
LOS - Known	126	+16	+33
LOS - RS205+	3	0	-1
<b>Intermittent Rough Sleepers</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>+56</b>	<b>+79</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1456</b>	<b>+113</b>	<b>+266</b>

\*This cohort is listed under both new RS and living on the streets headings, but is only counted once towards the overall total

## Outer Boroughs: Achieving No Second Night Out

Chart 1: New rough sleepers 2022-23 Q3 to 2023-24 Q3

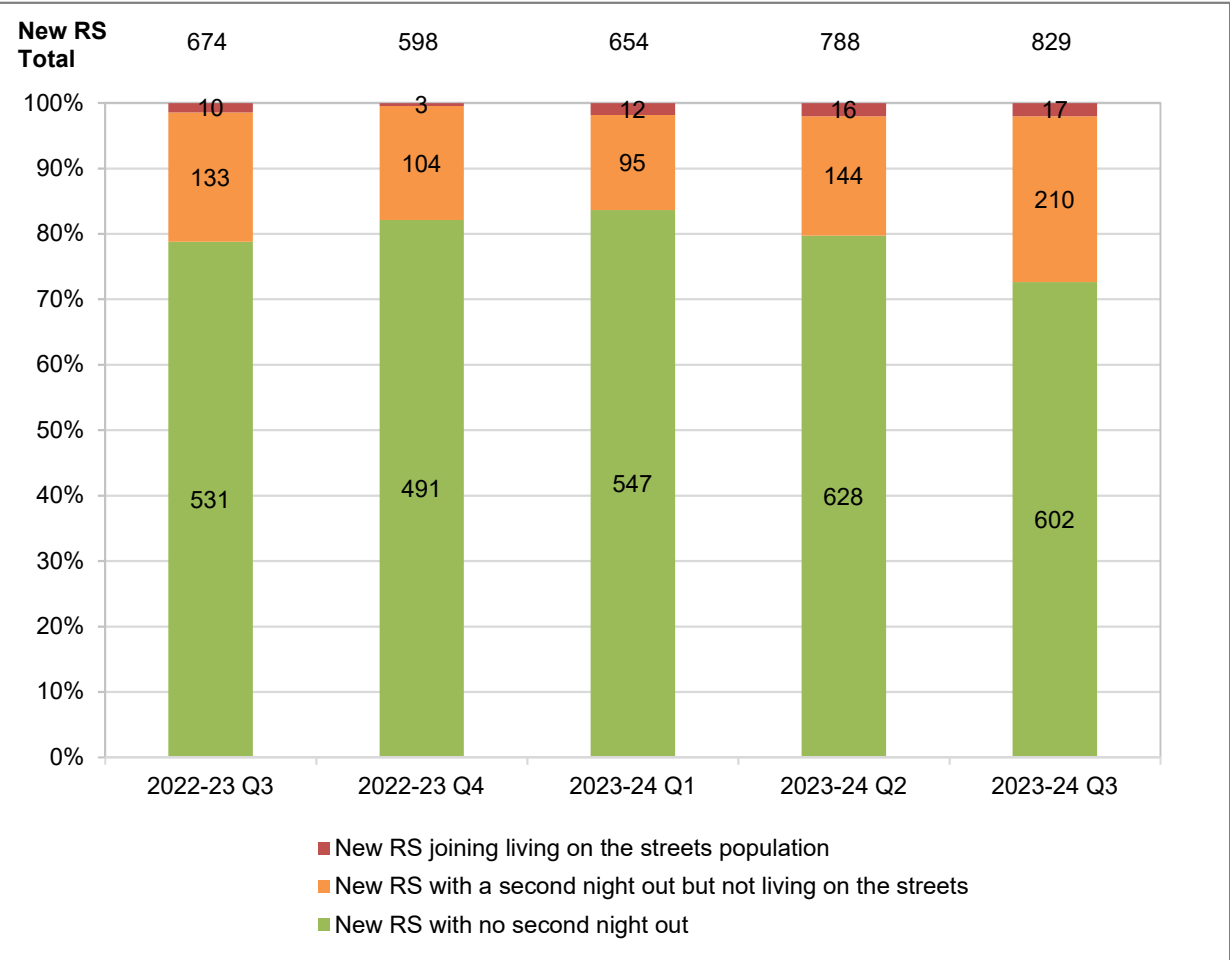


Table 2: New rough sleepers in 2023-24 Q3, by subcategory

Category	No. this period
New RS with no second night out	602
New RS with a second night out but not living on the streets	210
New RS joining living on the streets population	17
Total	829

New RS = New rough sleepers

## Outer Boroughs: No One Living on the Streets

Chart 2: People living on the streets 2022-23 Q3 to 2023-24 Q3

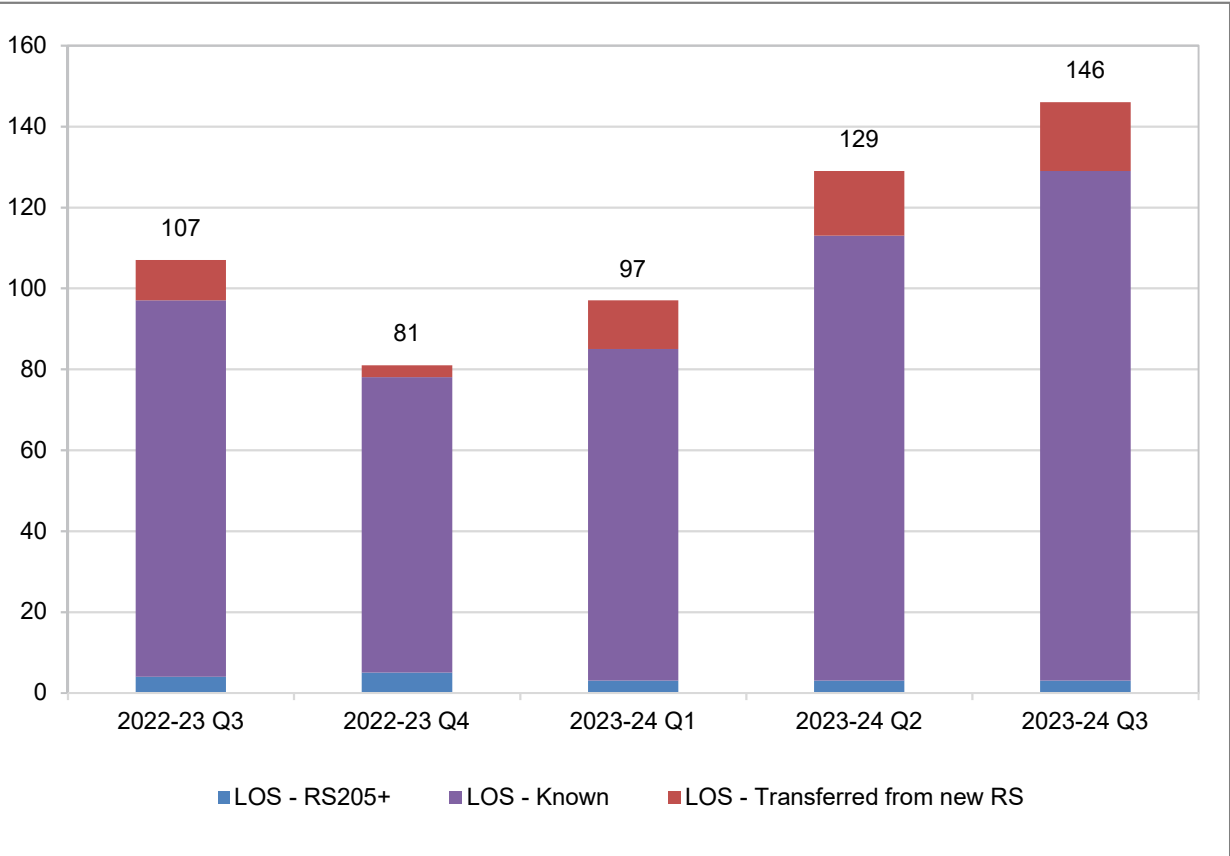


Table 3: People living on the streets in 2023-24 Q3, by subcategory

Category	No. this period
LOS - Transferred from new RS	17
LOS - Known	126
LOS - RS205+	3
Total	146

