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1. INTRODUCTION

This report presents information about people seen rough sleeping by outreach teams in Tower Hamlets between April 2015 and March 2016. Information in the report is derived from the Combined Homelessness and Information Network (CHAIN), a multi-agency database recording information about rough sleepers and the wider street population in London. CHAIN, which is commissioned and funded by the Greater London Authority (GLA) and managed by St Mungo's, represents the UK's most detailed and comprehensive source of information about rough sleeping.

The final section of the report presents information about people arriving at or departing from temporary accommodation for rough sleepers in Tower Hamlets. People included in this section will have been seen rough sleeping at some point in their history, but not necessarily during 2015/16.

Percentage figures in this report

Please note that, in some cases, percentage figures given in this report are rounded up or down to the nearest whole number. This may mean that individual figures in tables and charts do not add up to a combined total of 100%.

Glossary of acronyms used in this report

ASB: Anti-Social Behaviour

Defined in the Crime and Disorder Act (1998) as acting 'in a manner that caused or was likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress to one or more persons not of the same household as the perpetrator.'

CEE: Central and Eastern European

Used to denote the ten A8 and A2 European Union accession countries (Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia).

CHAIN: Combined Homelessness and Information Network

A multi-agency database recording information about rough sleepers and the wider street population in London, commissioned and funded by the GLA and managed by St Mungo's.

EEA: European Economic Area

The 28 countries of the European Union (EU), plus a further three countries that are part of the EU's single market (Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway). Common usage generally also includes Switzerland, whose citizens have the same rights to live and work in the UK as other EEA nationals.

GLA: Greater London Authority

The top-tier administrative body for Greater London, consisting of a directly elected executive Mayor of London, and an elected 25-member London Assembly.

NLOS: No Living on the Streets

A GLA commissioned assessment and reconnection project for rough sleepers who were living on the streets and not eligible for No Second Night Out. From October 2014 onwards the project was integrated into the GLA's No Second Night Out service.

