

---

# **CHAIN QUARTERLY REPORT**

## **OUTER BOROUGHES**

### **APRIL - JUNE 2025**

**SUPPORTED BY  
MAYOR OF LONDON**



# **COPYRIGHT**

**Greater London Authority**  
**July 2025**

Published by  
Greater London Authority  
City Hall  
Kamal Chunchie Way  
London  
E16 1ZE  
**[www.london.gov.uk](http://www.london.gov.uk)**

CHAIN enquiries 020 7840 4451

Copies of this report are available  
from <http://data.london.gov.uk>

# CONTENTS

## 1. INTRODUCTION

## 2. ROUGH SLEEPER POPULATION ANALYSIS

- Headlines
- Achieving no second night out
- No one living on the streets
- Intermittent rough sleepers
- Distribution

## 3. SPATIAL DISTRIBUTION

- Bedded down street contacts by area: Greater London level

## 4. NATIONALITY

- Nationality: Rolling figures
- Nationality: Breakdown by area

## 5. DEMOGRAPHICS

- Gender
- Age
- Ethnicity

## 6. SUPPORT NEEDS

## 7. INSTITUTIONAL & ARMED FORCES HISTORY

## 8. ACCOMMODATION OUTCOMES

## 9. METHODOLOGY

## 1. INTRODUCTION

This quarterly report presents information about people seen rough sleeping by outreach teams in Outer Boroughs in April - June 2025.

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>. A suite of interactive charts and maps based on the data can be accessed via the CHAIN Quarterly Data Visualisations Tool at <https://bit.ly/chain-quarterly-vis-tool>.

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.

### Changes to CHAIN quarterly report content for 2025/26

From 2025/26 Q1 onwards, we have discontinued the use of the LOS - RS205+ population subcategory, which had been part of the overall Living on the Streets (LOS) group. This subcategory had allowed people who were members of the RS205 entrenched rough sleepers cohort to be counted as Living on the Streets during the period even if they had only been seen bedded down once, where other individuals were required to meet the criteria of having five bedded down contacts recorded across at least three weeks. It was felt that more accurate analysis could be achieved by applying the same criteria to all people seen rough sleeping in the period, regardless of prior membership of other cohorts.

This change could have the effect of slightly reducing overall Living on the Streets totals as presented in the report, although it is anticipated that the impact will be minor. The change in methodology should be borne in mind when comparing Living on the Streets totals from before and after April 2025.

## 2. ROUGH SLEEPER POPULATION ANALYSIS

### Outer Boroughs: Headlines

Table 1: People seen rough sleeping in 2025-26 Q1, 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>823</b>	<b>+79</b>	<b>+102</b>
New RS with no second night out	617	+18	+57
New RS with a second night out but not living on the streets	175	+44	+32
New RS joining living on the streets population*	31	+17	+13
<b>Living on the Streets (All)</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>+55</b>	<b>+77</b>
LOS - Transferred from new RS*	31	+17	+13
LOS - Known	195	+43	+65
<b>Intermittent Rough Sleepers</b>	<b>516</b>	<b>+6</b>	<b>-25</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,534</b>	<b>+123</b>	<b>+141</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 2024-25 Q1 to 2025-26 Q1

