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1. INTRODUCTION

This quarterly report presents information about people seen rough sleeping by outreach teams in Outer Boroughs in January - March 2024.

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.

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:

New rough sleepers	Those who had not been contacted by outreach teams rough sleeping before the period
Living on the streets	Those who have had a high number of contacts over 3 weeks or more which suggests they are living on the streets
Intermittent rough sleepers	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 Q4, by new, living on the streets, and intermittent breakdown

Volumes	No. Rough Sleepers	Change from last period	Change on same period last year
New Rough Sleepers (All)	740	-89	+142
New RS with no second night out	584	-18	+93
New RS with a second night out but not living on the streets	143	-67	+39
New RS joining living on the streets population*	13	-4	+10
Living on the Streets (All)	110	-36	+29
LOS - Transferred from new RS*	13	-4	+10
LOS - Known	95	-31	+22
LOS - RS205+	2	-1	-3
Intermittent Rough Sleepers	465	-33	+107
Total	1302	-154	+268

*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 Q4 to 2023-24 Q4

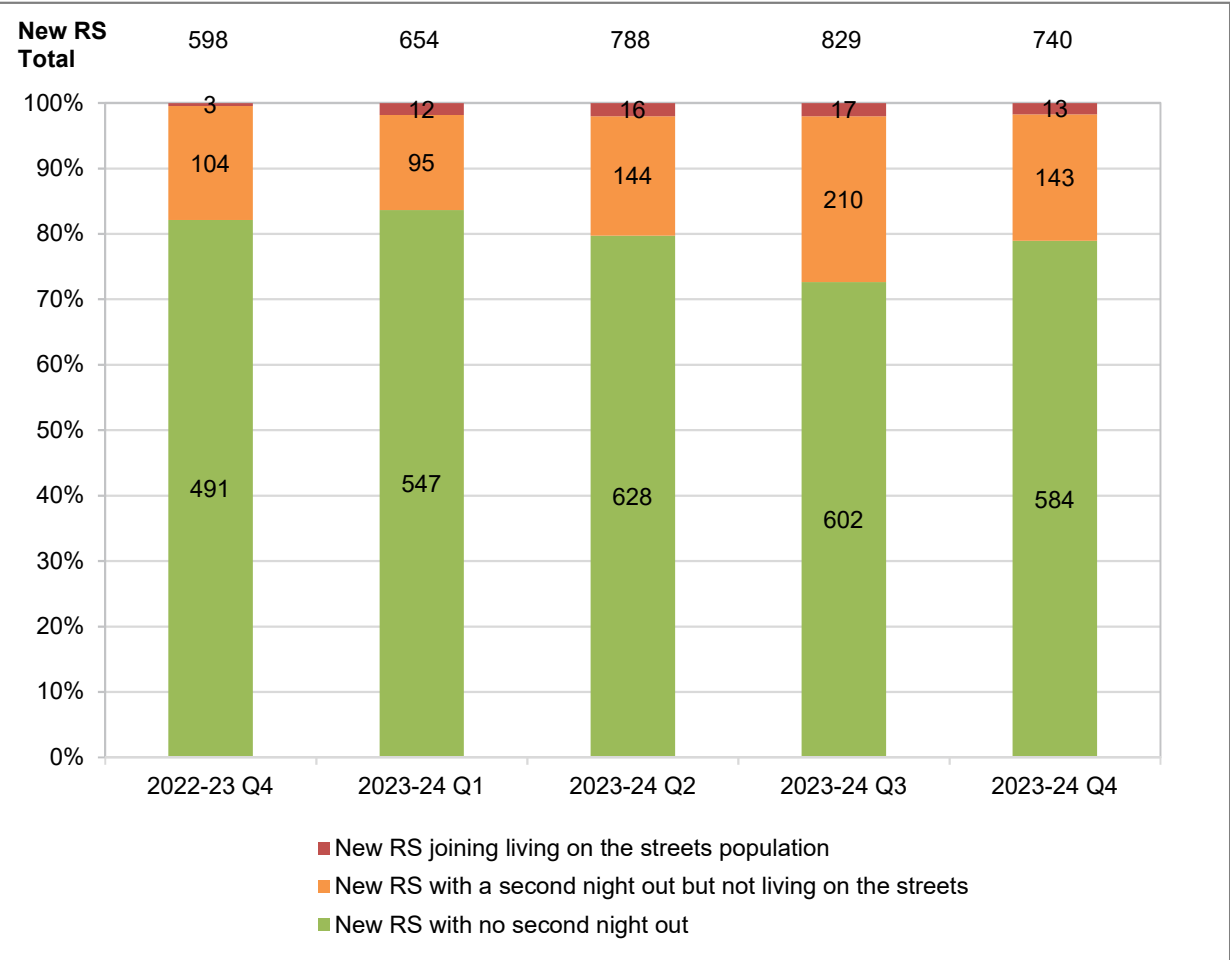


Table 2: New rough sleepers in 2023-24 Q4, by subcategory

Category	No. this period
New RS with no second night out	584
New RS with a second night out but not living on the streets	143
New RS joining living on the streets population	13
Total	740

New RS = New rough sleepers

Outer Boroughs: No One Living on the Streets

Chart 2: People living on the streets 2022-23 Q4 to 2023-24 Q4

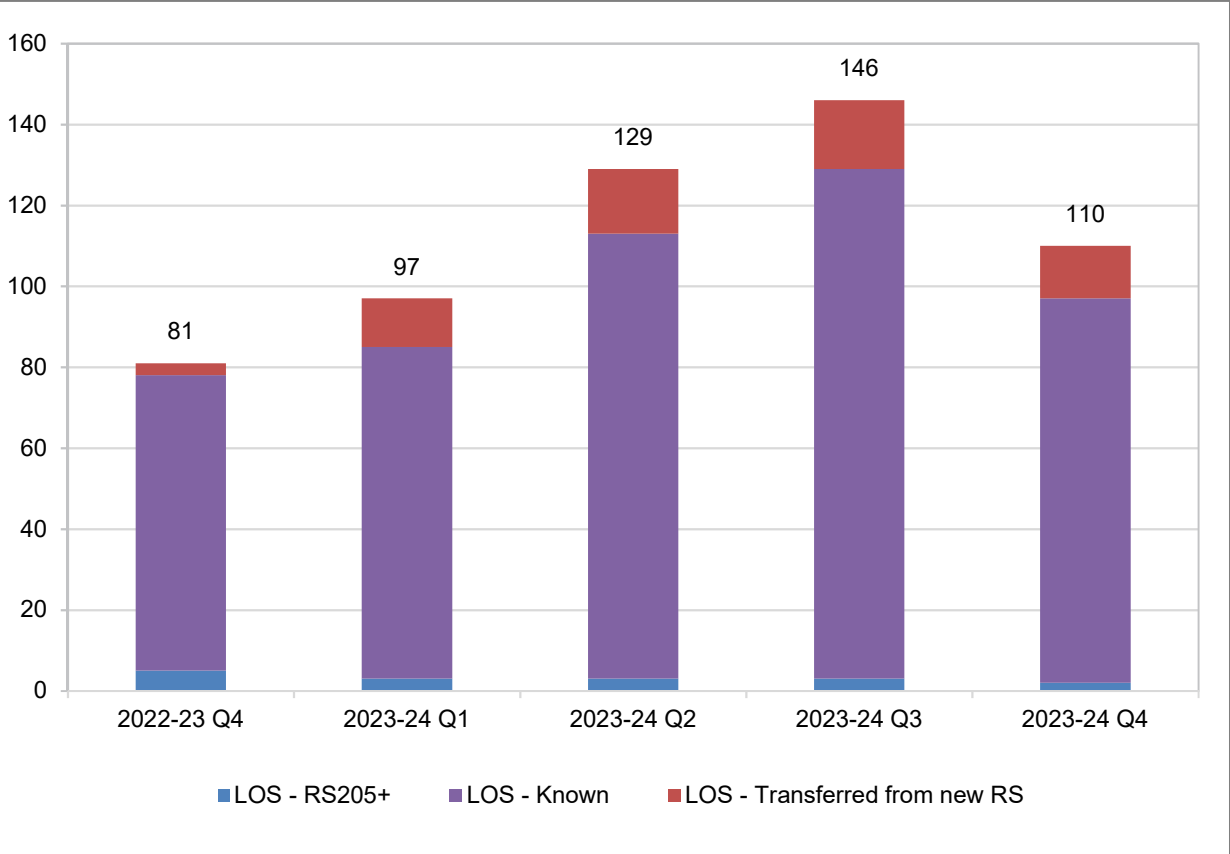


Table 3: People living on the streets in 2023-24 Q4, by subcategory

Category	No. this period
LOS - Transferred from new RS	13
LOS - Known	95
LOS - RS205+	2
Total	110