### Outer Boroughs: Intermittent Rough Sleepers

Chart 3: Intermittent rough sleepers 2022-23 Q3 to 2023-24 Q3

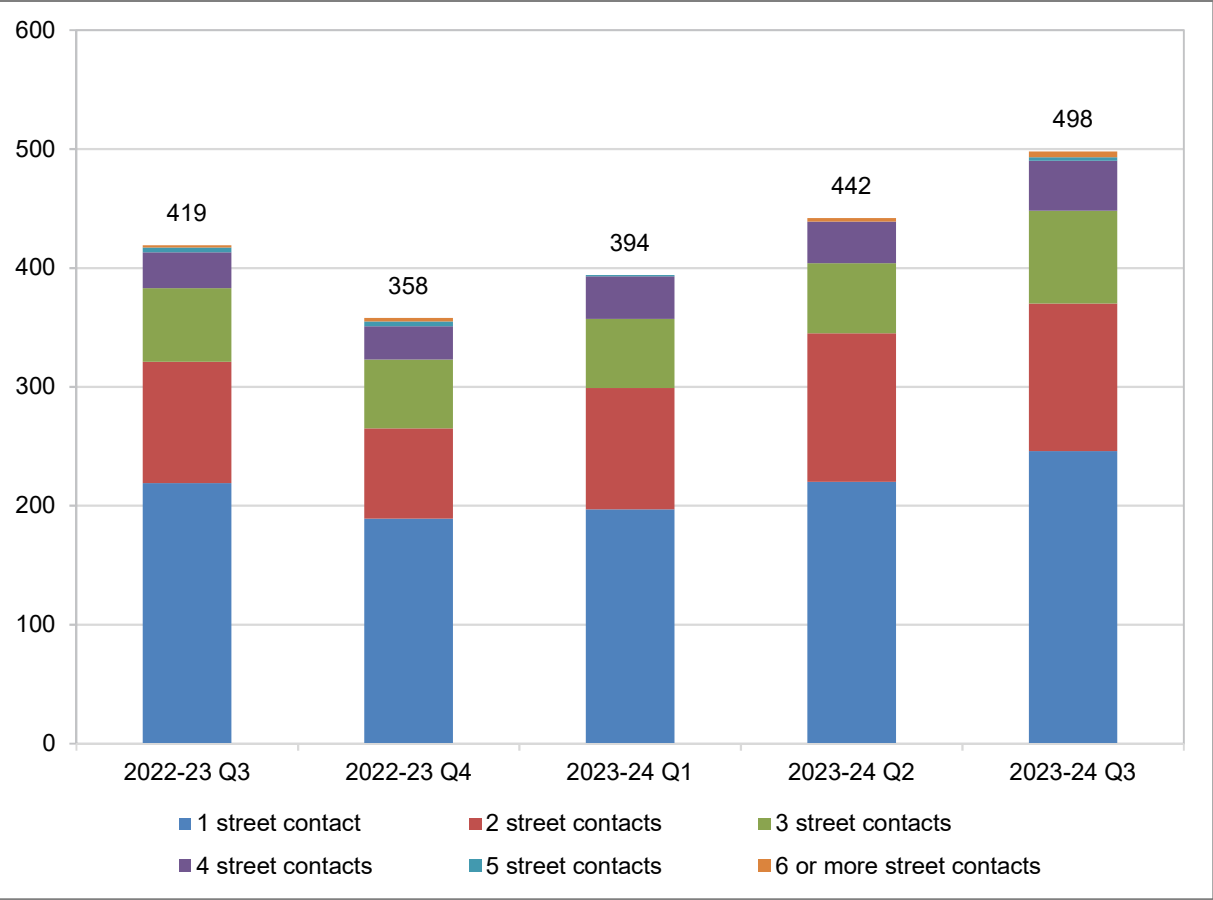


Table 4: Intermittent rough sleepers in 2023-24 Q3, by number of bedded down contacts during the period

No. bedded down street contacts during this period	No. intermittent rough sleepers
1 street contact	246
2 street contacts	124
3 street contacts	78
4 street contacts	42
5 street contacts	3
6 or more street contacts	5
Total	498



## Outer Boroughs: Distribution

Table 5: People seen rough sleeping in 2023-24 Q3, by borough

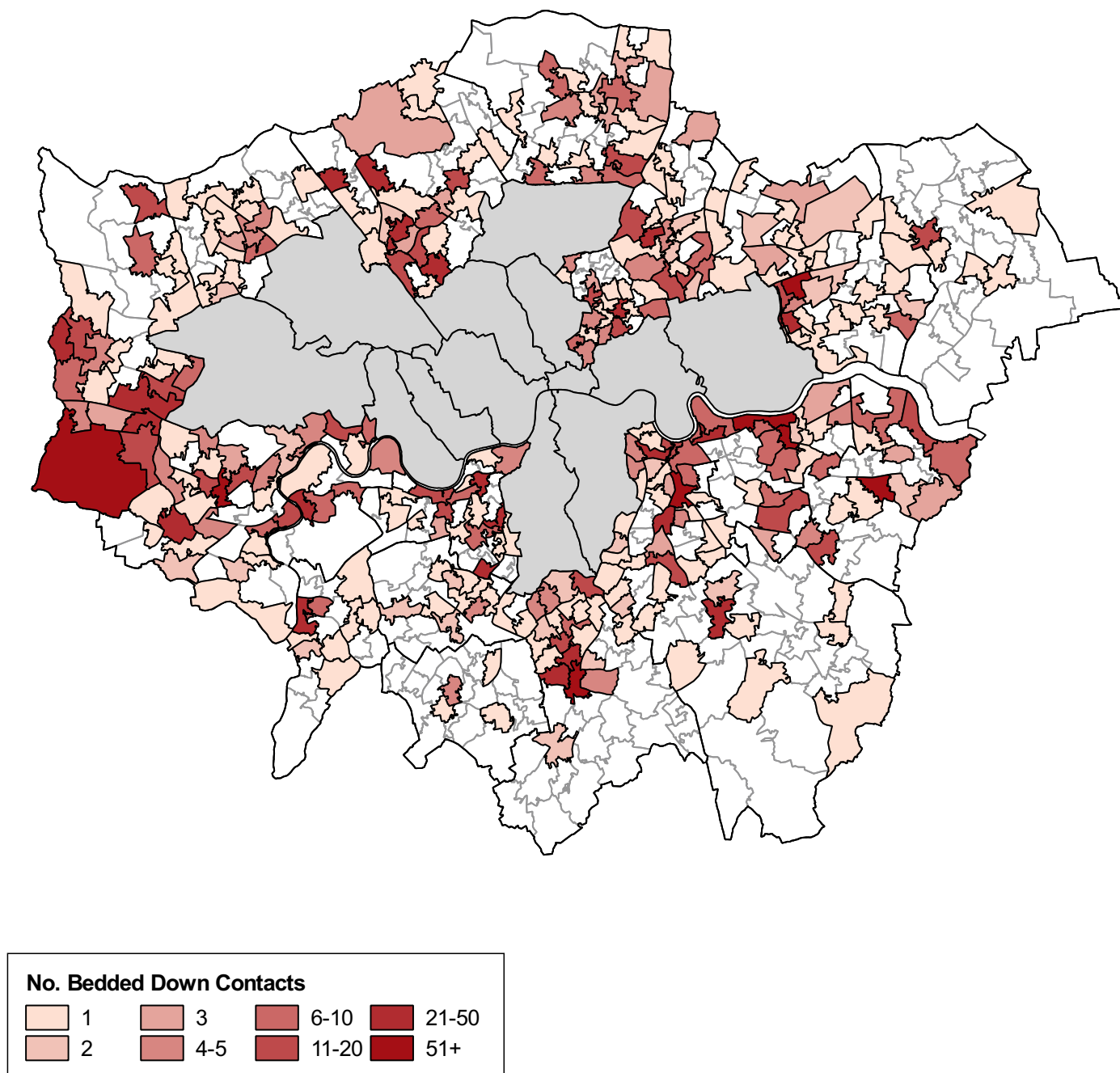
BOROUGH	New RS with no second night out	New RS with a second night out but not living on the streets	New RS joining living on the streets population	LOS - Known	LOS - RS205+	Intermittent rough sleeper	TOTAL
Barking & Dagenham	26	7	0	1	0	12	46
Barnet	21	4	1	9	0	19	54
Bexley	6	16	2	12	0	13	49
Bromley	21	6	0	0	0	7	34
Croydon	78	16	0	2	0	47	143
Enfield	29	7	0	2	0	16	54
Greenwich	49	29	4	20	0	33	135
Hackney	33	9	4	3	0	32	81
Harrow	28	6	0	0	0	6	40
Havering	6	3	0	0	0	7	16
Heathrow	45	16	2	2	0	27	92
Hillingdon	40	17	3	14	1	29	104
Hounslow	52	26	0	18	0	48	144
Kingston upon Thames	11	3	1	1	0	25	41
Lewisham	43	15	0	12	1	36	107
Merton	14	0	0	0	0	6	20
Redbridge	36	14	0	3	0	46	99
Richmond	6	5	0	9	0	13	33
Sutton	4	0	0	1	0	4	9
Waltham Forest	23	5	0	8	0	35	71
Wandsworth	21	10	1	11	1	28	72
Bus route	10	4	0	0	0	10	24
Tube line	0	0	0	0	0	4	4
<b>UNIQUE TOTAL</b>	<b>602</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>1456</b>

### 3. SPATIAL DISTRIBUTION

#### Bedded down street contacts by area: Greater London level

It is important to note that this map represents volume of contacts rather than individuals, and some people may have been seen on multiple occasions within a given area. Recording of street contacts is to some extent influenced by outreach provision and practice, which can vary across local authority areas.