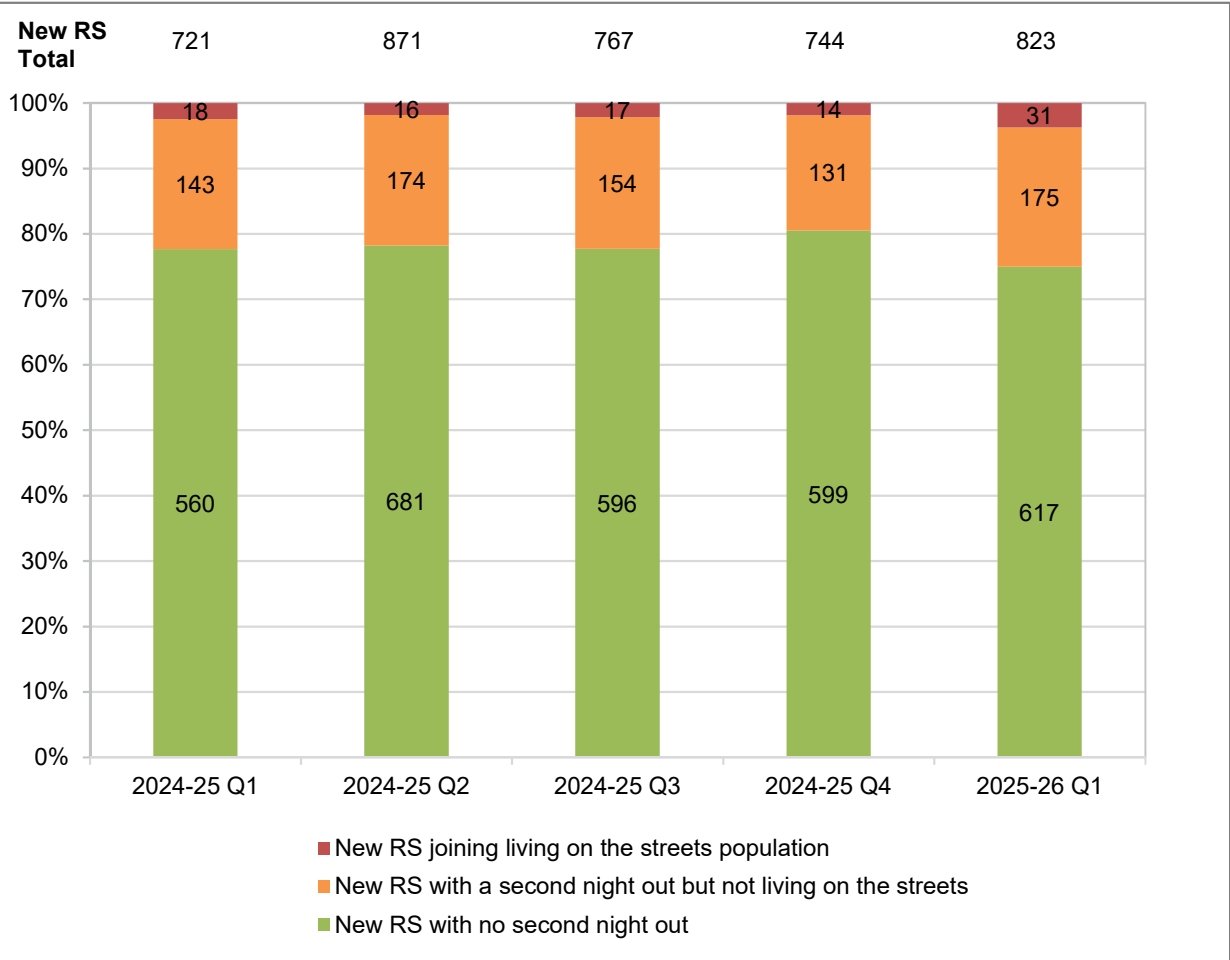


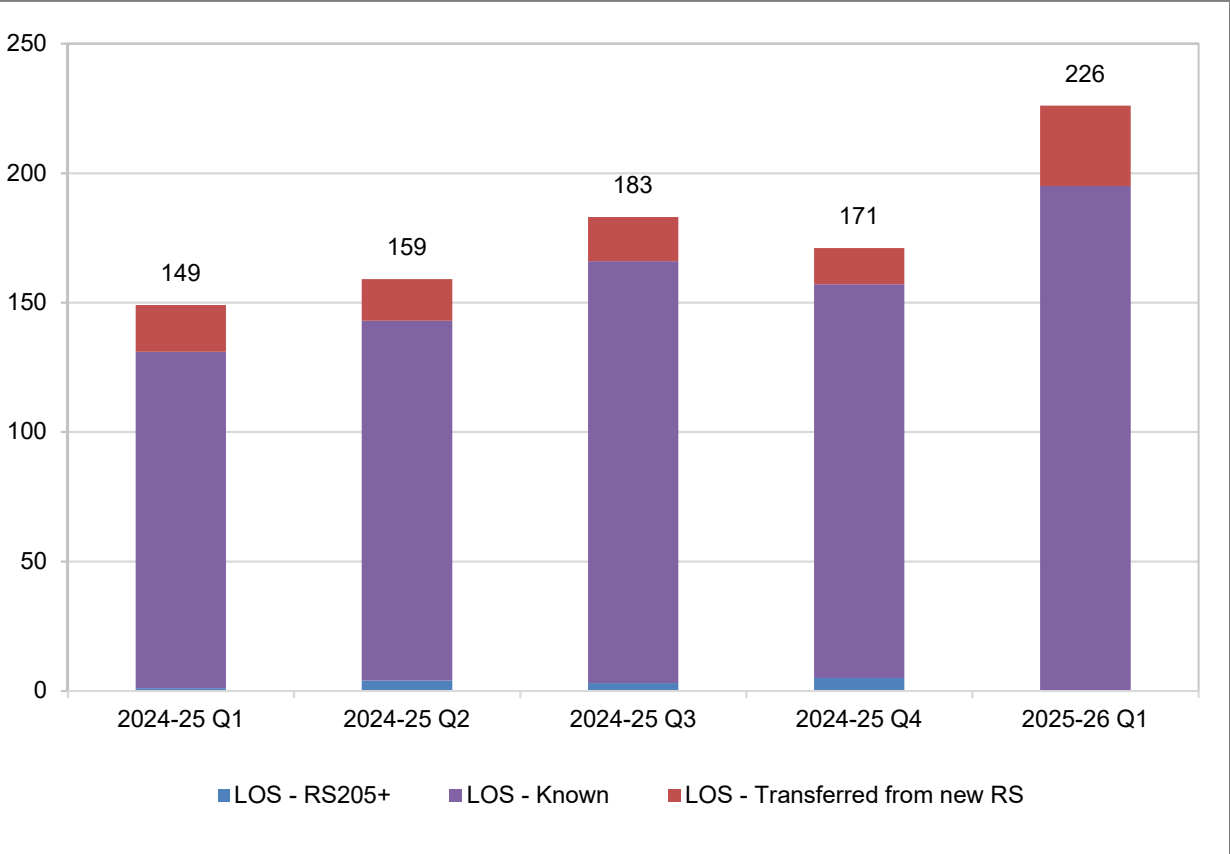
Table 2: New rough sleepers in 2025-26 Q1, by subcategory

Category	No. this period
New RS with no second night out	617
New RS with a second night out but not living on the streets	175
New RS joining living on the streets population	31
Total	823

New RS = New rough sleepers

## Outer Boroughs: No One Living on the Streets

Chart 2: People living on the streets 2024-25 Q1 to 2025-26 Q1



The LOS - RS205+ category was discontinued from 2025-26 Q1 onwards.

Table 3: People living on the streets in 2025-26 Q1, by subcategory

Category	No. this period
LOS - Transferred from new RS	31
LOS - Known	195
Total	226



Outer Boroughs: Intermittent Rough Sleepers

Chart 3: Intermittent rough sleepers 2024-25 Q1 to 2025-26 Q1

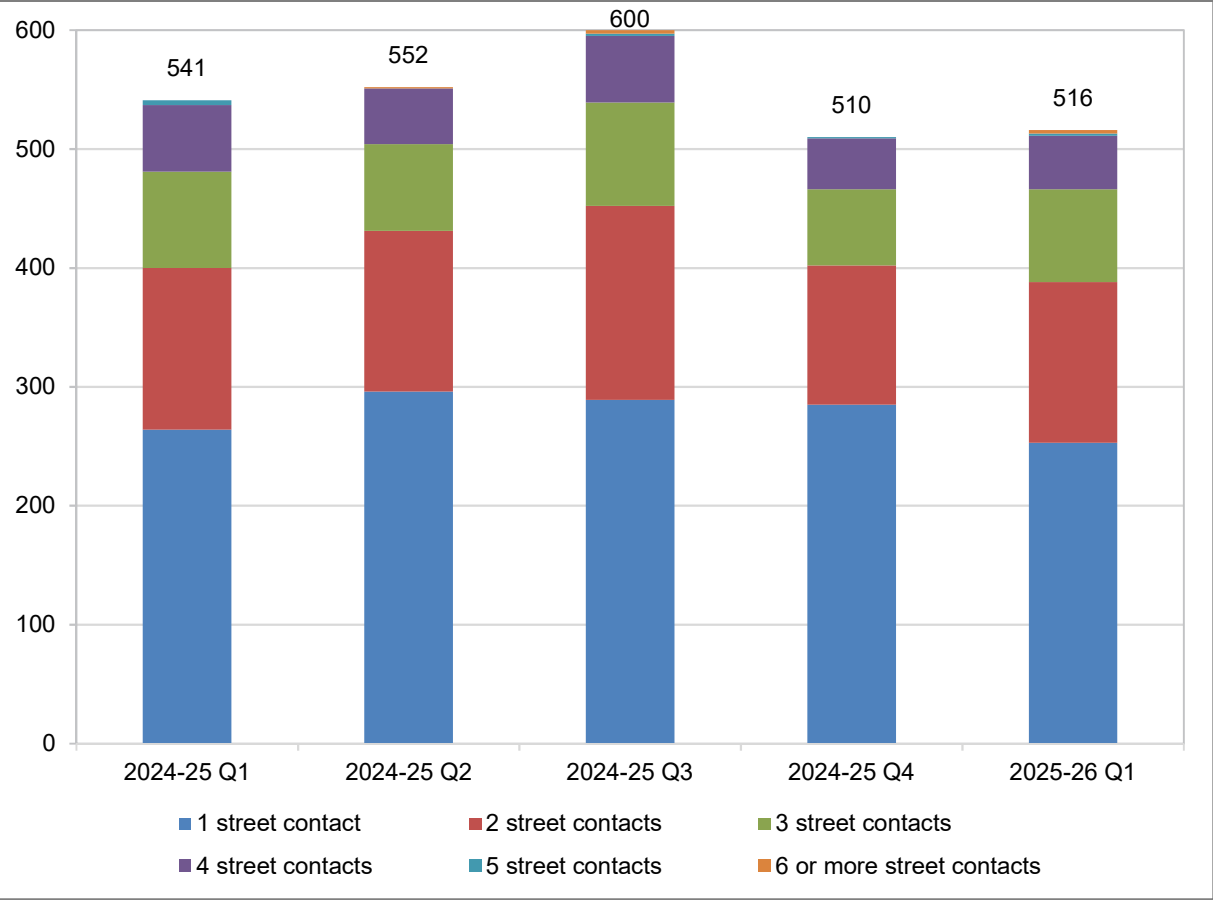


Table 4: Intermittent rough sleepers in 2025-26 Q1, by number of bedded down contacts during the period