Outer Boroughs: Intermittent Rough Sleepers

Chart 3: Intermittent rough sleepers 2022-23 Q4 to 2023-24 Q4

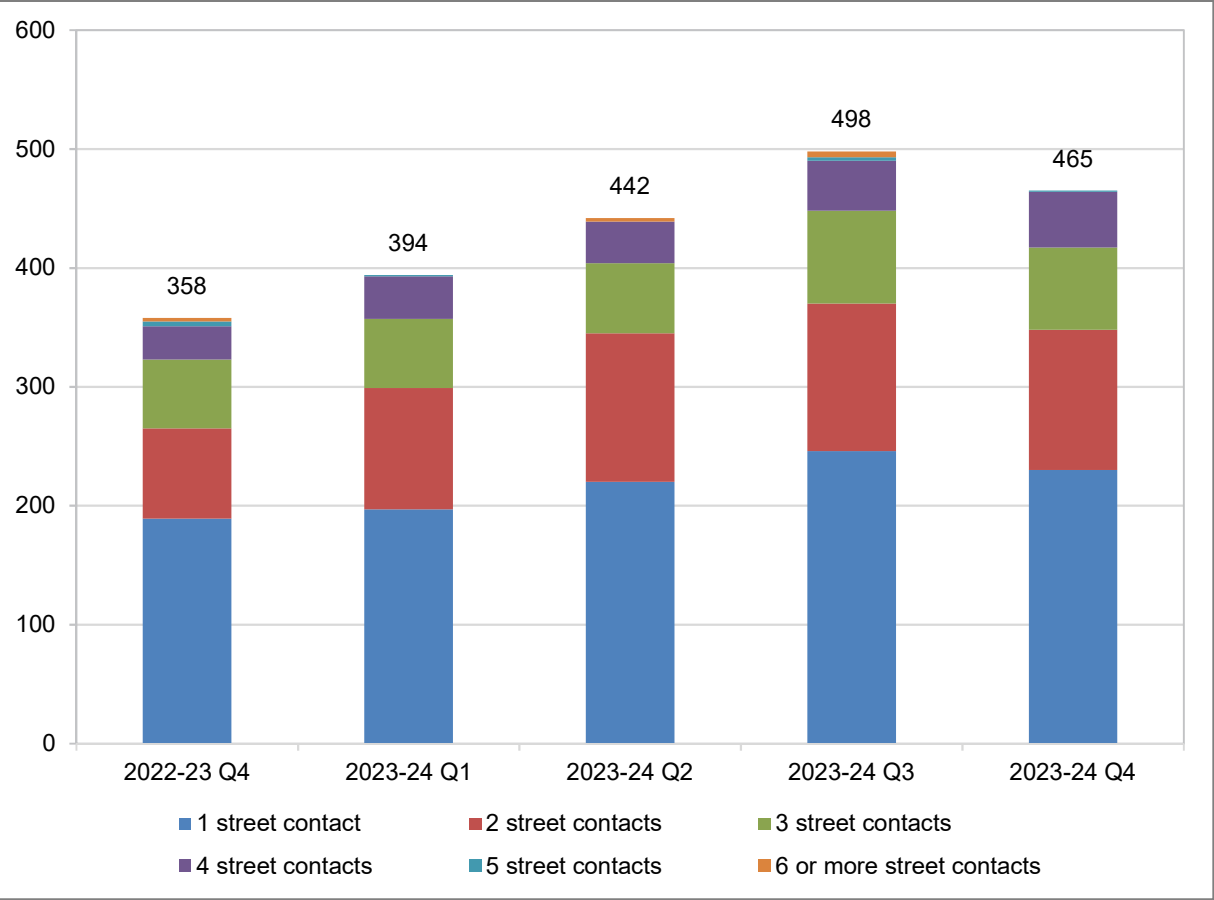


Table 4: Intermittent rough sleepers in 2023-24 Q4, by number of bedded down contacts during the period

No. bedded down street contacts during this period	No. intermittent rough sleepers
1 street contact	230
2 street contacts	118
3 street contacts	69
4 street contacts	47
5 street contacts	1
6 or more street contacts	0
Total	465