**Map 1: Number of bedded down street contacts recorded in each Middle Super Output Area across the Outer Boroughs during the period**



## 4. NATIONALITY

### Nationality: Rolling figures

Table 6: Nationality of people seen rough sleeping 2023-24 Q1 to 2023-24 Q3

	Apr-Jun 23		Jul-Sep 23		Oct-Dec 23	
Nationality	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
UK	570	53.8%	676	53.7%	627	45.5%
Romania	87	8.2%	80	6.4%	79	5.7%
Poland	72	6.8%	60	4.8%	91	6.6%
Lithuania	15	1.4%	18	1.4%	20	1.5%
Portugal	12	1.1%	15	1.2%	16	1.2%
Ireland (Republic of)	9	0.8%	17	1.4%	14	1.0%
Bulgaria	7	0.7%	10	0.8%	14	1.0%
Italy	9	0.8%	6	0.5%	4	0.3%
Latvia	4	0.4%	4	0.3%	6	0.4%
France	1	0.1%	3	0.2%	5	0.4%
Spain	3	0.3%	7	0.6%	2	0.1%
Other European (EEA) countries	17	1.6%	22	1.7%	19	1.4%
Europe (EEA)	236	22.3%	242	19.2%	270	19.6%
Europe (Non-EEA)	11	1.0%	21	1.7%	22	1.6%
Europe (Not known)	1	0.1%	6	0.5%	9	0.7%
Eritrea	27	2.5%	38	3.0%	100	7.3%
Sudan	7	0.7%	27	2.1%	49	3.6%
Nigeria	20	1.9%	16	1.3%	24	1.7%
Somalia	6	0.6%	10	0.8%	9	0.7%
Ethiopia	1	0.1%	4	0.3%	6	0.4%
Other African countries	43	4.1%	53	4.2%	52	3.8%
Africa	104	9.8%	148	11.8%	240	17.4%
India	39	3.7%	49	3.9%	70	5.1%
Afghanistan	18	1.7%	24	1.9%	28	2.0%
Iran	9	0.8%	20	1.6%	27	2.0%
Pakistan	8	0.8%	8	0.6%	11	0.8%
Bangladesh	4	0.4%	1	0.1%	2	0.1%
Other Asian countries	25	2.4%	29	2.3%	44	3.2%
Asia	103	9.7%	131	10.4%	182	13.2%
Americas	33	3.1%	34	2.7%	28	2.0%
Australasia	1	0.1%	1	0.1%	0	0.0%
Not known	74		84		78	
<b>Total (excl. not known)</b>	<b>1059</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1259</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1378</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Total (incl. not known)	1133		1343		1456	

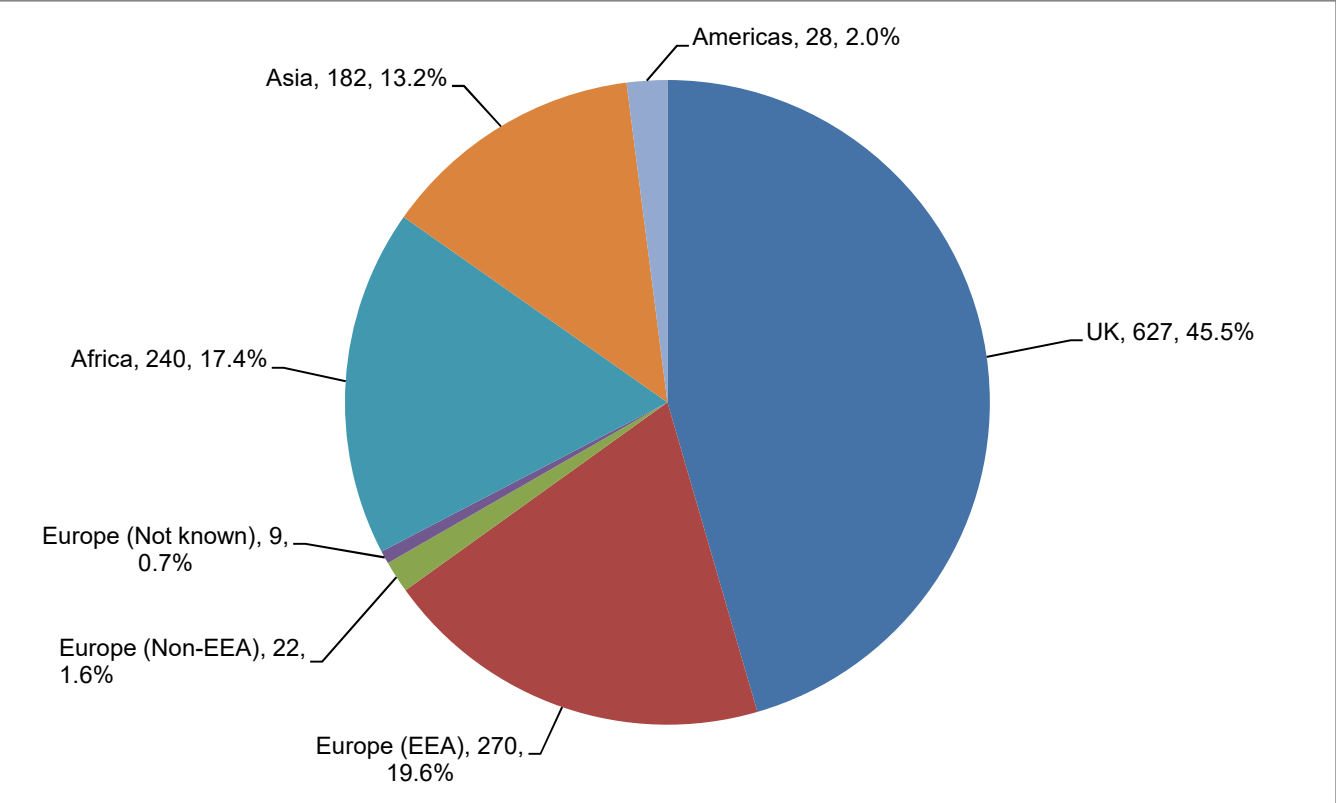
Total excluding not known is used as the base for percentages.

In individual borough reports some nationalities included in the table above may have '0' clients recorded against them – these nationalities are included in this standardised table as they represent a significant number of clients across London as a whole.

As of 2022/23 Q1, we have adjusted categories used for nationality reporting, so that the ten countries previously categorised as CEE are now included in the broader category of Europe (EEA).

Nationality: Breakdown by area

Chart 4: People seen rough sleeping in 2023-24 Q3, by nationality



Base: 1378 people seen rough sleeping during the period whose nationality was known.