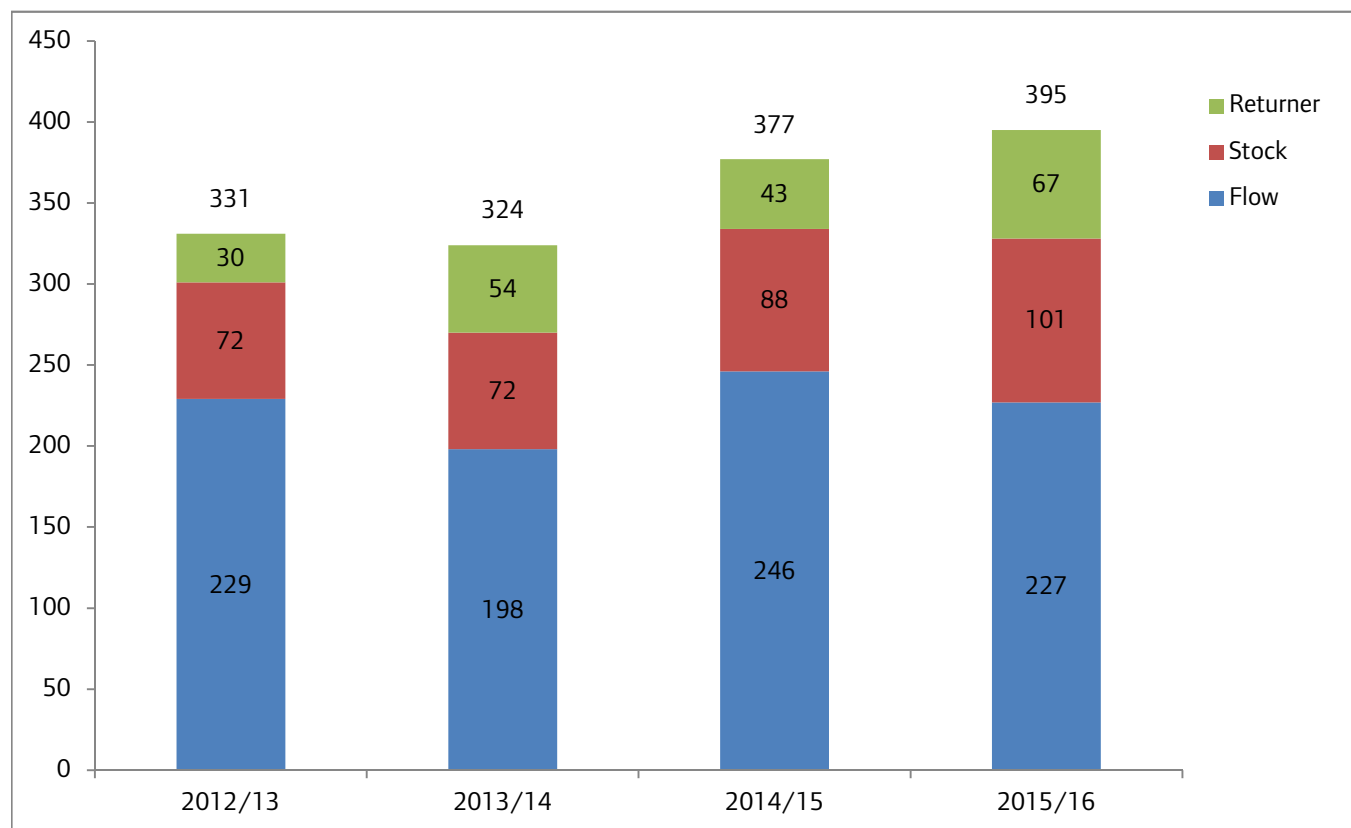
NSNO: No Second Night Out

A GLA commissioned assessment and reconnection project for rough sleepers. The service originally specifically targeted new rough sleepers, but from October 2014 onwards it has also worked with rough sleepers who are living on the streets. The term is also used in other contexts to refer to a wider strategy to end rough sleeping, both in London and nationwide.

2. ROUGH SLEEPER POPULATION ANALYSIS

2.1 Number of people seen rough sleeping: Flow, stock, returner model

People seen rough sleeping in the year, by the flow, stock and returner model.



2012/13 base: 331

2013/14 base: 324