Outer Boroughs: Distribution

Table 5: People seen rough sleeping in 2023-24 Q4, by borough

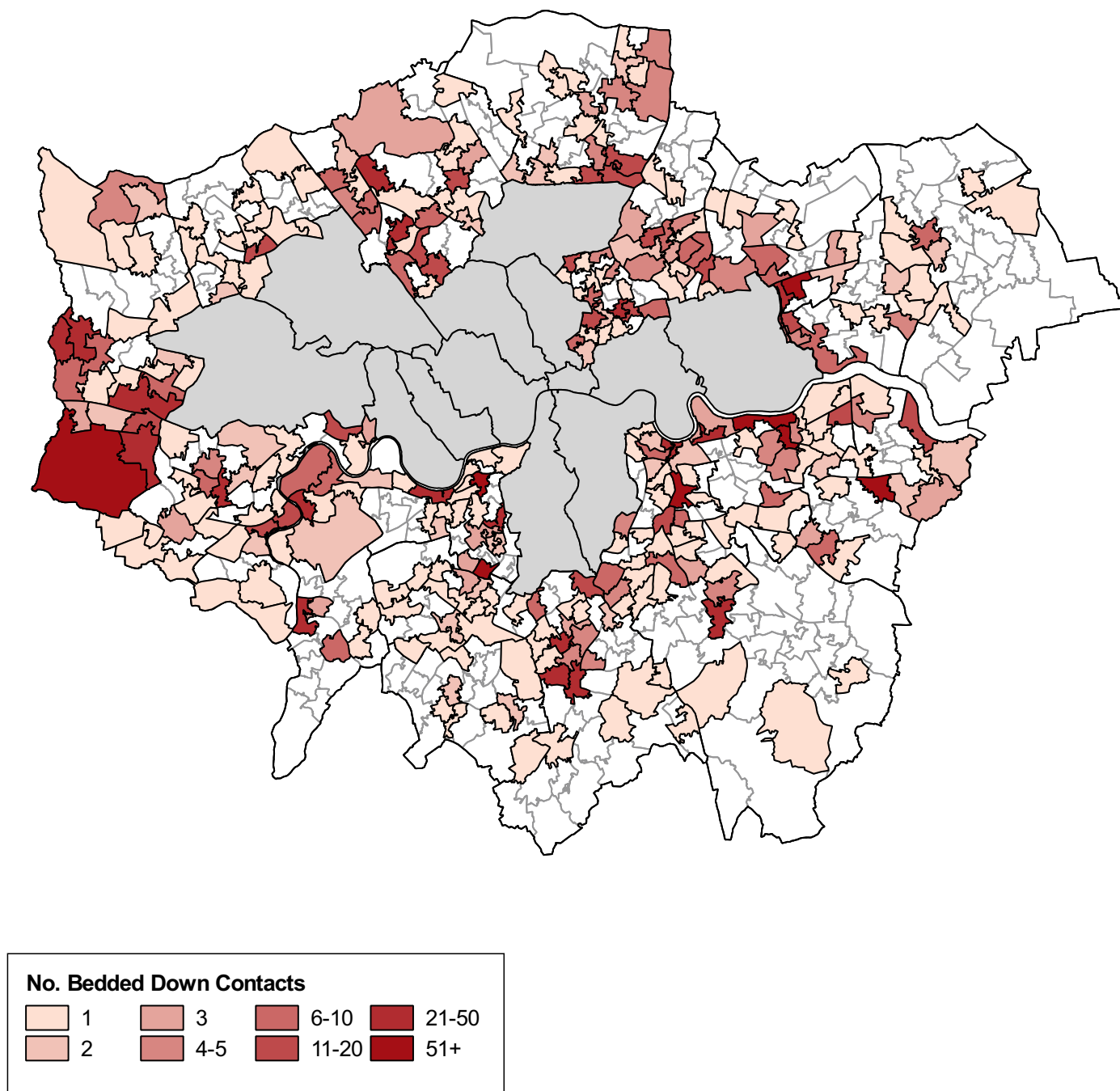
BOROUGH	New RS with no second night out	New RS with a second night out but not living on the streets	New RS joining living on the streets population	LOS - Known	LOS - RS205+	Intermittent rough sleeper	TOTAL
Barking & Dagenham	14	5	0	0	0	9	28
Barnet	31	13	0	8	0	20	72
Bexley	11	4	2	7	0	10	34
Bromley	24	4	1	0	0	10	39
Croydon	54	14	1	2	0	53	124
Enfield	34	8	0	3	0	18	63
Greenwich	51	15	5	22	0	41	134
Hackney	24	11	1	5	0	20	61
Harrow	27	1	0	0	0	6	34
Havering	11	0	0	0	0	6	17
Heathrow	41	16	1	2	0	24	84
Hillingdon	56	13	0	7	0	42	118
Hounslow	36	3	0	2	0	22	63
Kingston upon Thames	9	2	0	1	0	21	33
Lewisham	44	9	0	9	1	36	99
Merton	13	2	0	2	0	5	22
Redbridge	34	13	0	7	0	35	89
Richmond	9	1	0	6	1	12	29
Sutton	10	0	0	0	0	2	12
Waltham Forest	24	9	0	3	0	29	65
Wandsworth	10	4	1	14	0	36	65
Bus route	16	2	1	0	0	11	30
Tube line	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
UNIQUE TOTAL	584	143	13	95	2	465	1302

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 Q2 to 2023-24 Q4

	Jul-Sep 23		Oct-Dec 23		Jan-Mar 24	
Nationality	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
UK	676	53.7%	627	45.5%	591	48.0%
Romania	80	6.4%	79	5.7%	82	6.7%
Poland	60	4.8%	91	6.6%	78	6.3%
Lithuania	18	1.4%	20	1.5%	22	1.8%
Portugal	15	1.2%	16	1.2%	12	1.0%
Ireland (Republic of)	17	1.4%	14	1.0%	11	0.9%
Bulgaria	10	0.8%	14	1.0%	7	0.6%
Italy	6	0.5%	4	0.3%	8	0.6%
Latvia	4	0.3%	6	0.4%	4	0.3%
France	3	0.2%	5	0.4%	4	0.3%
Spain	7	0.6%	2	0.1%	3	0.2%
Other European (EEA) countries	22	1.7%	19	1.4%	12	1.0%
Europe (EEA)	242	19.2%	270	19.6%	243	19.7%
Europe (Non-EEA)	21	1.7%	22	1.6%	13	1.1%
Europe (Not known)	6	0.5%	9	0.7%	0	0.0%
Eritrea	38	3.0%	100	7.3%	66	5.4%
Sudan	27	2.1%	49	3.6%	54	4.4%
Nigeria	16	1.3%	24	1.7%	19	1.5%
Somalia	10	0.8%	9	0.7%	7	0.6%
Ethiopia	4	0.3%	6	0.4%	14	1.1%
Other African countries	53	4.2%	52	3.8%	49	4.0%
Africa	148	11.8%	240	17.4%	209	17.0%
India	49	3.9%	70	5.1%	38	3.1%
Afghanistan	24	1.9%	28	2.0%	39	3.2%
Iran	20	1.6%	27	2.0%	21	1.7%
Pakistan	8	0.6%	11	0.8%	10	0.8%
Bangladesh	1	0.1%	2	0.1%	3	0.2%
Other Asian countries	29	2.3%	44	3.2%	46	3.7%
Asia	131	10.4%	182	13.2%	157	12.8%
Americas	34	2.7%	28	2.0%	17	1.4%
Australasia	1	0.1%	0	0.0%	1	0.1%
Not known	84		78		71	
Total (excl. not known)	1259	100.0%	1378	100.0%	1231	100.0%
Total (incl. not known)	1343		1456		1302	

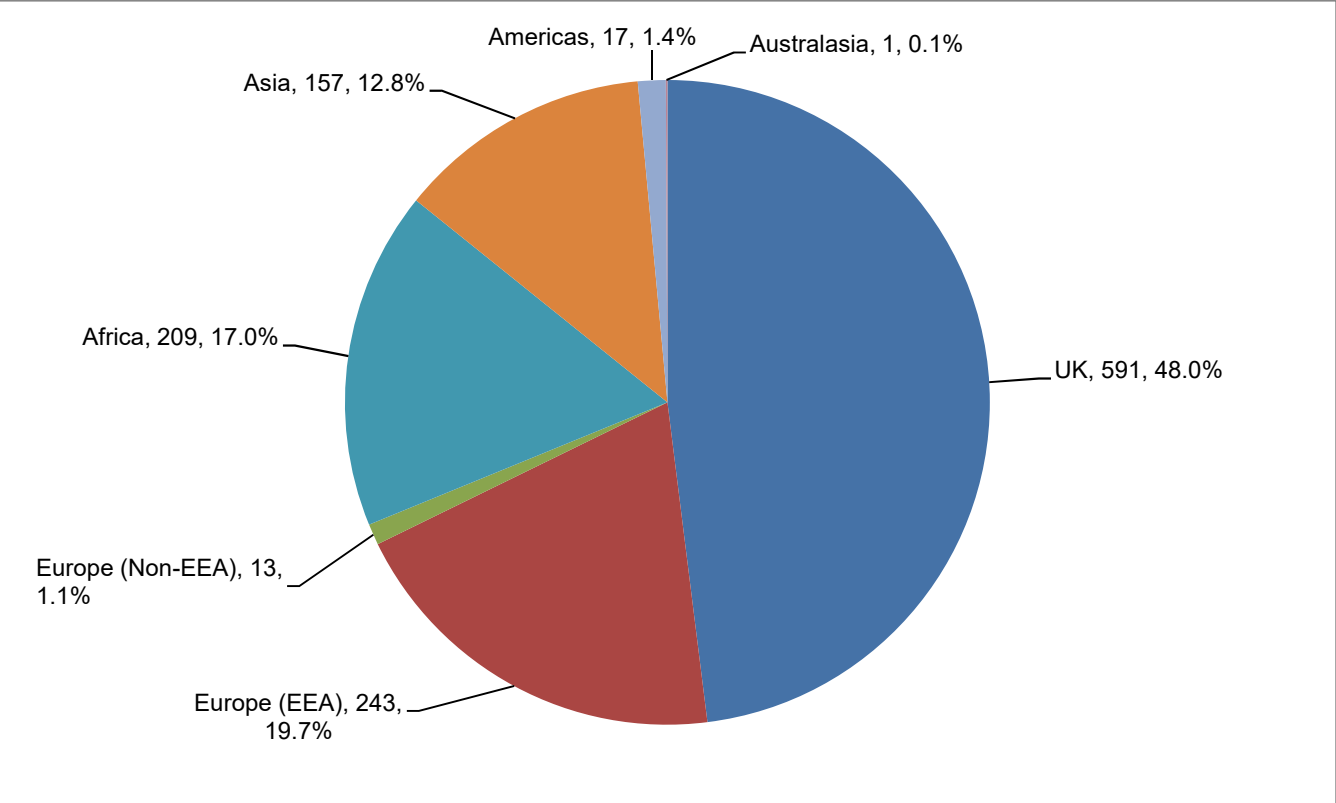
Total excluding not known is used as the base for percentages.