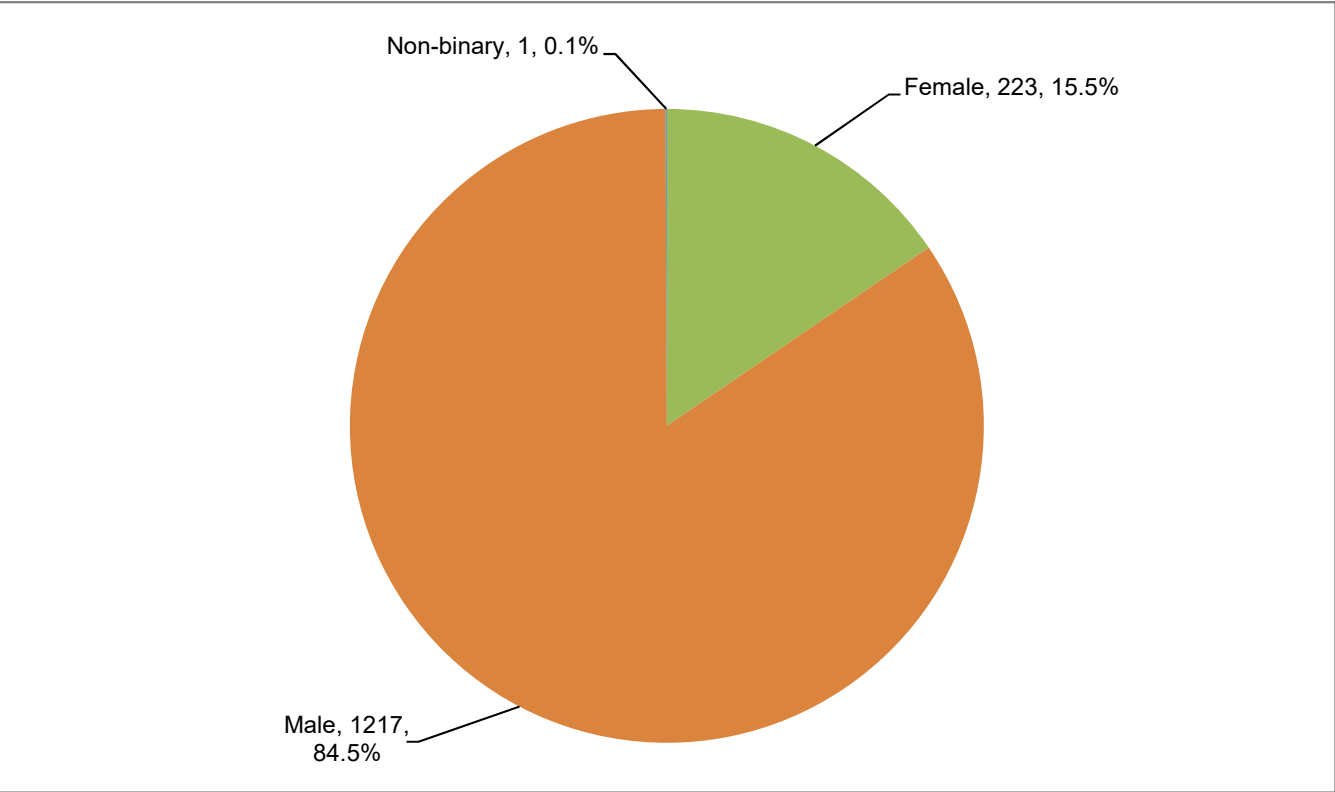
**Nationality: Borough breakdown****Table 7: Nationality of people seen rough sleeping during 2023-24 Q3, by borough**

Borough	UK	Europe (EEA)	Europe (Non-EEA)	Europe (Not known)	Africa	Asia	Americas	Australasia	Not known	Total
Barking & Dagenham	22	5	2	0	13	3	0	0	1	46
Barnet	24	8	0	0	9	11	0	0	2	54
Bexley	44	2	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	49
Bromley	8	2	1	0	17	4	1	0	1	34
Croydon	70	25	0	0	18	15	0	0	15	143
Enfield	19	10	2	0	15	4	2	0	2	54
Greenwich	64	18	0	1	24	11	4	0	13	135
Hackney	30	16	3	2	15	4	3	0	8	81
Harrow	13	6	0	0	5	12	0	0	4	40
Havering	9	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	3	16
Heathrow	39	15	1	1	6	20	8	0	2	92
Hillingdon	44	11	0	1	16	28	0	0	4	104
Hounslow	37	30	2	3	42	17	1	0	12	144
Kingston upon Thames	12	27	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	41
Lewisham	62	16	4	0	10	9	6	0	0	107
Merton	11	4	0	0	2	2	0	0	1	20
Redbridge	24	16	4	0	23	31	0	0	1	99
Richmond	27	3	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	33
Sutton	7	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	9
Waltham Forest	33	25	2	0	5	3	1	0	2	71
Wandsworth	24	30	0	1	6	5	1	0	5	72
Bus route	9	2	0	0	8	3	1	0	1	24
Tube line	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	4

## 5. DEMOGRAPHICS

### Gender

Chart 5: People seen rough sleeping in 2023-24 Q3, by gender



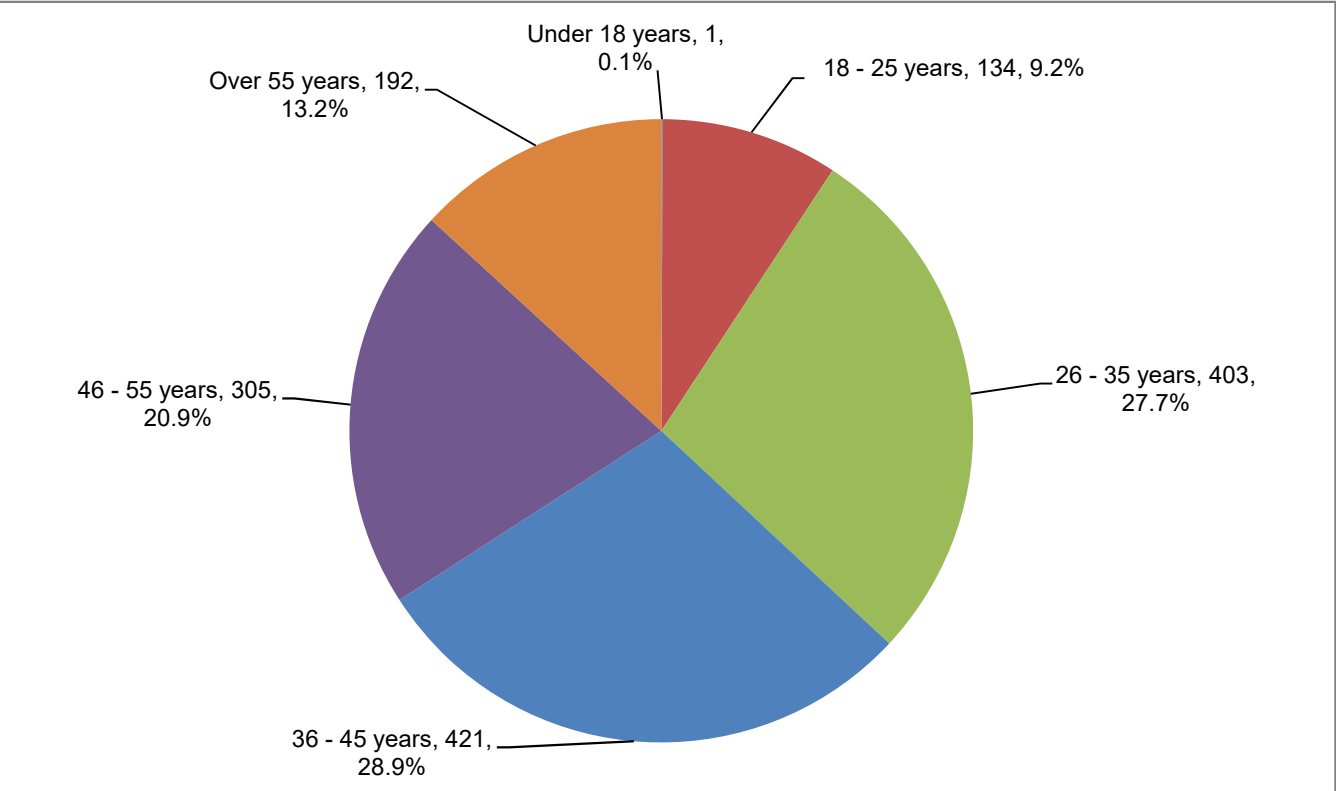
Base: 1441 people seen rough sleeping whose gender was known. This excludes 15 people whose gender was not known.

**Table 8: Gender of people seen rough sleeping during 2023-24 Q3, by borough**

Borough	Female	Male	Non-binary	Not known	Total
Barking & Dagenham	4	42	0	0	46
Barnet	13	41	0	0	54
Bexley	5	44	0	0	49
Bromley	1	33	0	0	34
Croydon	23	114	0	6	143
Enfield	6	48	0	0	54
Greenwich	20	114	1	0	135
Hackney	11	67	0	3	81
Harrow	7	32	0	1	40
Havering	1	15	0	0	16
Heathrow	16	76	0	0	92
Hillingdon	11	92	0	1	104
Hounslow	33	110	0	1	144
Kingston upon Thames	13	28	0	0	41
Lewisham	21	86	0	0	107
Merton	2	18	0	0	20
Redbridge	7	92	0	0	99
Richmond	3	30	0	0	33
Sutton	0	9	0	0	9
Waltham Forest	11	59	0	1	71
Wandsworth	11	59	0	2	72
Bus route	5	19	0	0	24
Tube line	1	3	0	0	4