2014/15 base: 377

2015/16 base: 395

The flow, stock and returner model categorises people seen rough sleeping in the year according to whether they have also been seen rough sleeping in previous periods:

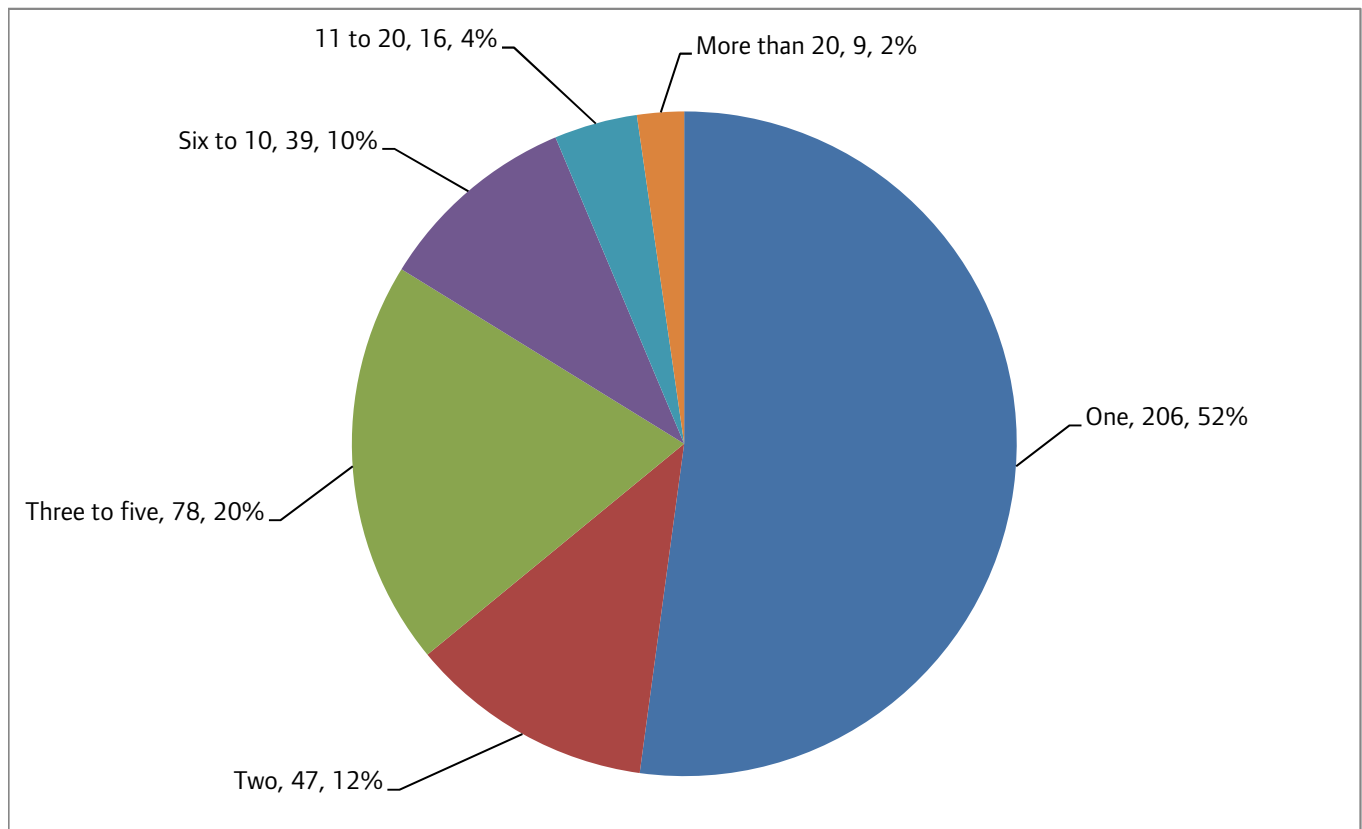
Category	Description
Flow	People who had never been seen rough sleeping prior to 2015/16 (i.e. new rough sleepers).
Stock	People who were also seen rough sleeping in 2014/15 (i.e. those seen across a minimum of two consecutive years).
Returner	People who were first seen rough sleeping prior to 2014/15, but were not seen during 2014/15 (i.e. those who have had a gap in their rough sleeping histories).