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 Q4, by nationality



Base: 1231 people seen rough sleeping during the period whose nationality was known.

Nationality: Borough breakdown

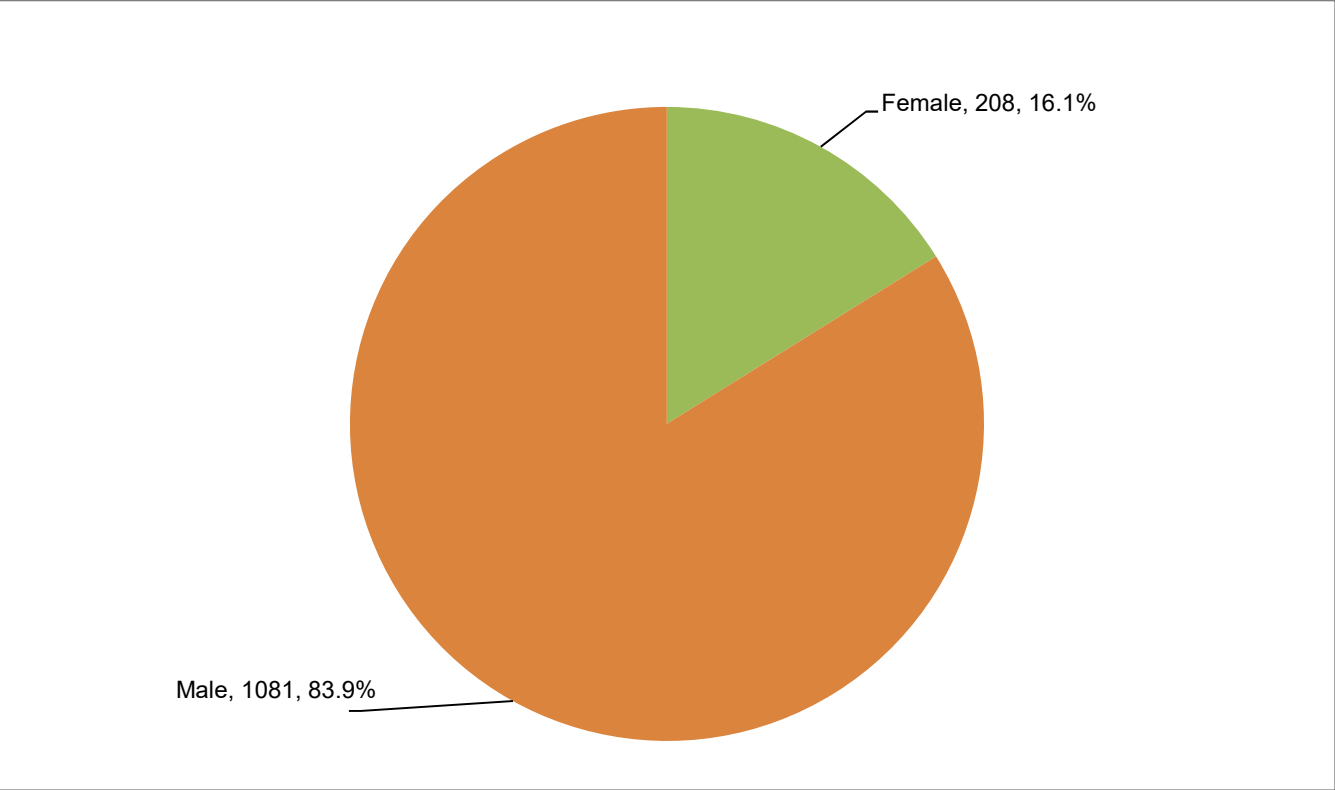
Table 7: Nationality of people seen rough sleeping during 2023-24 Q4, by borough

Borough	UK	Europe (EEA)	Europe (Non-EEA)	Europe (Not known)	Africa	Asia	Americas	Australasia	Not known	Total
Barking & Dagenham	7	10	0	0	6	4	0	0	1	28
Barnet	26	16	0	0	12	13	1	0	4	72
Bexley	28	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	2	34
Bromley	22	0	0	0	12	1	3	0	1	39
Croydon	63	20	0	0	17	16	2	0	6	124
Enfield	23	15	2	0	19	2	0	0	2	63
Greenwich	70	20	0	0	18	9	1	0	16	134
Hackney	21	8	2	0	14	3	2	0	11	61
Harrow	22	3	0	0	3	5	0	0	1	34
Havering	12	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	17
Heathrow	37	19	3	0	6	14	4	0	1	84
Hillingdon	51	14	0	0	27	22	1	0	3	118
Hounslow	19	13	0	0	18	9	0	0	4	63
Kingston upon Thames	10	22	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	33
Lewisham	52	11	2	0	17	11	0	0	6	99
Merton	8	6	0	0	2	6	0	0	0	22
Redbridge	24	16	2	0	19	27	0	0	1	89
Richmond	25	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	29
Sutton	10	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	12
Waltham Forest	25	21	2	0	6	5	1	0	5	65
Wandsworth	31	24	0	0	1	6	0	0	3	65
Bus route	9	4	0	0	10	4	1	1	1	30
Tube line	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1

5. DEMOGRAPHICS

Gender

Chart 5: People seen rough sleeping in 2023-24 Q4, by gender



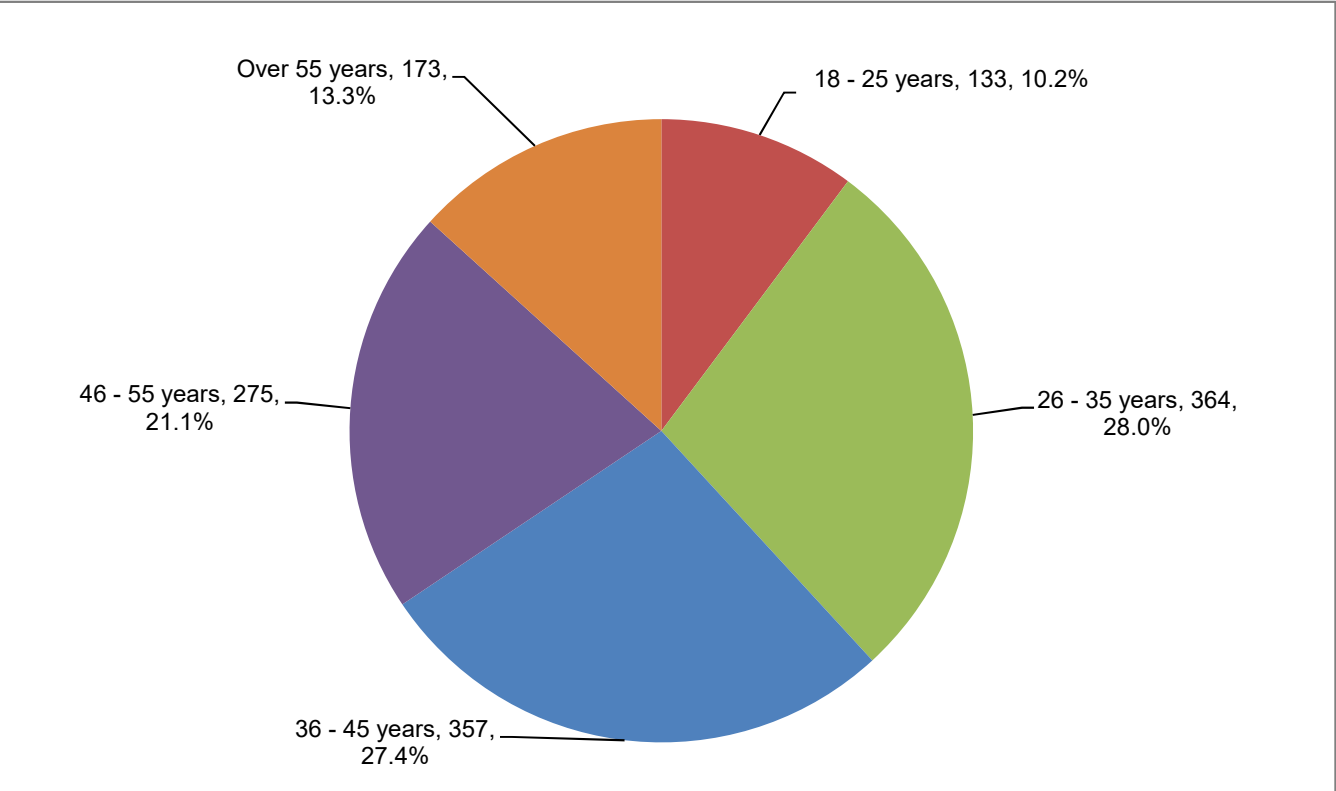
Base: 1289 people seen rough sleeping whose gender was known. This excludes 13 people whose gender was not known.