Age

Chart 6: People seen rough sleeping in 2023-24 Q3, by age



Base: 1456

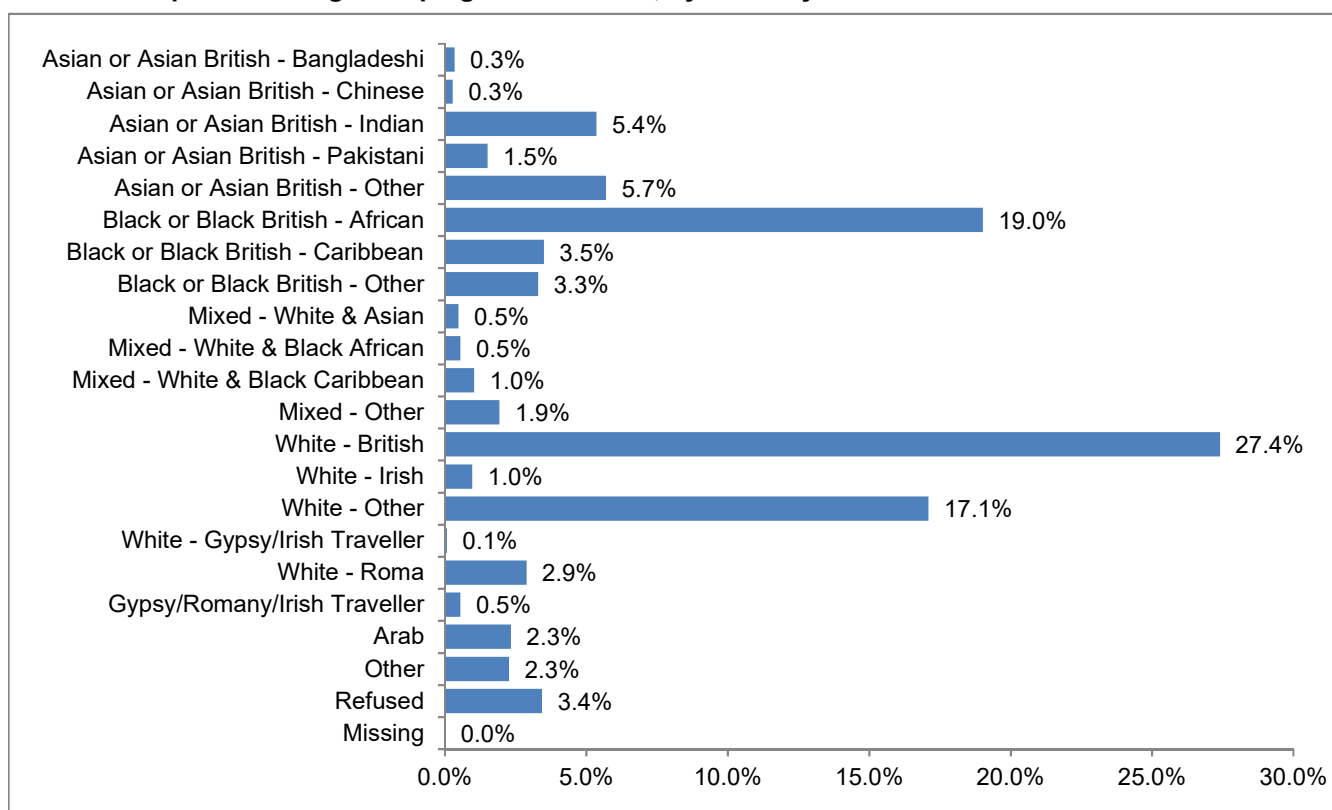


**Table 9: Age of people seen rough sleeping during 2023-24 Q3, by borough**

Borough	Under 18 years	18 - 25 years	26 - 35 years	36 - 45 years	46 - 55 years	Over 55 years	Total
Barking & Dagenham	0	2	11	11	15	7	46
Barnet	0	6	13	14	9	12	54
Bexley	0	4	12	15	13	5	49
Bromley	0	7	18	4	3	2	34
Croydon	0	22	36	42	28	15	143
Enfield	0	7	18	10	9	10	54
Greenwich	0	14	39	49	16	17	135
Hackney	0	9	19	24	20	9	81
Harrow	0	5	19	12	3	1	40
Havering	0	0	7	3	6	0	16
Heathrow	0	6	18	25	22	21	92
Hillingdon	0	8	36	28	19	13	104
Hounslow	0	12	43	47	29	13	144
Kingston upon Thames	0	7	10	10	9	5	41
Lewisham	0	7	22	37	30	11	107
Merton	0	4	1	8	5	2	20
Redbridge	0	7	32	28	19	13	99
Richmond	0	0	8	8	7	10	33
Sutton	0	0	2	0	5	2	9
Waltham Forest	0	2	21	28	15	5	71
Wandsworth	1	4	21	16	22	8	72
Bus route	0	3	3	3	4	11	24
Tube line	0	0	0	2	1	1	4

## Ethnicity

**Chart 7: People seen rough sleeping in 2023-24 Q3, by ethnicity**



Base: 1456

The previously employed category of 'Gypsy/Romany/Irish Traveller' was replaced with separate categories for 'White - Gypsy/Irish Traveller' and 'White - Roma' in April 2021. However, many people seen rough sleeping during the period may not have had their ethnicity information updated to reflect these new categories, so the original category is also included in the graph.

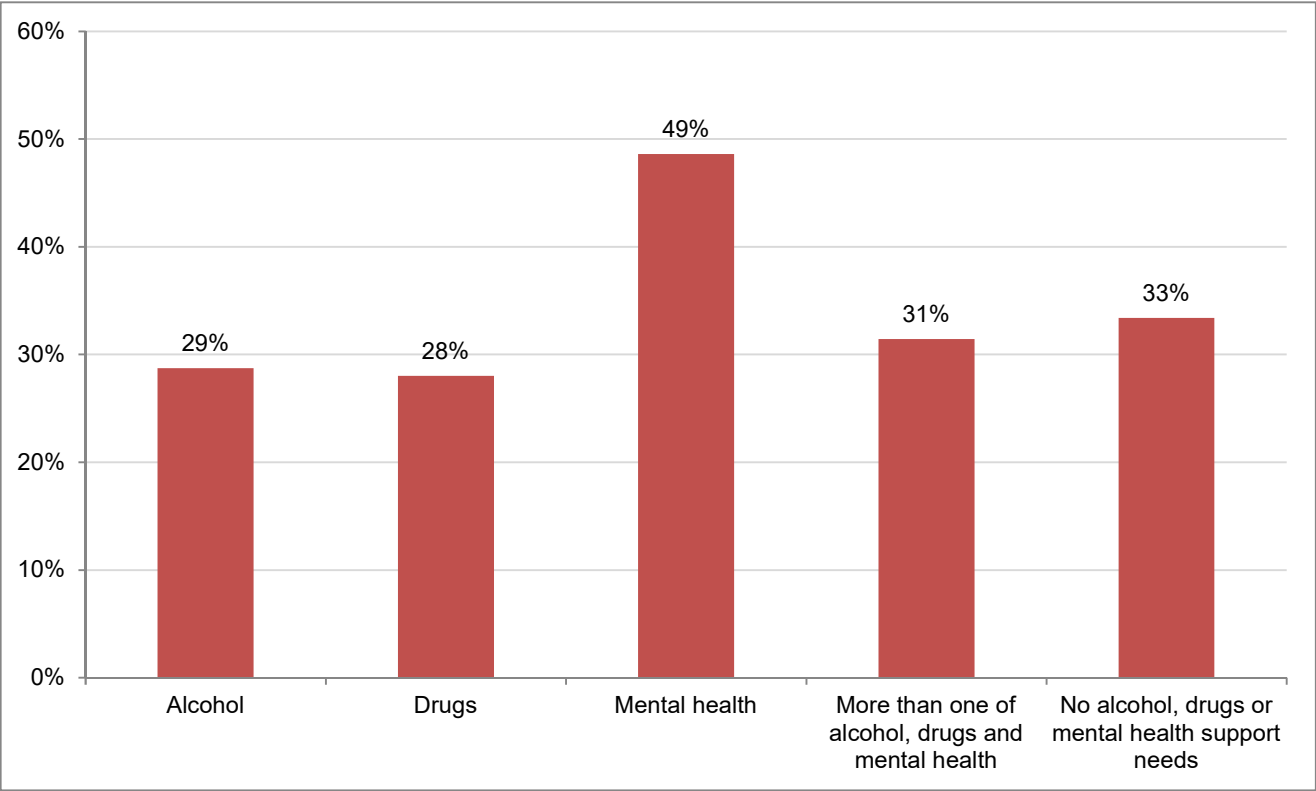
**Table 10: Ethnicity of people seen rough sleeping during 2023-24 Q3, by borough**