No. bedded down street contacts during this period	No. intermittent rough sleepers
1 street contact	253
2 street contacts	135
3 street contacts	78
4 street contacts	45
5 street contacts	2
6 or more street contacts	3
Total	516

## Outer Boroughs: Distribution

Table 5: People seen rough sleeping in 2025-26 Q1, by borough

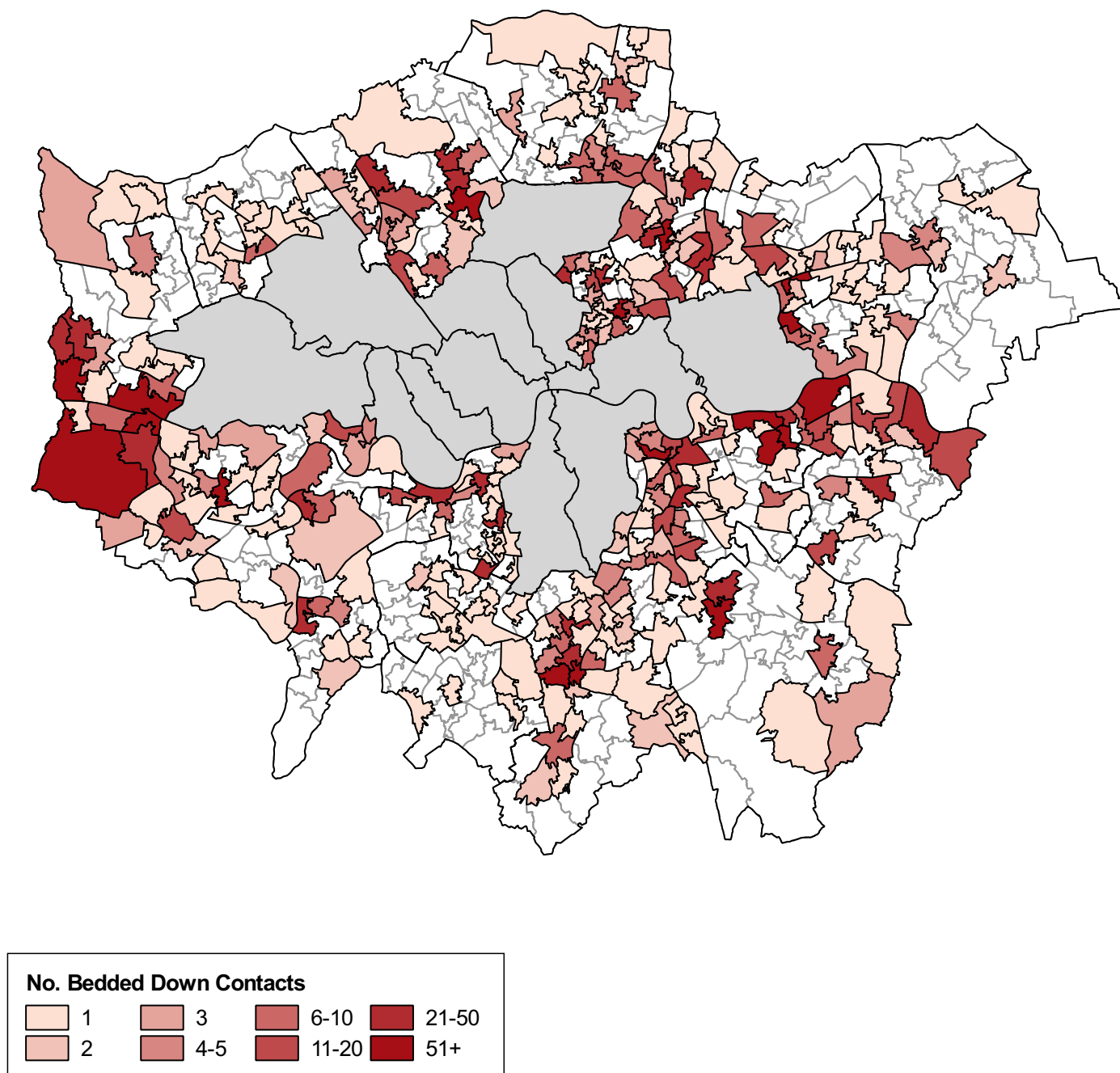
BOROUGH	New RS with no second night out	New RS with a second night out but not living on the streets	New RS joining living on the streets population	LOS - Known	Intermittent rough sleeper	TOTAL
Barking & Dagenham	14	4	1	4	18	41
Barnet	15	7	7	11	17	57
Bexley	16	4	0	12	12	44
Bromley	16	3	1	5	20	45
Croydon	102	16	3	9	64	194
Enfield	21	6	0	1	18	46
Greenwich	45	16	6	40	42	149
Hackney	26	12	4	8	33	83
Harrow	16	4	0	0	4	24
Havering	5	1	0	0	11	17
Heathrow	30	10	0	0	18	58
Hillingdon	85	35	3	13	41	177
Hounslow	66	29	1	4	32	132
Kingston upon Thames	8	2	1	3	26	40
Lewisham	60	9	1	16	36	122
Merton	11	0	0	0	6	17
Redbridge	27	7	1	15	46	96
Richmond	8	2	0	6	10	26
Sutton	4	0	0	0	1	5
Waltham Forest	15	8	2	42	31	98
Wandsworth	16	4	0	13	28	61
Bus route	10	1	0	0	5	16
Tube line	1	0	0	0	0	1
<b>UNIQUE TOTAL</b>	<b>617</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>516</b>	<b>1,534</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