Table 8: Gender of people seen rough sleeping during 2023-24 Q4, by borough

Borough	Female	Male	Non-binary	Not known	Total
Barking & Dagenham	5	23	0	0	28
Barnet	6	66	0	0	72
Bexley	2	31	0	1	34
Bromley	5	34	0	0	39
Croydon	21	102	0	1	124
Enfield	12	51	0	0	63
Greenwich	23	109	0	2	134
Hackney	14	44	0	3	61
Harrow	4	30	0	0	34
Havering	2	14	0	1	17
Heathrow	21	63	0	0	84
Hillingdon	17	101	0	0	118
Hounslow	10	52	0	1	63
Kingston upon Thames	11	22	0	0	33
Lewisham	25	74	0	0	99
Merton	0	22	0	0	22
Redbridge	9	79	0	1	89
Richmond	1	27	0	1	29
Sutton	1	11	0	0	12
Waltham Forest	11	53	0	1	65
Wandsworth	5	59	0	1	65
Bus route	7	23	0	0	30
Tube line	0	1	0	0	1

Age

Chart 6: People seen rough sleeping in 2023-24 Q4, by age



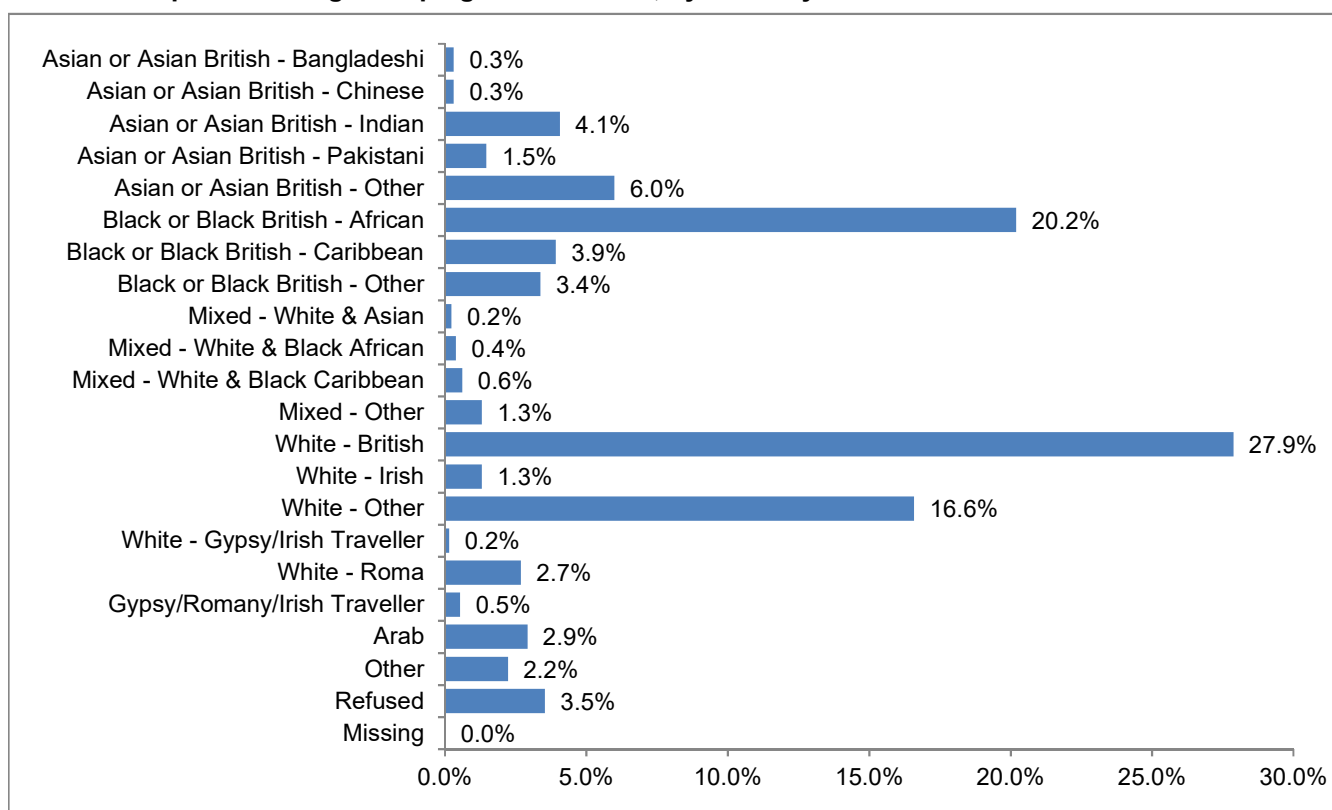
Base: 1302

Table 9: Age of people seen rough sleeping during 2023-24 Q4, 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	1	8	9	6	4	28
Barnet	0	3	25	16	18	10	72
Bexley	0	2	10	10	9	3	34
Bromley	0	7	18	7	2	5	39
Croydon	0	17	33	34	25	15	124
Enfield	0	6	23	15	10	9	63
Greenwich	0	9	39	44	24	18	134
Hackney	0	6	13	24	14	4	61
Harrow	0	5	11	4	7	7	34
Havering	0	2	5	7	2	1	17
Heathrow	0	8	15	20	15	26	84
Hillingdon	0	20	33	27	27	11	118
Hounslow	0	9	18	18	12	6	63
Kingston upon Thames	0	5	7	5	14	2	33
Lewisham	0	9	34	28	18	10	99
Merton	0	3	5	8	3	3	22
Redbridge	0	8	23	24	24	10	89
Richmond	0	1	5	9	5	9	29
Sutton	0	2	3	3	3	1	12
Waltham Forest	0	3	19	24	16	3	65
Wandsworth	0	6	15	20	16	8	65
Bus route	0	3	7	4	7	9	30
Tube line	0	0	0	0	0	1	1

Ethnicity

Chart 7: People seen rough sleeping in 2023-24 Q4, by ethnicity



Base: 1302

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.