Borough	Asian (incl. Chinese)	Black	Mixed	White - British	White - Irish	White - Other	White - Gypsy/ Irish Traveller/ Roma	Arab/ Other	Missing/ Refused	Total
Barking & Dagenham	6	16	4	12	0	7	0	1	0	46
Barnet	5	14	2	13	1	10	0	6	3	54
Bexley	2	2	2	39	1	3	0	0	0	49
Bromley	4	16	0	7	0	3	0	3	1	34
Croydon	14	41	12	34	1	28	3	3	7	143
Enfield	4	23	3	10	1	10	1	1	1	54
Greenwich	12	43	12	42	1	17	1	1	6	135
Hackney	3	23	4	17	1	18	5	3	7	81
Harrow	11	6	2	7	1	3	1	9	0	40
Havering	2	2	1	8	0	2	0	0	1	16
Heathrow	24	18	7	17	2	16	0	6	2	92
Hillingdon	26	18	0	32	3	9	0	14	2	104
Hounslow	17	44	4	24	0	36	1	6	12	144
Kingston upon Thames	2	3	0	9	2	3	22	0	0	41
Lewisham	7	38	2	36	0	17	0	5	2	107
Merton	1	4	2	7	0	4	0	2	0	20
Redbridge	34	27	0	14	0	15	4	5	0	99
Richmond	0	2	0	24	0	3	1	1	2	33
Sutton	1	2	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	9
Waltham Forest	8	10	1	20	0	29	0	0	3	71
Wandsworth	7	11	0	19	0	19	13	2	1	72
Bus route	3	14	0	4	0	2	0	1	0	24
Tube line	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4

## 6. SUPPORT NEEDS

### Support needs: Overall figures

Chart 8: People seen rough sleeping in 2023-24 Q3, by support needs



Base: 1228. Note that the base figure for this chart excludes people for whom none of the three support needs were known or assessed (228)

Table 11: People seen rough sleeping in 2023-24 Q3, by support needs combination

Support Needs	No. people	% of people seen rough sleeping
Alcohol only	122	10%
Drugs only	58	5%
Mental health only	244	20%
Alcohol and drugs	33	3%
Alcohol and mental health	100	8%
Drugs and mental health	155	13%
Alcohol, drugs and mental health	98	8%
All three no	410	33%
All three no, not known or not assessed	8	1%
All three not known or not assessed	228	
Total (excl. not assessed)	1228	100%
Total (incl. not assessed)	1456	

Total excluding not known or assessed is used as base for percentages.

## Support Needs: Borough breakdown

Table 12: Support needs of people seen rough sleeping during 2023-24 Q3, by borough

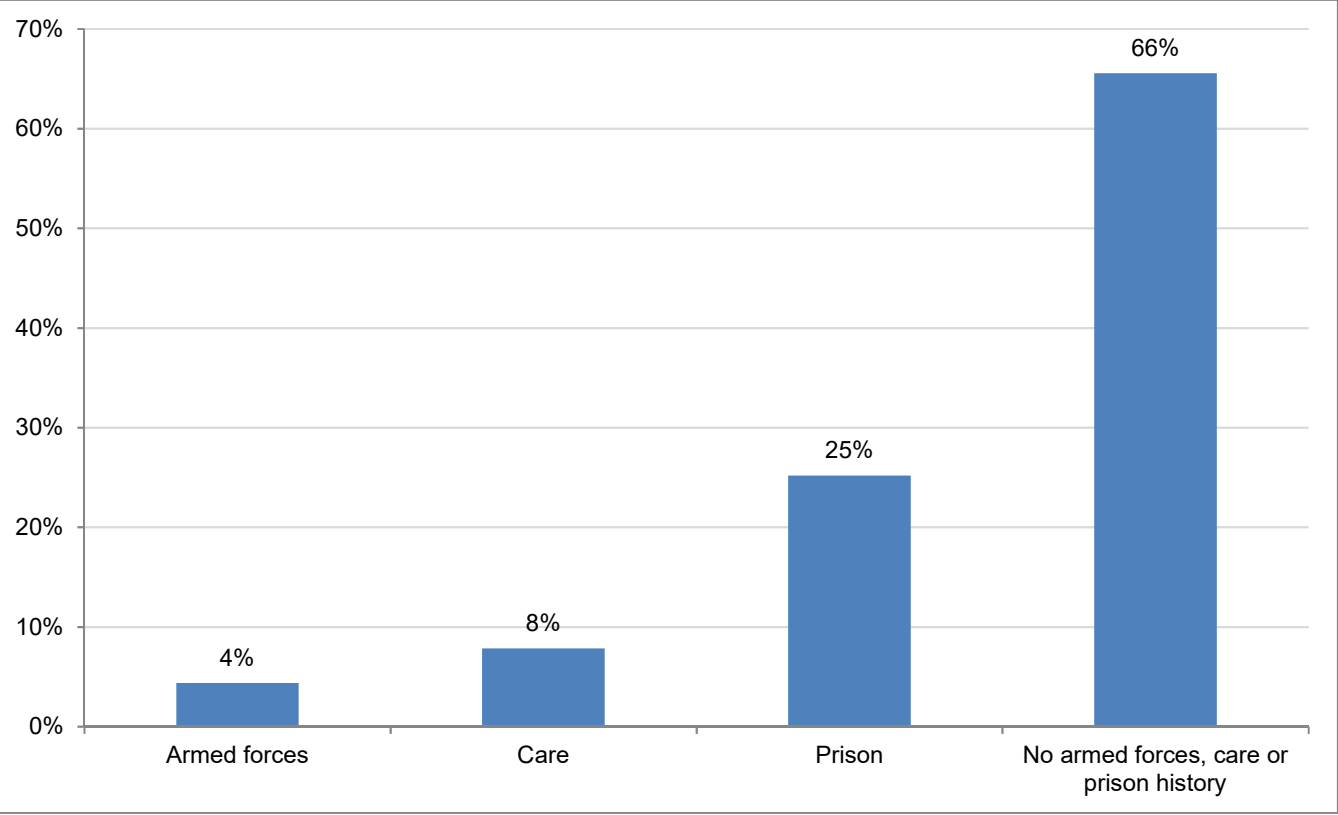
Borough	Alcohol	Drugs	Mental health	More than one of alcohol, drugs and mental health	No alcohol, drugs or mental health support needs	Total assessed*
Barking & Dagenham	11	11	17	11	21	44
Barnet	10	13	19	10	25	51
Bexley	18	20	38	28	3	46
Bromley	5	2	8	4	16	26
Croydon	29	32	51	38	26	95
Enfield	7	15	15	10	24	49
Greenwich	28	43	78	52	22	110
Hackney	23	25	29	23	16	61
Harrow	3	7	17	7	13	34
Havering	1	3	7	1	3	12
Heathrow	22	12	48	18	27	88
Hillingdon	23	23	40	22	29	90
Hounslow	39	24	45	28	54	124
Kingston upon Thames	7	7	10	7	18	33
Lewisham	22	32	50	35	28	94
Merton	4	4	12	6	5	18
Redbridge	36	18	37	27	31	89
Richmond	12	17	23	17	7	33
Sutton	6	1	5	3	1	9
Waltham Forest	26	27	24	23	13	60
Wandsworth	23	11	26	17	16	54
Bus route	1	1	9	2	12	21
Tube line	0	0	1	0	2	3

\*Total excludes people for whom none of the three support needs were assessed.

## 7. INSTITUTIONAL & ARMED FORCES HISTORY

### Institutional & armed forces history: Overall figures

Chart 9: People seen rough sleeping in 2023-24 Q3, by experience of armed forces, care or prison



Base: 1187. Note that the base figure for this chart excludes people for whom none of the three institutional histories were assessed.

Table 13: Nationality of people seen rough sleeping in 2023-24 Q3 with experience of armed forces

Nationality	No. people	% of people seen rough sleeping
UK	12	1%
Non-UK	40	3%
Not known/recorded	0	0%
Total	52	4%

## Institutional & armed forces history: Borough breakdown

**Table 14: Institutional & armed forces history of people seen rough sleeping during 2023-24 Q3, by borough**

Borough	Armed forces	Care	Prison	No institutional or armed forces history	Total assessed*
Barking & Dagenham	3	3	12	27	45
Barnet	1	3	8	34	48
Bexley	1	6	24	16	45
Bromley	1	3	4	18	26
Croydon	5	8	21	53	85
Enfield	2	3	13	28	45
Greenwich	0	16	41	58	106
Hackney	6	7	23	32	59
Harrow	0	1	7	25	34
Havering	0	1	3	6	10
Heathrow	5	3	15	62	85
Hillingdon	5	7	22	55	88
Hounslow	9	6	27	86	123
Kingston upon Thames	0	2	3	27	32
Lewisham	2	7	25	64	96
Merton	0	1	5	11	17
Redbridge	1	3	14	76	93
Richmond	3	3	7	17	27
Sutton	2	1	2	4	8
Waltham Forest	4	6	15	35	57
Wandsworth	1	2	9	40	52
Bus route	0	1	1	16	19
Tube line	1	0	0	2	3

\*Total excludes people for whom none of the three histories were assessed.