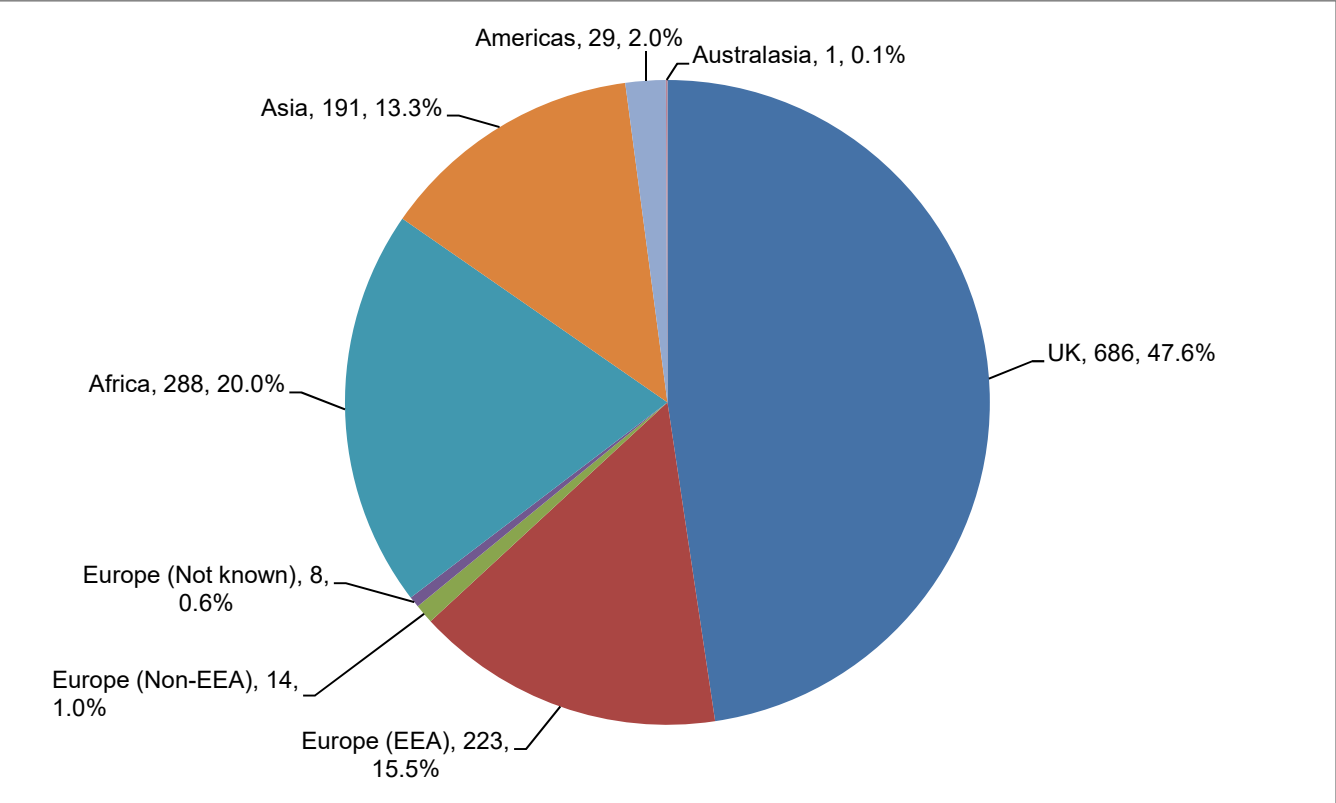
Table 6: People seen rough sleeping 2024-25 Q3 to 2025-26 Q1 by nationality

	Oct-Dec 24		Jan-Mar 25		Apr-Jun 25	
Nationality	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
UK	720	49.8%	667	49.4%	686	47.6%
Romania	88	6.1%	85	6.3%	76	5.3%
Poland	92	6.4%	59	4.4%	58	4.0%
Lithuania	18	1.2%	26	1.9%	26	1.8%
Ireland (Republic of)	8	0.6%	5	0.4%	6	0.4%
Portugal	13	0.9%	8	0.6%	11	0.8%
Bulgaria	12	0.8%	14	1.0%	13	0.9%
Italy	6	0.4%	8	0.6%	3	0.2%
Spain	4	0.3%	4	0.3%	4	0.3%
France	3	0.2%	4	0.3%	5	0.3%
Latvia	8	0.6%	4	0.3%	4	0.3%
Other European (EEA) countries	28	1.9%	28	2.1%	17	1.2%
Europe (EEA)	280	19.4%	245	18.2%	223	15.5%
Europe (Non-EEA)	21	1.5%	14	1.0%	14	1.0%
Europe (Not known)	8	0.6%	8	0.6%	8	0.6%
Eritrea	61	4.2%	71	5.3%	84	5.8%
Sudan	41	2.8%	35	2.6%	62	4.3%
Nigeria	20	1.4%	29	2.1%	25	1.7%
Ethiopia	5	0.3%	8	0.6%	16	1.1%
Somalia	8	0.6%	10	0.7%	14	1.0%
Other African countries	67	4.6%	74	5.5%	87	6.0%
Africa	202	14.0%	227	16.8%	288	20.0%
India	71	4.9%	59	4.4%	58	4.0%
Afghanistan	33	2.3%	23	1.7%	28	1.9%
Iran	21	1.5%	25	1.9%	19	1.3%
Syrian Arab Republic	6	0.4%	3	0.2%	3	0.2%
Bangladesh	7	0.5%	3	0.2%	4	0.3%
Other Asian countries	38	2.6%	47	3.5%	79	5.5%
Asia	176	12.2%	160	11.9%	191	13.3%
Americas	39	2.7%	28	2.1%	29	2.0%
Australasia	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.1%
Not known	87		62		94	
<b>Total (excl. not known)</b>	<b>1,446</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1,349</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1,440</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Total (incl. not known)	1,533		1,411		1,534	

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

Nationality: Breakdown by area

Chart 4: People seen rough sleeping in 2025-26 Q1, by nationality



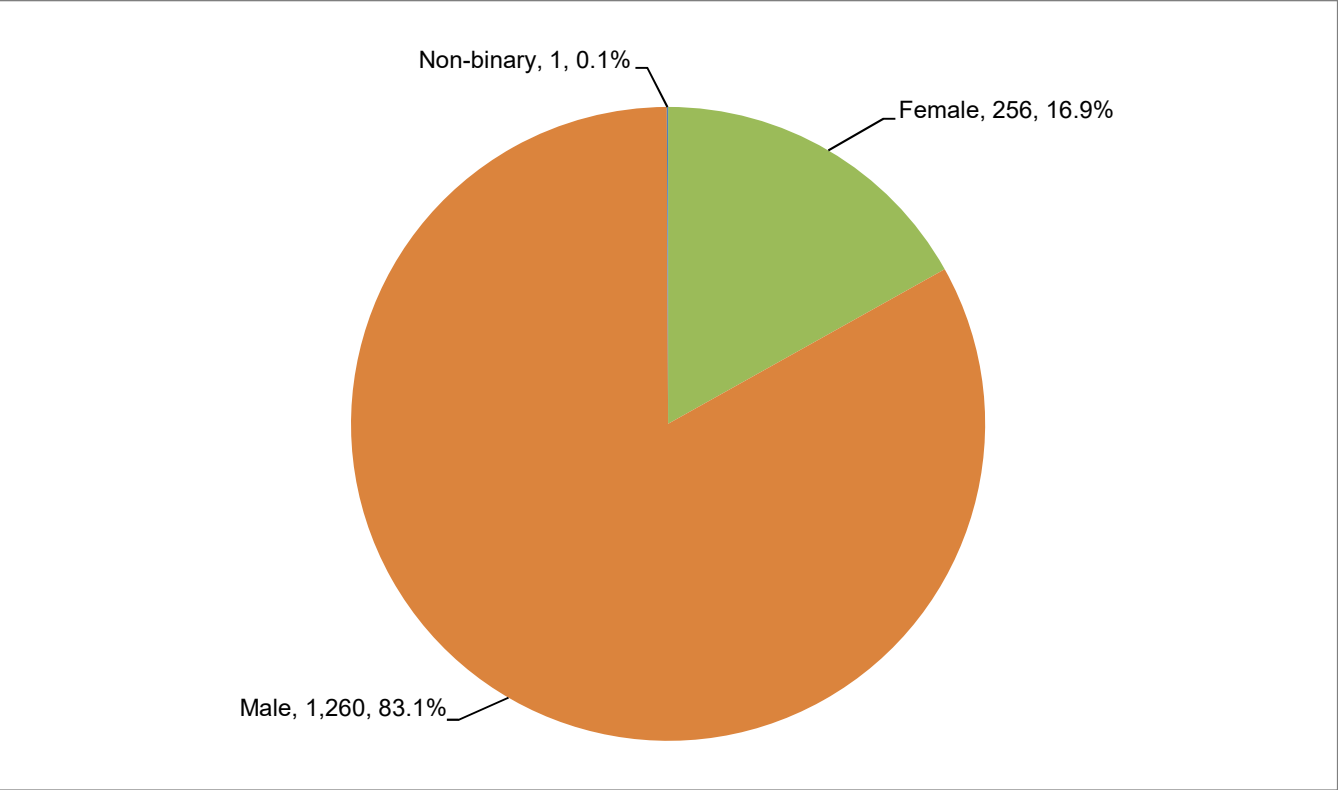
Base: 1,440 people seen rough sleeping during the period whose nationality was known. This excludes 94 people whose nationality was not known.