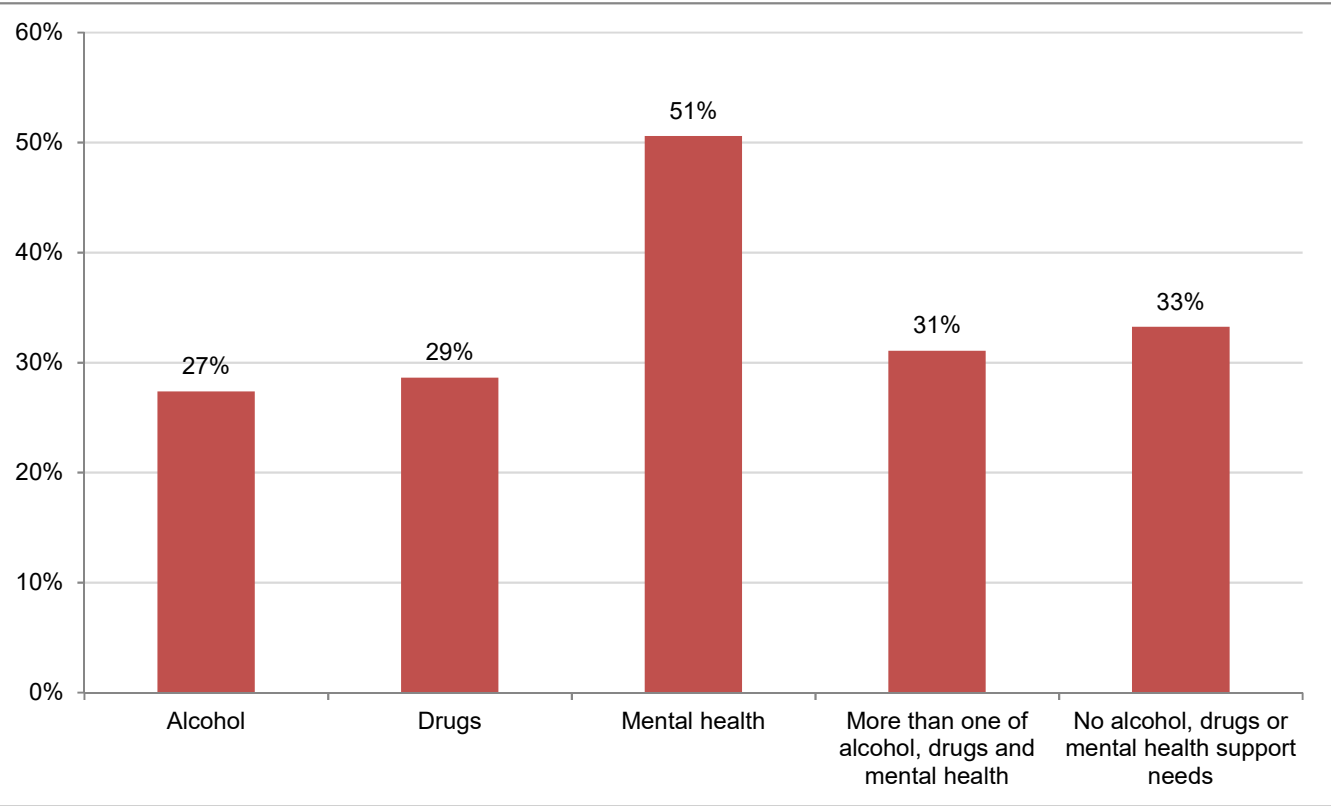
Table 10: Ethnicity of people seen rough sleeping during 2023-24 Q4, by borough

Borough	Asian (incl. Chinese)	Black	Mixed	White - British	White - Irish	White - Other	White - Gypsy/ Irish Traveller/ Roma	Arab/ Other	Missing/ Refused	Total
Barking & Dagenham	4	9	2	3	1	8	0	1	0	28
Barnet	7	17	3	15	0	18	2	8	2	72
Bexley	1	3	0	26	1	1	1	0	1	34
Bromley	1	21	0	10	1	1	0	5	0	39
Croydon	13	33	5	41	2	18	0	8	4	124
Enfield	1	32	1	8	0	14	3	2	2	63
Greenwich	11	34	7	49	2	23	0	3	5	134
Hackney	2	23	2	11	2	10	1	2	8	61
Harrow	3	14	2	6	0	4	1	3	1	34
Havering	3	1	0	11	1	0	0	0	1	17
Heathrow	19	18	3	15	2	17	0	7	3	84
Hillingdon	22	29	2	39	1	12	2	9	2	118
Hounslow	9	21	1	10	1	14	0	4	3	63
Kingston upon Thames	1	3	1	5	0	1	21	1	0	33
Lewisham	7	36	3	28	0	15	1	5	4	99
Merton	4	5	0	4	1	6	0	2	0	22
Redbridge	32	24	1	10	0	16	1	4	1	89
Richmond	1	3	0	21	0	1	0	1	2	29
Sutton	1	2	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	12
Waltham Forest	10	9	1	15	1	23	0	2	4	65
Wandsworth	5	5	0	27	1	13	11	2	1	65
Bus route	4	18	0	2	0	3	0	1	2	30
Tube line	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

6. SUPPORT NEEDS

Support needs: Overall figures

Chart 8: People seen rough sleeping in 2023-24 Q4, by support needs



Base: 1107. Note that the base figure for this chart excludes people for whom none of the three support needs were known or assessed (195)

Table 11: People seen rough sleeping in 2023-24 Q4, by support needs combination

Support Needs	No. people	% of people seen rough sleeping
Alcohol only	87	8%
Drugs only	59	5%
Mental health only	237	21%
Alcohol and drugs	21	2%
Alcohol and mental health	86	8%
Drugs and mental health	128	12%
Alcohol, drugs and mental health	109	10%
All three no	368	33%
All three no, not known or not assessed	12	1%
All three not known or not assessed	195	
Total (excl. not assessed)	1107	100%
Total (incl. not assessed)	1302	