## 8. ACCOMMODATION & RECONNECTION OUTCOMES

Reconnections and bookings into accommodation achieved by outreach teams and other borough based support services during the period. People included in these figures will have been seen rough sleeping at some point in their history, but not necessarily during the reporting period.

**Table 15: Accommodation and reconnection outcomes achieved during 2023-24 Q3, compared to 2023-24 Q2, by number of people**

	Jul-Sep 23	Oct-Dec 23
Outcome	No. people	No. people
Booked into accommodation or reconnected	168	422
Booked into accommodation	158	403
Booked into hub, shelter or emergency accommodation	7	208
Booked into temporary accommodation	126	190
Booked into long-term accommodation	30	38
Reconnected	15	27

Some people may have been booked into more than one type of accommodation during the period.

**Table 16: Reconnection outcomes achieved during 2023-24 Q3, compared to 2023-24 Q2, by number of outcomes**

	Jul-Sep 23		Oct-Dec 23	
Reconnection reason	No. events	%	No. events	%
Return to home area	11	65%	21	78%
Seeking work	1	6%	1	4%
Move to area for friends/family	5	29%	9	33%
Move to area with appropriate services	9	53%	12	44%
<b>Reconnections total</b>	<b>17</b>		<b>27</b>	

An individual may have had more than one reconnection during the period. Reconnections can be recorded with multiple reasons, so the overall total will be lower than the combined sum of the separate reconnection reasons. Percentages are based on the total number of reconnections.

	Jul-Sep 23		Oct-Dec 23	
Reconnection destination	No. events	%	No. events	%
UK - London	8	47%	6	22%
UK - outside London	4	24%	8	30%
Europe	3	18%	4	15%
Rest of the world	2	12%	9	33%
<i>Not known</i>	0		0	
<b>Reconnections total (excl. destination not known)</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>100%</b>

An individual may have had more than one reconnection during the period.



**Table 17: Accommodation outcomes achieved during 2023-24 Q3, compared to 2023-24 Q2, by number of outcomes**

Accommodation type	Jul-Sep 23		Oct-Dec 23	
	No. events	%	No. events	%
<b>Hubs, shelters and emergency accommodation</b>				
Hub	3	2%	12	2%
Nightstop	1	1%	0	0%
SWEP (Local)	3	2%	158	32%
SWEP (Pan-London)	0	0%	18	4%
Winter/Night Shelter	1	1%	55	11%
<i>Hubs, shelters and emergency accommodation subtotal</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>4%</i>	<i>243</i>	<i>49%</i>
<b>Temporary accommodation</b>				
Assessment centre	2	1%	13	3%
Bed & breakfast	30	16%	52	10%
Clinic/Detox/Rehab	1	1%	0	0%
Friends & family	5	3%	12	2%
Hostel	26	14%	27	5%
Local authority temporary accommodation	64	35%	89	18%
Staging post	0	0%	0	0%
Other temporary accommodation	17	9%	22	4%
<i>Temporary accommodation subtotal</i>	<i>145</i>	<i>79%</i>	<i>215</i>	<i>43%</i>
<b>Long-term accommodation</b>				
Care home	0	0%	0	0%
Clearing House/RSI	4	2%	2	0%
Local authority tenancy (general needs)	4	2%	6	1%
Private rented sector - independent	12	7%	10	2%
Private rented sector - with some floating support	3	2%	2	0%
RSL tenancy (general needs)	0	0%	0	0%
Sheltered housing	2	1%	2	0%
Supported housing	4	2%	15	3%
Tied accommodation	0	0%	0	0%
Other long-term accommodation	1	1%	1	0%
<i>Long-term accommodation subtotal</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>16%</i>	<i>38</i>	<i>8%</i>
<b>Total</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>496</b>	<b>100%</b>

An individual may have been booked into accommodation more than once during the period.

## 9. TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION

Hostels, assessment centres and second-stage accommodation based in the boroughs.

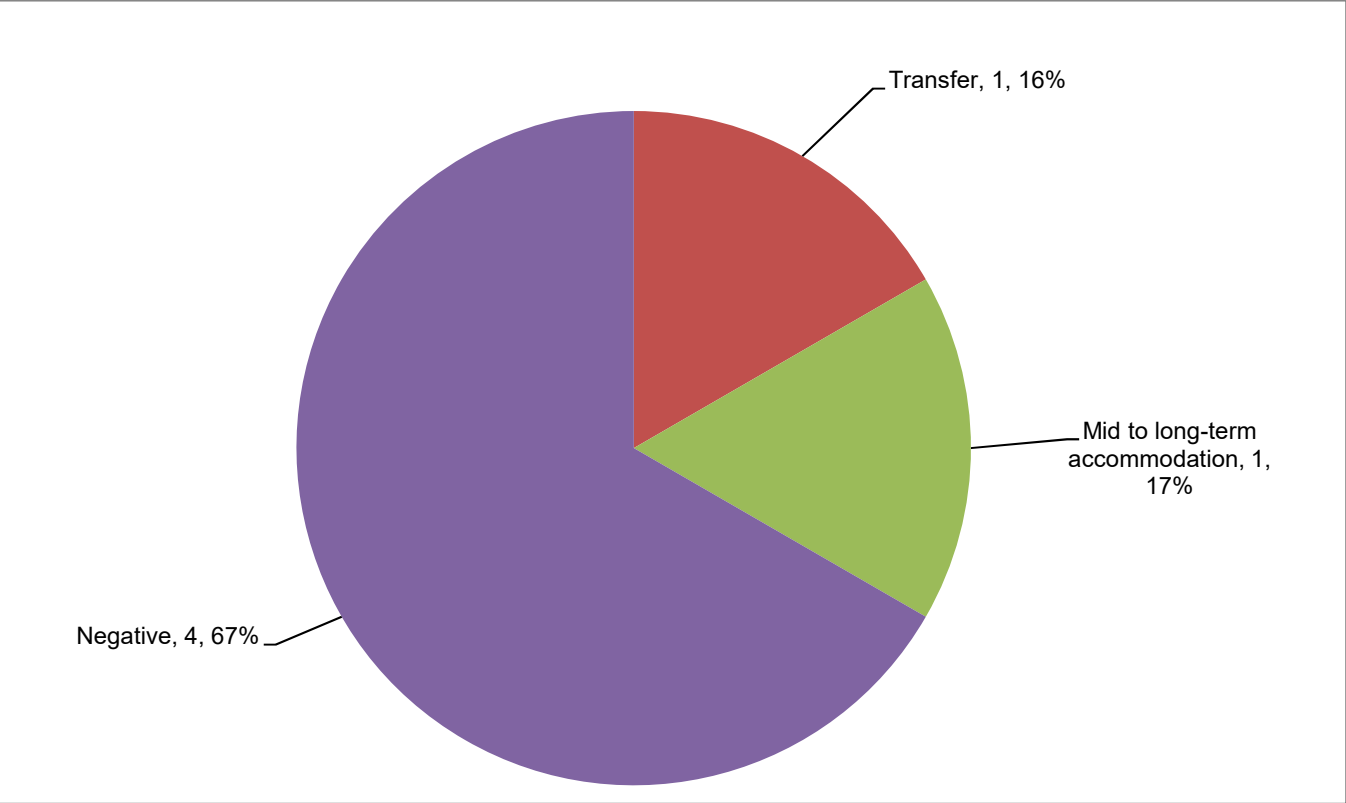
### Arrivals

A total of 5 individuals arrived at temporary accommodation during the period.

### Departures: Destination on Departure

A total of 6 individuals departed from temporary accommodation during the period.

Chart 10: Departures from temporary accommodation in 2023-24 Q3, by destination on departure



Base: 6

Destination on departure	Destination category	Chart colour
Assessment Centre, Bed & Breakfast, Covid-19 emergency hotel, Detox clinic, Hospital - not long-term/acute care, Hostel - another organisation, Hostel - within the organisation, Internal SWEP transfer, Internal transfer, NASS accommodation, Night shelter, NSNO staging post, Psychiatric hospital, Rehab clinic, Temporary accommodation (LA)	Transfer	
Accommodation where client is owner, Care home, Clearing House/RSI, Hospital - long-term, LA tenancy (general needs), Long stay hospice, Private rented sector - independent, Private rented sector - with some floating support, Returned to home country (EEA), Returned to home country (non EEA), RSL tenancy (general needs), Sheltered Housing, Supported Housing, Tied accommodation with work	Mid to long-term accommodation	
Died by suicide, Not known, Sleeping rough/Returned to streets, Taken into custody	Negative	
Died, Previous home, Staying with family, Staying with friends	Other	

An individual may have had more than one accommodation departure during the period.