## 5. DEMOGRAPHICS

### Gender

Chart 5: People seen rough sleeping in 2025-26 Q1, by gender



Base: 1,517 people seen rough sleeping during the period whose gender was known. This excludes 17 people whose gender was not known.

Table 8: People seen rough sleeping during 2025-26 Q1, by gender

Gender	No.	%
Female	256	16.9%
Male	1,260	83.1%
Non-binary	1	0.1%
Not known	17	
Total (excl. not known)	1,517	100.0%
Total (incl. not known)	1,534	

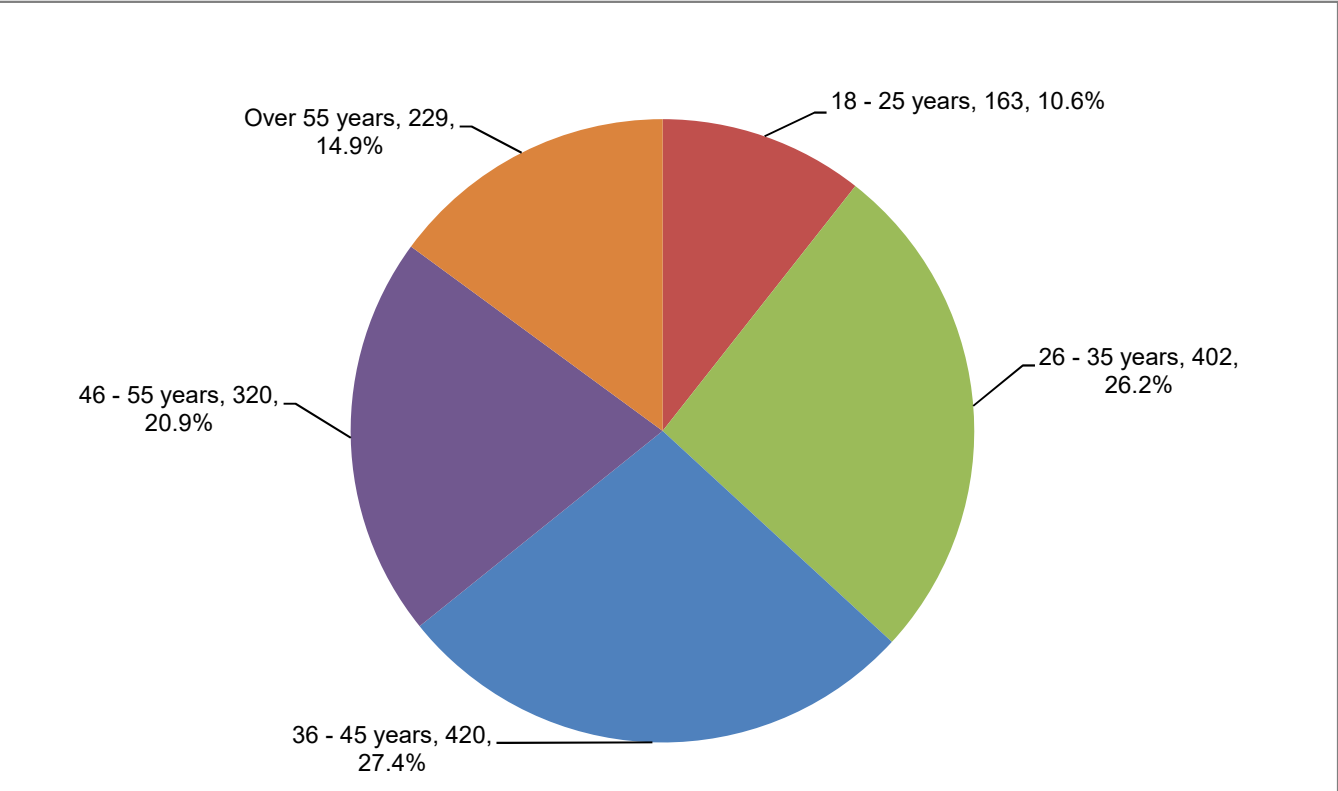
**Table 9: People seen rough sleeping during 2025-26 Q1, by gender, and borough**

Borough	Female	Male	Non-binary	Not known	Total
Barking & Dagenham	2	39	0	0	41
Barnet	2	55	0	0	57
Bexley	7	37	0	0	44
Bromley	8	37	0	0	45
Croydon	41	150	0	3	194
Enfield	10	36	0	0	46
Greenwich	25	122	0	2	149
Hackney	10	71	0	2	83
Harrow	6	18	0	0	24
Havering	2	15	0	0	17
Heathrow	11	47	0	0	58
Hillingdon	19	158	0	0	177
Hounslow	20	111	0	1	132
Kingston upon Thames	14	25	0	1	40
Lewisham	19	97	1	5	122
Merton	4	13	0	0	17
Redbridge	17	79	0	0	96
Richmond	4	20	0	2	26
Sutton	1	4	0	0	5
Waltham Forest	23	75	0	0	98
Wandsworth	9	51	0	1	61
Bus route	3	13	0	0	16
Tube line	1	0	0	0	1



Age

Chart 6: People seen rough sleeping in 2025-26 Q1, by age



Base: 1,534 people seen rough sleeping during the period.