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 Q4, by borough

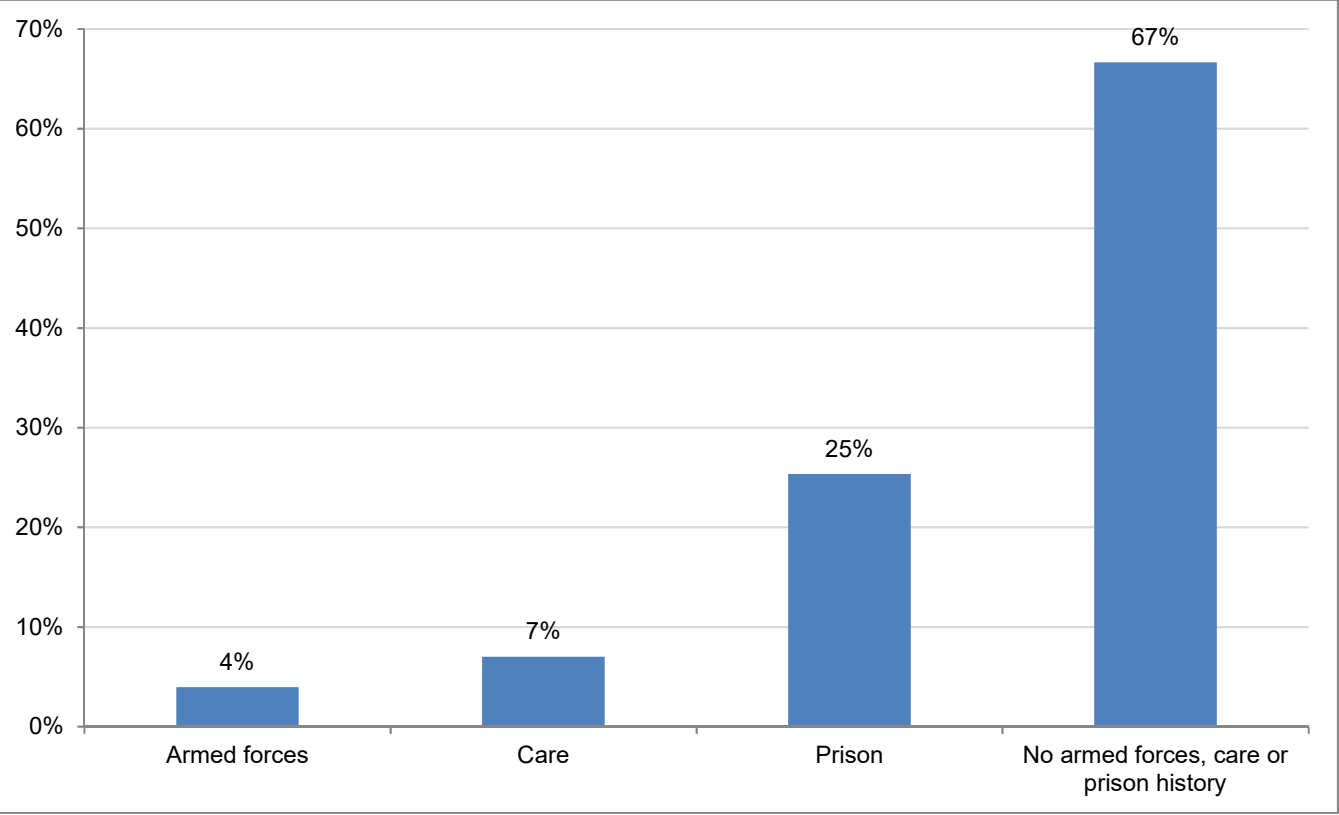
Borough	Alcohol	Drugs	Mental health	More than one of alcohol, drugs and mental health	No alcohol, drugs or mental health support needs	Total assessed*
Barking & Dagenham	10	5	9	5	9	27
Barnet	16	14	31	15	27	67
Bexley	6	16	23	15	4	31
Bromley	9	9	16	10	9	27
Croydon	33	36	48	38	30	103
Enfield	7	8	17	7	31	56
Greenwich	29	53	75	54	23	109
Hackney	17	19	26	18	12	47
Harrow	3	6	14	5	10	27
Havering	3	6	9	5	2	12
Heathrow	13	8	37	9	30	79
Hillingdon	21	26	55	28	32	98
Hounslow	8	6	28	10	23	54
Kingston upon Thames	3	4	7	4	21	32
Lewisham	28	25	44	32	27	86
Merton	8	2	8	5	3	15
Redbridge	32	20	31	23	30	83
Richmond	17	13	19	16	6	29
Sutton	4	2	6	3	4	12
Waltham Forest	11	19	19	14	11	43
Wandsworth	23	22	34	28	15	56
Bus route	7	0	13	4	11	27
Tube line	0	0	0	0	1	1

*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 Q4, by experience of armed forces, care or prison



Base: 1085. 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 Q4 with experience of armed forces

Nationality	No. people	% of people seen rough sleeping
UK	13	1%
Non-UK	30	3%
Not known/recorded	0	0%
Total	43	4%

Institutional & armed forces history: Borough breakdown

Table 14: Institutional & armed forces history of people seen rough sleeping during 2023-24 Q4, by borough

Borough	Armed forces	Care	Prison	No institutional or armed forces history	Total assessed*
Barking & Dagenham	0	1	8	17	26
Barnet	6	6	10	45	64
Bexley	0	3	17	14	32
Bromley	1	1	7	20	30
Croydon	7	7	27	56	95
Enfield	3	3	12	38	54
Greenwich	2	17	42	55	106
Hackney	5	4	16	25	45
Harrow	0	2	5	23	30
Havering	0	1	5	7	12
Heathrow	5	1	8	62	76
Hillingdon	3	2	22	70	97
Hounslow	2	4	9	40	53
Kingston upon Thames	0	0	2	27	30
Lewisham	2	9	28	47	84
Merton	0	2	4	11	16
Redbridge	3	1	15	64	83
Richmond	2	4	11	14	27
Sutton	1	0	2	9	11
Waltham Forest	0	7	14	25	46
Wandsworth	1	2	10	44	56
Bus route	0	1	3	20	25
Tube line	0	0	1	0	1

*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 Q4, compared to 2023-24 Q3, by number of people

	Oct-Dec 23	Jan-Mar 24
Outcome	No. people	No. people
Booked into accommodation or reconnected	422	393
Booked into accommodation	403	377
Booked into hub, shelter or emergency accommodation	208	215
Booked into temporary accommodation	190	168
Booked into long-term accommodation	38	46
Reconnected	27	22

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

Table 16: Reconnection outcomes achieved during 2023-24 Q4, compared to 2023-24 Q3, by number of outcomes

	Oct-Dec 23		Jan-Mar 24	
Reconnection reason	No. events	%	No. events	%
Return to home area	21	78%	13	59%
Seeking work	1	4%	0	0%
Move to area for friends/family	9	33%	7	32%
Move to area with appropriate services	12	44%	12	55%
Reconnections total	27		22	

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.

	Oct-Dec 23		Jan-Mar 24	
Reconnection destination	No. events	%	No. events	%
UK - London	6	22%	12	55%
UK - outside London	8	30%	8	36%
Europe	4	15%	0	0%
Rest of the world	9	33%	2	9%
<i>Not known</i>	0		0	
Reconnections total (excl. destination not known)	27	100%	22	100%

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

Table 17: Accommodation outcomes achieved during 2023-24 Q4, compared to 2023-24 Q3, by number of outcomes

Accommodation type	Oct-Dec 23		Jan-Mar 24	
	No. events	%	No. events	%
Hubs, shelters and emergency accommodation				
Hub	12	2%	11	2%
Nightstop	0	0%	3	1%
SWEP (Local)	158	32%	183	37%
SWEP (Pan-London)	18	4%	30	6%
Winter/Night Shelter	55	11%	39	8%
<i>Hubs, shelters and emergency accommodation subtotal</i>	<i>243</i>	<i>49%</i>	<i>266</i>	<i>53%</i>
Temporary accommodation				
Assessment centre	13	3%	13	3%
Bed & breakfast	52	10%	36	7%
Clinic/Detox/Rehab	0	0%	2	0%
Friends & family	12	2%	20	4%
Hostel	27	5%	33	7%
Local authority temporary accommodation	89	18%	68	14%
Staging post	0	0%	0	0%
Other temporary accommodation	22	4%	17	3%
<i>Temporary accommodation subtotal</i>	<i>215</i>	<i>43%</i>	<i>189</i>	<i>38%</i>
Long-term accommodation				
Care home	0	0%	0	0%
Clearing House/RSI	2	0%	0	0%
Local authority tenancy (general needs)	6	1%	1	0%
Private rented sector - independent	10	2%	20	4%
Private rented sector - with some floating support	2	0%	9	2%
RSL tenancy (general needs)	0	0%	1	0%
Sheltered housing	2	0%	7	1%
Supported housing	15	3%	8	2%
Tied accommodation	0	0%	0	0%
Other long-term accommodation	1	0%	0	0%
<i>Long-term accommodation subtotal</i>	<i>38</i>	<i>8%</i>	<i>46</i>	<i>9%</i>
Total	496	100%	501	100%

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.