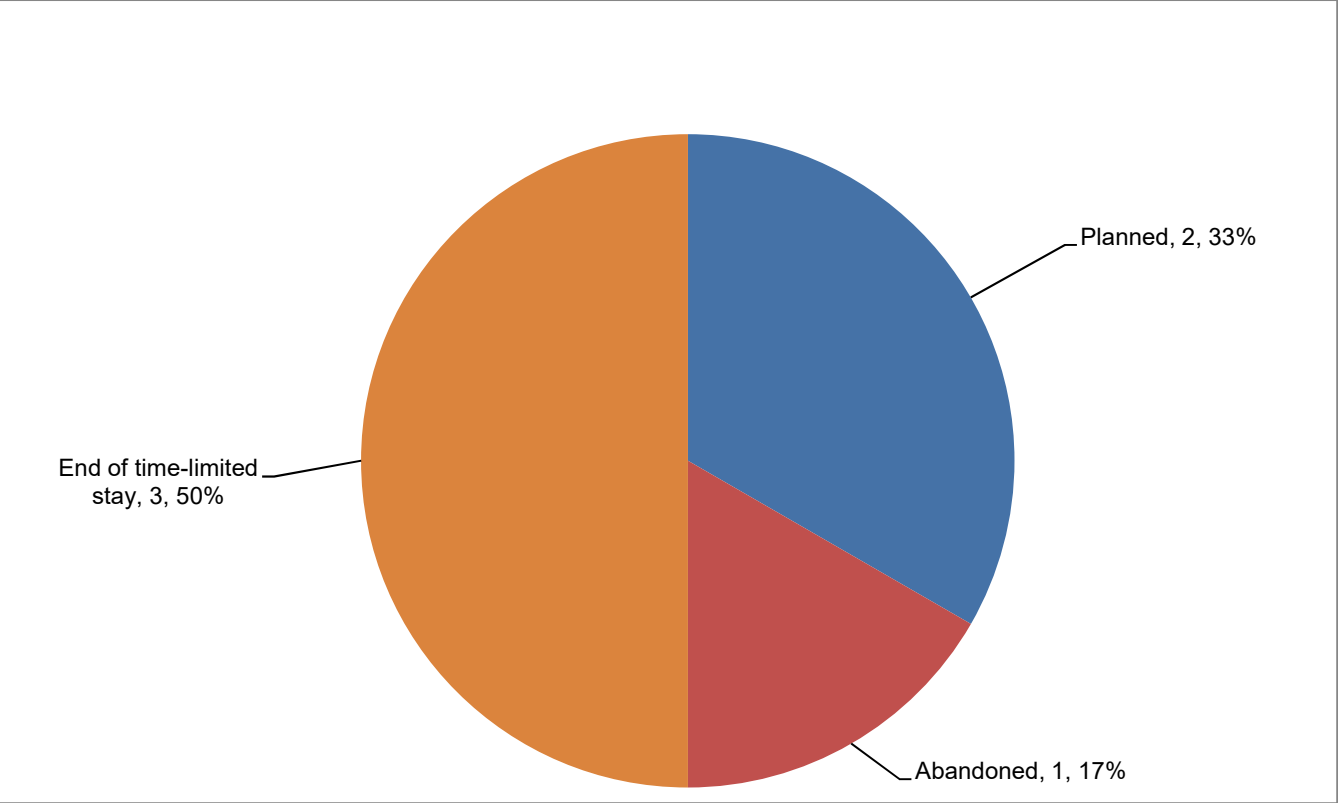
**Table 18: Departures from temporary accommodation in 2023-24 Q3, by destination on departure**

Destination on departure	No. departures	%
<b>Transfer</b>		
Assessment centre	0	0%
Bed & breakfast	0	0%
Detox clinic	0	0%
Hospital - not long-term/acute care	0	0%
Hostel - another organisation	0	0%
Hostel - within the organisation	1	17%
Hosting placement	0	0%
Internal SWEP transfer	0	0%
Internal transfer	0	0%
NASS accommodation	0	0%
Night shelter	0	0%
NSNO staging post	0	0%
Psychiatric hospital	0	0%
Rehab clinic	0	0%
Temporary accommodation (LA)	0	0%
<i>Transfer subtotal</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>17%</i>
<b>Mid to long-term accommodation</b>		
Accommodation where client is owner	0	0%
Care home	0	0%
Clearing House/RSI	0	0%
Hospital - long-term	0	0%
LA tenancy (general needs)	0	0%
Long stay hospice	0	0%
Private rented sector - independent	0	0%
Private rented sector - with some floating support	0	0%
Returned to home country (EEA)	0	0%
Returned to home country (non EEA)	0	0%
RSL tenancy (general needs)	0	0%
Sheltered Housing	1	17%
Supported Housing	0	0%
Tied accommodation with work	0	0%
<i>Mid to long-term accommodation subtotal</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>17%</i>
<b>Negative</b>		
Died by suicide	0	0%
Not known	4	67%
Sleeping rough/Returned to streets	0	0%
Taken into custody	0	0%
<i>Negative subtotal</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>67%</i>
<b>Other</b>		
Died	0	0%
Previous home	0	0%
Staying with family	0	0%
Staying with friends	0	0%
<i>Other subtotal</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0%</i>
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>100%</b>

An individual may have had more than one accommodation departure during the period.

Departures: Reason for Leaving

Chart 11: Departures from temporary accommodation in 2023-24 Q3, by reason for leaving



Base: 6

An individual may have had more than one accommodation departure during the period.

## 10. METHODOLOGY

From January 2014 onwards, CHAIN rough sleeping figures returned to being reported on a quarterly basis, following a two year period of reporting on a bi-monthly cycle.

Alongside the change in reporting period, we have also made some other adjustments to our reporting methodology. People who have been seen rough sleeping in more than one borough during the period will now be counted towards the figures for each relevant borough, rather than being assigned to one borough only, as was previously the case with bi-monthly reports. This means that the overall unique rough sleepers total for London will not be the same as the sum of all separate borough figures.

The new quarterly reports continue to employ the methodology of assigning rough sleepers to categories based on the following factors:

- Whether they were new rough sleepers during the period
- How many times they were seen rough sleeping during the period
- Number of days elapsed between first and last time they were seen rough sleeping during the period

We continue to apply the same thresholds for the above factors to the quarterly reporting period that we previously used for bi-monthly reporting. A further explanation of the individual categories follows.

### **New rough sleepers**

New rough sleepers, who were seen for the first time during the period. The total number of new rough sleepers is broken down into those who were seen just once and did not have a second night out, those who were seen on several occasions, but as yet have not been on the streets long enough to count as 'living on the streets', and those new to the streets who remained there long enough to fulfil the criteria for 'living on the streets' (outlined below).

### **Living on the streets (LOS)**

With the designation 'living on the streets' we refer to rough sleepers who have stayed on the streets after arriving, and are entrenched or at risk of becoming so. In determining who is counted as living on the streets we have used a combination of time on the streets (three or more weeks between the earliest and latest bedded down contact) and number of bedded down contacts (five or more contacts) during the period we are reporting on. If a person is seen bedded down six times, but only during one week, he or she does not count. If a person has four bedded down contacts, but spread over two months, he or she would also not count. To be counted a rough sleeper must have both elements.

The reporting period covers three months. However, to ensure that we do not miss those whose rough sleeping crosses over reporting periods we look back for the three weeks immediately before the start of the three month reporting period. For a rough sleeper in these circumstances, if they are not seen again, he or she will not be reported living on the streets in the next period.

The LOS total will include some who were new to the streets in the period, but whose stay extended beyond three weeks and who were seen bedded down at least five times - these are transferred from the new rough sleeper figures (shown in red in both section one and two of the report).

It is important to note that a rough sleeper who is included in the LOS total will not necessarily have been living on the streets for the entirety of the quarter in question, but they were living on the streets for a significant period during the quarter. The LOS total will also include some who are no longer on the streets, having gone into accommodation (or disappeared). They will not appear in the subsequent LOS total. Rough sleepers will only count as LOS during the period where they meet the above definition.

RS205+ refers to people who have been identified as especially hard to help because of their prolific history of rough sleeping. This group appear in the LOS chart if they have any number of bedded down contacts within the two months being reported on.

### **Intermittent rough sleepers**

Intermittent rough sleepers are those who are not new in this period, and have not been seen rough sleeping enough to be deemed living on the streets. This group includes those who sleep rough periodically for very short periods (including some street drinkers and beggars). It also will include those who return to the streets for a longer period (but in this period less than the 'living on the streets' definition). Those that go on to be living on the streets will appear in that category in the next period.

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