Table 10: People seen rough sleeping during 2025-26 Q1, by age

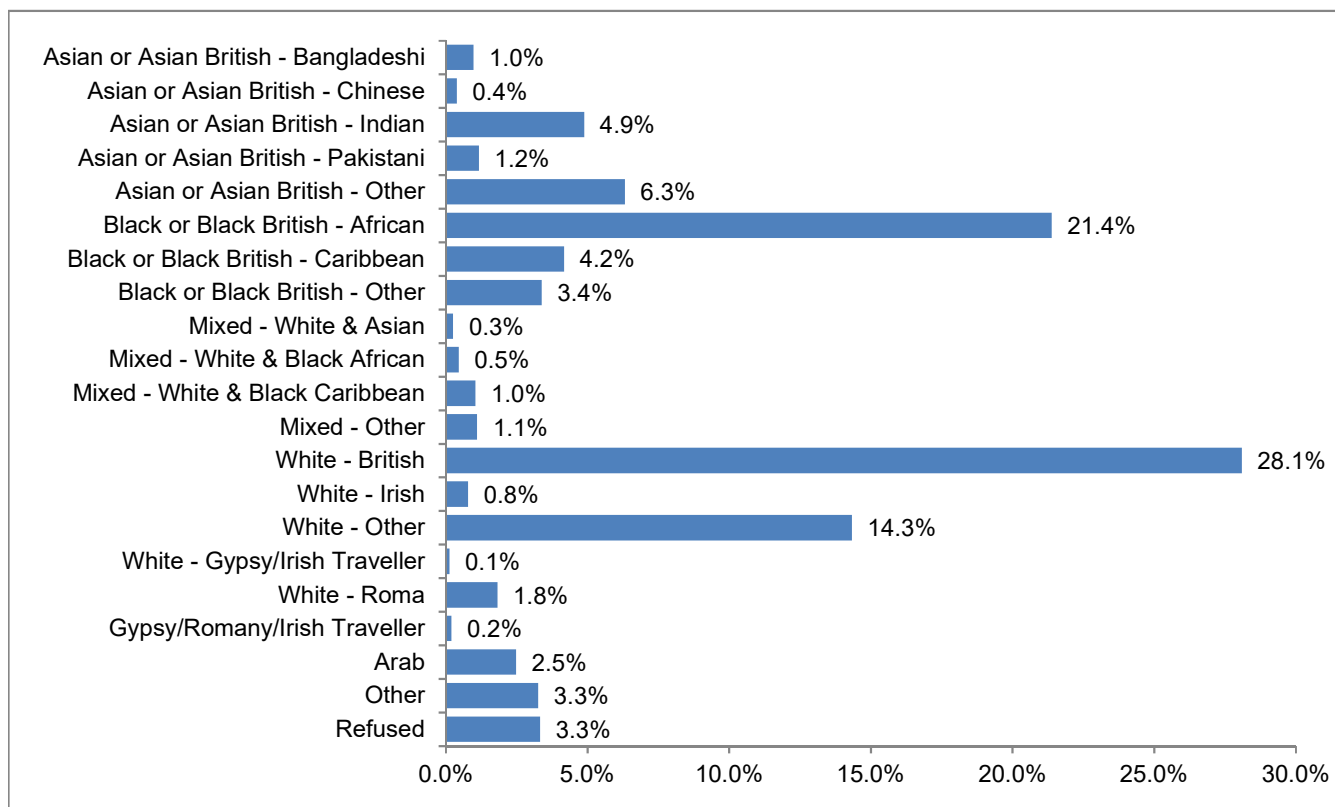
Age	No.	%
Under 18 years	0	0.0%
18 - 25 years	163	10.6%
26 - 35 years	402	26.2%
36 - 45 years	420	27.4%
46 - 55 years	320	20.9%
Over 55 years	229	14.9%
Total	1,534	100.0%

**Table 11: People seen rough sleeping during 2025-26 Q1, by age, and borough**

<b>Borough</b>	<b>Under 18 years</b>	<b>18 - 25 years</b>	<b>26 - 35 years</b>	<b>36 - 45 years</b>	<b>46 - 55 years</b>	<b>Over 55 years</b>	<b>Total</b>
Barking & Dagenham	0	1	14	13	11	2	41
Barnet	0	6	13	14	13	11	57
Bexley	0	2	9	14	7	12	44
Bromley	0	3	9	12	12	9	45
Croydon	0	24	53	52	37	28	194
Enfield	0	5	9	12	17	3	46
Greenwich	0	8	33	59	28	21	149
Hackney	0	4	17	31	22	9	83
Harrow	0	6	3	4	10	1	24
Havering	0	2	4	5	2	4	17
Heathrow	0	2	11	14	10	21	58
Hillingdon	0	46	68	37	12	14	177
Hounslow	0	27	46	26	23	10	132
Kingston upon Thames	0	6	10	6	15	3	40
Lewisham	0	4	39	34	28	17	122
Merton	0	1	3	7	4	2	17
Redbridge	0	7	17	30	25	17	96
Richmond	0	0	2	5	9	10	26
Sutton	0	0	1	2	1	1	5
Waltham Forest	0	4	23	35	22	14	98
Wandsworth	0	2	19	13	16	11	61
Bus route	0	3	1	2	1	9	16
Tube line	0	0	0	0	0	1	1

## Ethnicity

**Chart 7: People seen rough sleeping in 2025-26 Q1, by ethnicity**



Base: 1,534 people seen rough sleeping during the period.

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 12: People seen rough sleeping during 2025-26 Q1, by ethnicity**