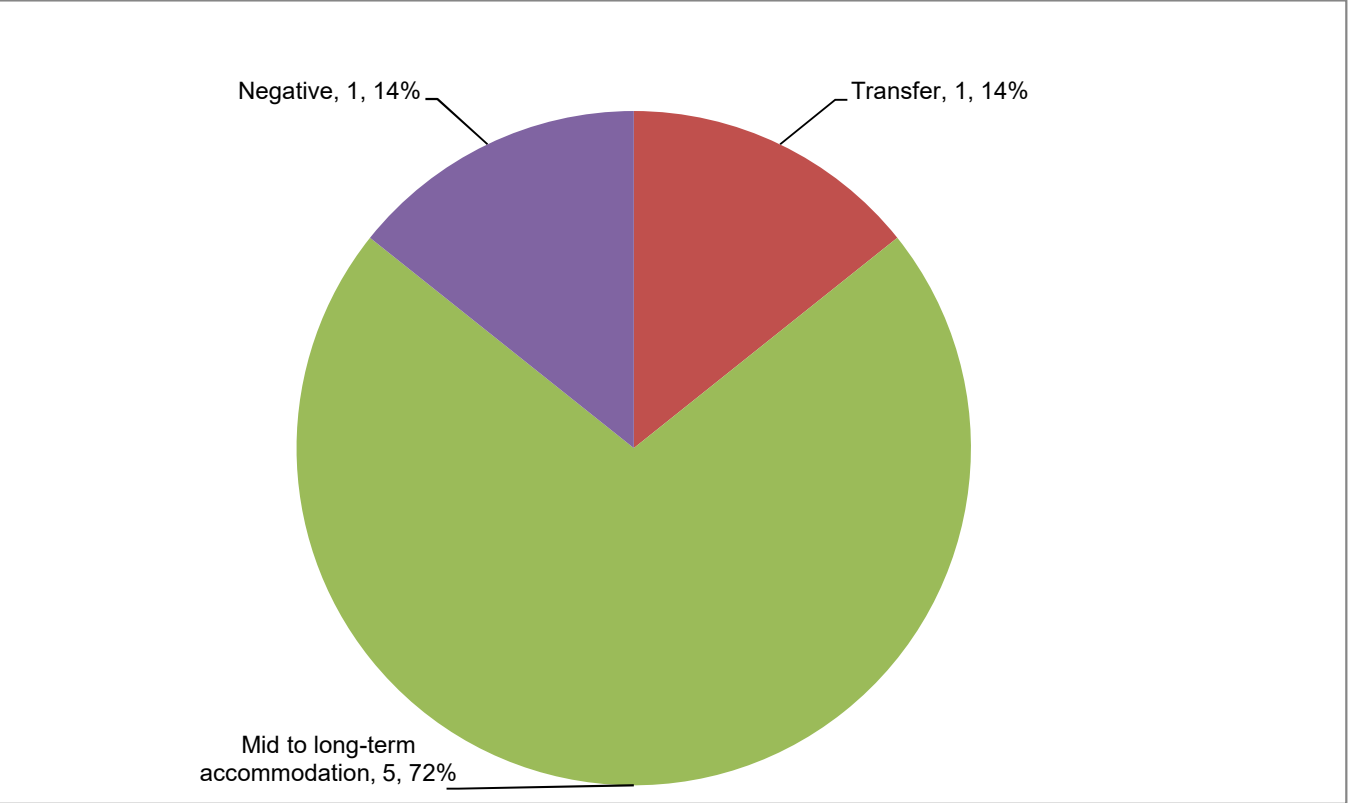
Arrivals

A total of 4 individuals arrived at temporary accommodation during the period.

Departures: Destination on Departure

A total of 7 individuals departed from temporary accommodation during the period.

Chart 10: Departures from temporary accommodation in 2023-24 Q4, by destination on departure



Base: 7

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	Other	

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

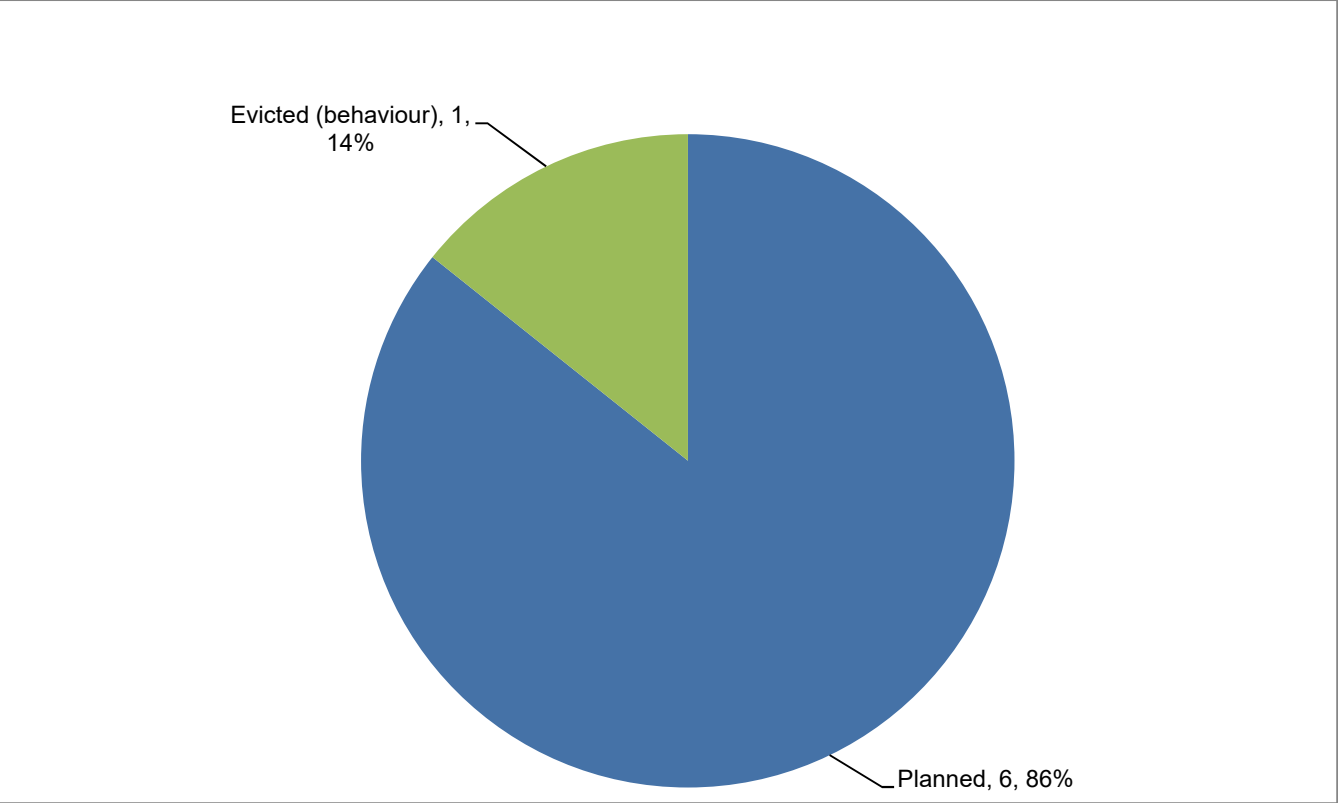
Table 18: Departures from temporary accommodation in 2023-24 Q4, by destination on departure

Destination on departure	No. departures	%
Transfer		
Assessment centre	0	0%
Bed & breakfast	0	0%
Detox clinic	1	14%
Hospital - not long-term/acute care	0	0%
Hostel - another organisation	0	0%
Hostel - within the organisation	0	0%
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>14%</i>
Mid to long-term accommodation		
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)	1	14%
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	14%
Supported Housing	3	43%
Tied accommodation with work	0	0%
<i>Mid to long-term accommodation subtotal</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>71%</i>
Negative		
Died by suicide	0	0%
Not known	1	14%
Sleeping rough/Returned to streets	0	0%
Taken into custody	0	0%
<i>Negative subtotal</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>14%</i>
Other		
Died	0	0%
Previous home	0	0%
Staying with family	0	0%
Staying with friends	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<i>Other subtotal</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0%</i>
Total	7	100%

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 Q4, by reason for leaving



Base: 7

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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