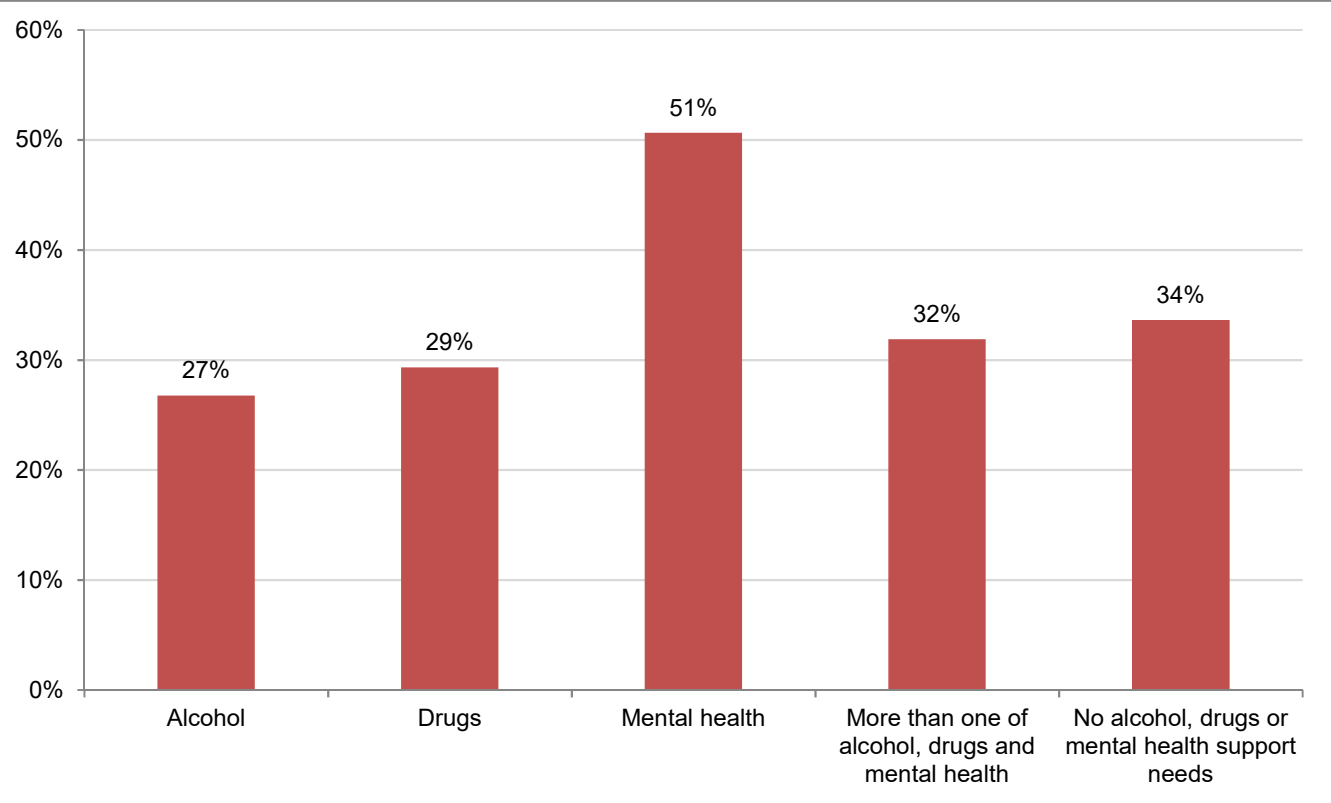
Ethnicity	No.	%
Asian (incl. Chinese)	211	13.8%
Black	444	28.9%
Mixed	44	2.9%
White (incl. Gypsy/Irish Traveller/Roma)	696	45.4%
Arab/Other	88	5.7%
Refused	51	3.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,534</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Table 13: People seen rough sleeping during 2025-26 Q1, by ethnicity, and 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	5	13	1	14	0	8	0	0	0	41
Barnet	6	14	0	11	1	12	1	7	5	57
Bexley	1	6	4	23	1	7	0	2	0	44
Bromley	3	9	0	25	0	4	0	3	1	45
Croydon	19	62	7	57	0	19	2	18	10	194
Enfield	4	12	2	9	1	12	1	5	0	46
Greenwich	9	46	7	53	0	26	1	0	7	149
Hackney	5	21	3	26	2	11	1	5	9	83
Harrow	3	7	0	3	0	7	0	3	1	24
Havering	0	2	3	11	0	0	0	1	0	17
Heathrow	8	14	1	22	0	9	0	3	1	58
Hillingdon	61	70	2	23	1	9	1	10	0	177
Hounslow	28	58	2	12	1	13	5	12	1	132
Kingston upon Thames	2	4	0	15	0	6	12	1	0	40
Lewisham	7	52	3	34	0	12	1	7	6	122
Merton	3	2	0	4	0	6	0	1	1	17
Redbridge	36	16	1	23	1	14	1	3	1	96
Richmond	0	2	1	17	2	2	0	0	2	26
Sutton	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	5
Waltham Forest	6	13	5	29	2	35	2	4	2	98
Wandsworth	6	11	1	23	0	9	4	4	3	61
Bus route	1	12	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	16
Tube line	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1

## 6. SUPPORT NEEDS

Chart 8: People seen rough sleeping in 2025-26 Q1, by support needs



Base: 1,252 people seen rough sleeping during the period who were assessed for at least one of the three support needs. This excludes 282 people for whom none of the three needs were assessed.

Table 14: People seen rough sleeping in 2025-26 Q1, by support needs

Support need	No.	%
Alcohol	335	26.8%
Drugs	367	29.3%
Mental health	634	50.6%
More than one of alcohol, drugs and mental health	399	31.9%
No alcohol, drugs or mental health support needs	421	33.6%
Total (excl. not assessed)	1,252	
Total (incl. not assessed)	1,534	

Base for percentages is people seen rough sleeping during the period who were assessed for at least one of the three support needs.

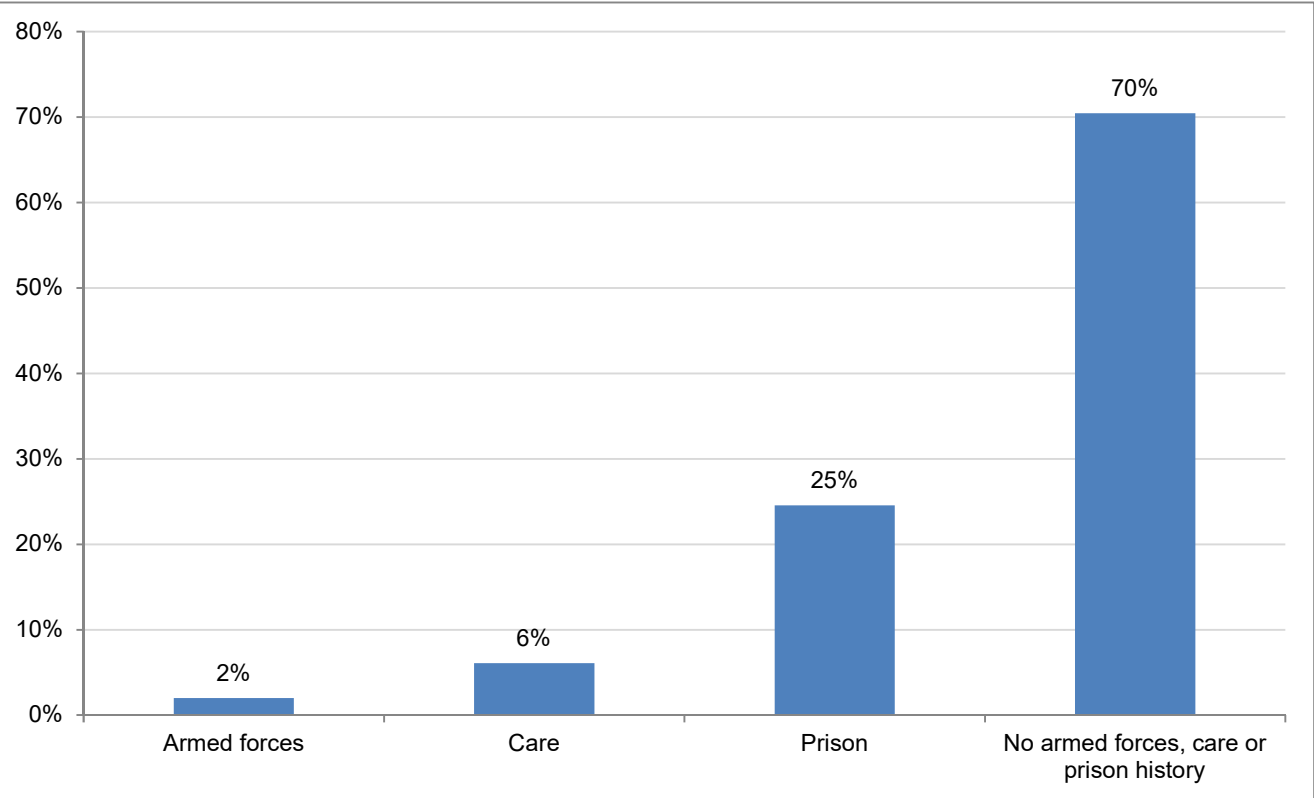
**Table 15: People seen rough sleeping during 2025-26 Q1, by support needs, and borough**

Borough	Alcohol	Drugs	Mental health	More than one of alcohol, drugs and mental health	No alcohol, drugs or mental health support needs	Total (excl. not assessed)
Barking & Dagenham	13	19	18	15	11	41
Barnet	9	9	15	8	26	49
Bexley	11	22	30	24	4	38
Bromley	11	11	19	12	10	34
Croydon	27	30	62	37	33	112
Enfield	7	10	20	9	17	44
Greenwich	36	50	76	59	33	118
Hackney	24	29	40	33	10	58
Harrow	1	3	6	3	10	17
Havering	8	7	12	9	1	15
Heathrow	8	5	28	7	18	52
Hillingdon	22	35	70	31	74	161
Hounslow	23	9	38	15	65	119
Kingston upon Thames	16	14	16	14	14	40
Lewisham	30	24	50	31	32	97
Merton	3	0	4	2	7	12
Redbridge	36	35	41	33	25	91
Richmond	10	6	17	9	4	24
Sutton	1	1	3	1	1	4
Waltham Forest	24	38	42	33	11	77
Wandsworth	14	17	27	18	12	48
Bus route	1	1	8	1	6	15
Tube line	0	0	0	0	0	0

## 7. INSTITUTIONAL & ARMED FORCES HISTORY

The chart below indicates the proportions of people seen rough sleeping in Outer Boroughs during the period who had experience of spending time in prison or in local authority care as a young person, or of serving in the armed forces. This information indicates whether individuals have ever spent time in one of these settings, and does not necessarily imply that this was recent. It can include time spent in one of these settings in any country, and does not necessarily imply that it was in the UK.

**Chart 9: People seen rough sleeping in 2025-26 Q1, by experience of armed forces, care or prison**



Base: 1,249 people seen rough sleeping during the period who were assessed for at least one of the three support needs. This excludes 285 people for whom none of the three needs were assessed.

**Table 16: People seen rough sleeping in 2025-26 Q1, by institutional and armed forces history**

Type of history	No.	%
Armed forces	25	2.0%
Armed forces - UK nationals	12	1.0%
Care	76	6.1%
Prison	307	24.6%
No armed forces, care or prison history	880	70.5%
Total (excl. not assessed)	1,249	
Total (incl. not assessed)	1,534	

Base for percentages is people seen rough sleeping during the period who were assessed for at least one of the three histories.

**Table 17: People seen rough sleeping during 2025-26 Q1, by institutional and armed forces history, and borough**

Borough	Armed forces	Armed forces UK nationals	Care	Prison	No institutional or armed forces history	Total (excl. not assessed)
Barking & Dagenham	1	1	6	15	19	37
Barnet	3	0	2	9	37	48
Bexley	0	0	5	17	18	37
Bromley	2	1	0	9	24	37
Croydon	0	0	9	36	70	112
Enfield	1	1	1	12	28	42
Greenwich	3	0	20	46	59	112
Hackney	2	1	6	21	30	56
Harrow	0	0	1	3	12	16
Havering	0	0	0	3	11	15
Heathrow	2	1	0	13	40	55
Hillingdon	1	1	1	22	143	167
Hounslow	1	0	2	11	109	121
Kingston upon Thames	0	0	3	6	31	39
Lewisham	1	0	5	29	76	108
Merton	0	0	0	1	10	12
Redbridge	1	1	2	17	70	91
Richmond	3	3	2	8	11	22
Sutton	0	0	0	2	2	4
Waltham Forest	4	2	7	21	41	71
Wandsworth	0	0	4	13	34	48
Bus route	0	0	1	0	13	14
Tube line	0	0	0	0	0	0



## 8. ACCOMMODATION OUTCOMES

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 18: Accommodation outcomes achieved during 2025-26 Q1, compared to 2024-25 Q4, by number of people**

	Jan-Mar 25	Apr-Jun 25
Outcome	No. people	No. people
Booked into accommodation	487	259
Booked into hub, shelter or emergency accommodation	350	84
Booked into temporary accommodation	159	135
Booked into long-term accommodation	47	48

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

**Table 19: Accommodation outcomes achieved during 2025-26 Q1, compared to 2024-25 Q4, by number of outcomes**

Accommodation type	Jan-Mar 25		Apr-Jun 25	
	No. events	%	No. events	%
<b>Hubs, shelters and emergency accommodation</b>				
Hub	63	9.9%	82	29.3%
SWEP (Local)	308	48.3%	0	0.0%
SWEP (Pan-London)	3	0.5%	0	0.0%
Winter/night shelter	40	6.3%	1	0.4%
Other	1	0.2%	3	1.1%
<i>Hubs, shelters and emergency accommodation subtotal</i>	<i>415</i>	<i>65.0%</i>	<i>86</i>	<i>30.7%</i>
<b>Temporary accommodation</b>				
Assessment centre	19	3.0%	24	8.6%
Asylum support accommodation (NASS/other)	1	0.2%	3	1.1%
B&B (not local authority TA)	30	4.7%	5	1.8%
Clinic/detox/rehab	1	0.2%	0	0.0%
Hostel	24	3.8%	15	5.4%
Living with family/friends/partner (temporary)	13	2.0%	4	1.4%
Staging post	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Temporary accommodation (local authority)	72	11.3%	76	27.1%
Other	16	2.5%	19	6.8%
<i>Temporary accommodation subtotal</i>	<i>176</i>	<i>27.6%</i>	<i>146</i>	<i>52.1%</i>
<b>Long-term accommodation</b>				
Clearing House	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Council tenancy (local authority accommodation)	4	0.6%	1	0.4%
Employment-related accommodation	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Housing association/RSL accommodation	0	0.0%	1	0.4%
Living with family/friends/partner (long-term)	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Private rented sector - independent	23	3.6%	28	10.0%
Private rented sector - with some floating support	9	1.4%	7	2.5%
Sheltered housing/registered care accommodation	1	0.2%	0	0.0%
Supported accommodation (long-term)	10	1.6%	10	3.6%
Other	0	0.0%	1	0.4%
<i>Long-term accommodation subtotal</i>	<i>47</i>	<i>7.4%</i>	<i>48</i>	<i>17.1%</i>
<b>Total</b>	<b>638</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

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

## 9. METHODOLOGY

CHAIN quarterly reports employ the methodology of assigning people seen rough sleeping during the period to categories, based on the following factors:

- Whether they were seen rough sleeping for the first time 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

A further explanation of the individual categories follows.

### **New rough sleepers**

People who were seen rough sleeping 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 people 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, an individual 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 an individual 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 an individual 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. An individual will only count as LOS during a period in which they meet the above criteria.

## **Intermittent rough sleepers**

Intermittent rough sleepers are those people 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. 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.

---

SUPPORTED BY  
**MAYOR OF LONDON**