395 people were seen rough sleeping in the borough in 2015/16. This represents a 5% increase when compared to 2014/15.

57% of people seen rough sleeping in the borough during the year were new rough sleepers (flow), while 26% fell into the stock category, and 17% were returners.

2.2 Number of times seen rough sleeping

People seen rough sleeping in the year, by number of times seen rough sleeping.



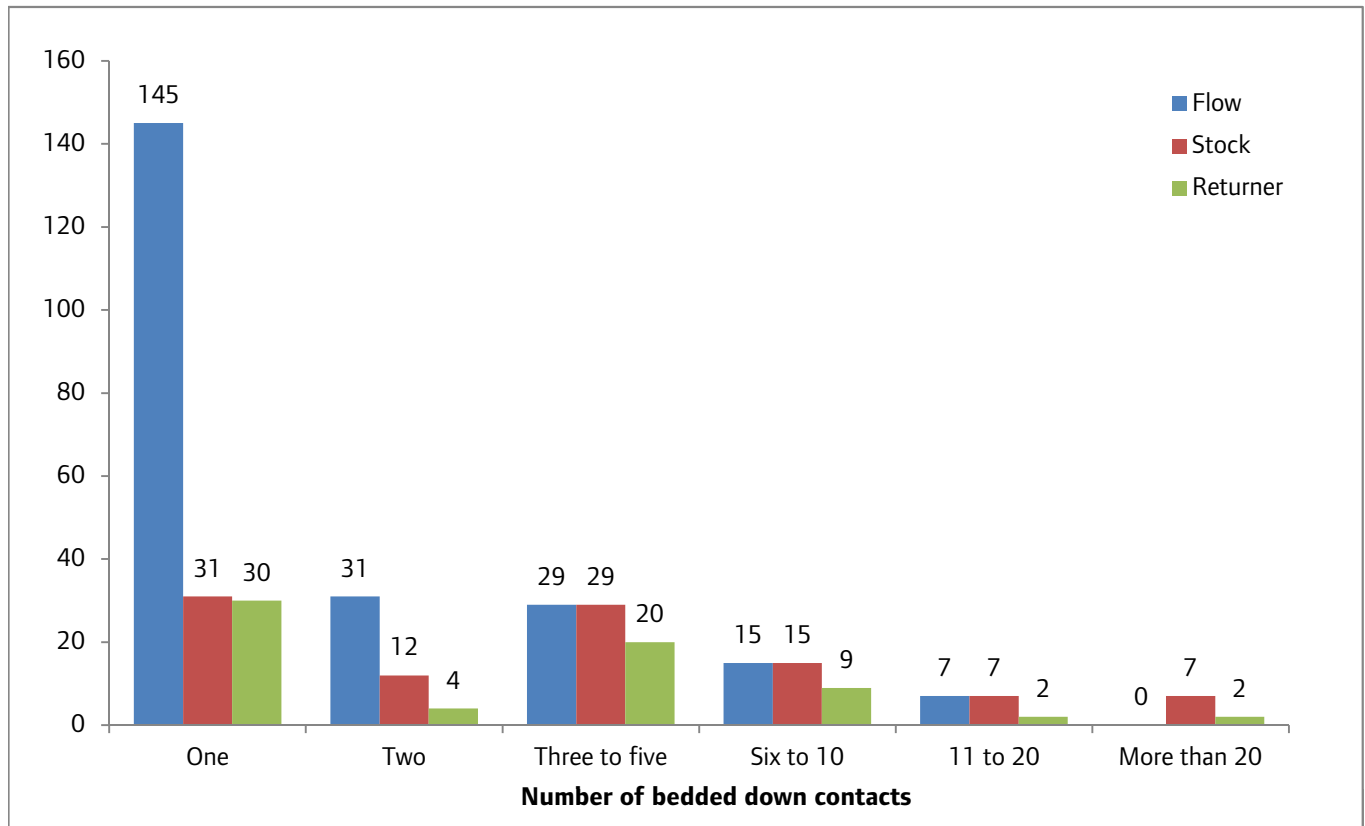
Base: 395

206 (52%) people were seen rough sleeping only once in 2015/16, this compares to 216 (57%) seen rough sleeping only once in 2014/15.

64% of people seen rough sleeping in the borough during 2015/16 who were new to the streets did not spend a second night on the streets during the year.

2.3 Rough sleeping volume: Flow, stock, returner model

People seen rough sleeping in the year, by flow, stock, returner model, and number of times seen rough sleeping.



Base (Flow): 227
 Base (Stock): 101
 Base (Returner): 67

2.4 New rough sleepers (flow): History prior to rough sleeping

People seen rough sleeping for the first time ever in 2015/16, by history prior to first being seen rough sleeping.

The table below details what kind of accommodation new rough sleepers reported they were living in as their last longer term or settled base prior to first being seen rough sleeping.

Last settled base	No.	%
Long term accommodation		
Private rented accommodation	59	40.4%
Owner occupied accommodation	3	2.1%
Local authority accommodation	11	7.5%
Housing association accommodation	9	6.2%
Tied accommodation	0	0.0%
<i>Long term accommodation subtotal</i>	<i>82</i>	<i>56.2%</i>
Short or medium term accommodation		
Hostel	8	5.5%
Temporary accommodation (Local authority)	2	1.4%
Temporary accommodation (non-Local authority)	0	0.0%
Asylum support accommodation	2	1.4%
<i>Short or medium term accommodation subtotal</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>8.2%</i>
Institution		
Prison	9	6.2%
Hospital	1	0.7%
<i>Institution subtotal</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>6.8%</i>
Inappropriately accommodated		
Squat	1	0.7%
Outhouse	0	0.0%
<i>Inappropriately accommodated subtotal</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0.7%</i>
Newly arrived in UK		
Newly arrived in UK - not homeless in home country	10	6.8%
Newly arrived in UK - homeless in home country	2	1.4%
<i>Newly arrived in UK subtotal</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>8.2%</i>
Other	29	19.9%
Not recorded	81	
Total (excl. not recorded)	146	100.0%
Total	227	

Note: Total excluding not recorded is used as the base for percentages.

The table below details new rough sleepers' status at their last settled base, for those who were not newly arrived in the UK, and whose last settled base was not of an institutional or inappropriate nature.

Status at last settled base*	No.	%
Tenant	37	44%
Informal arrangement	25	29%
Parental home	10	12%
Living with partner	13	15%
Owner	0	0%
Not recorded/applicable	28	
Total (excl. not recorded/applicable)	85	100%
Total	113	

*Applies to people whose last settled base was local authority accommodation, temporary accommodation, owner occupied accommodation, private rented accommodation, tied accommodation, and in some cases where "other" has been specified.

Note: Total excluding not recorded/applicable is used as the base for percentages.

New rough sleepers' reasons for leaving their last settled base prior to first being seen rough sleeping.

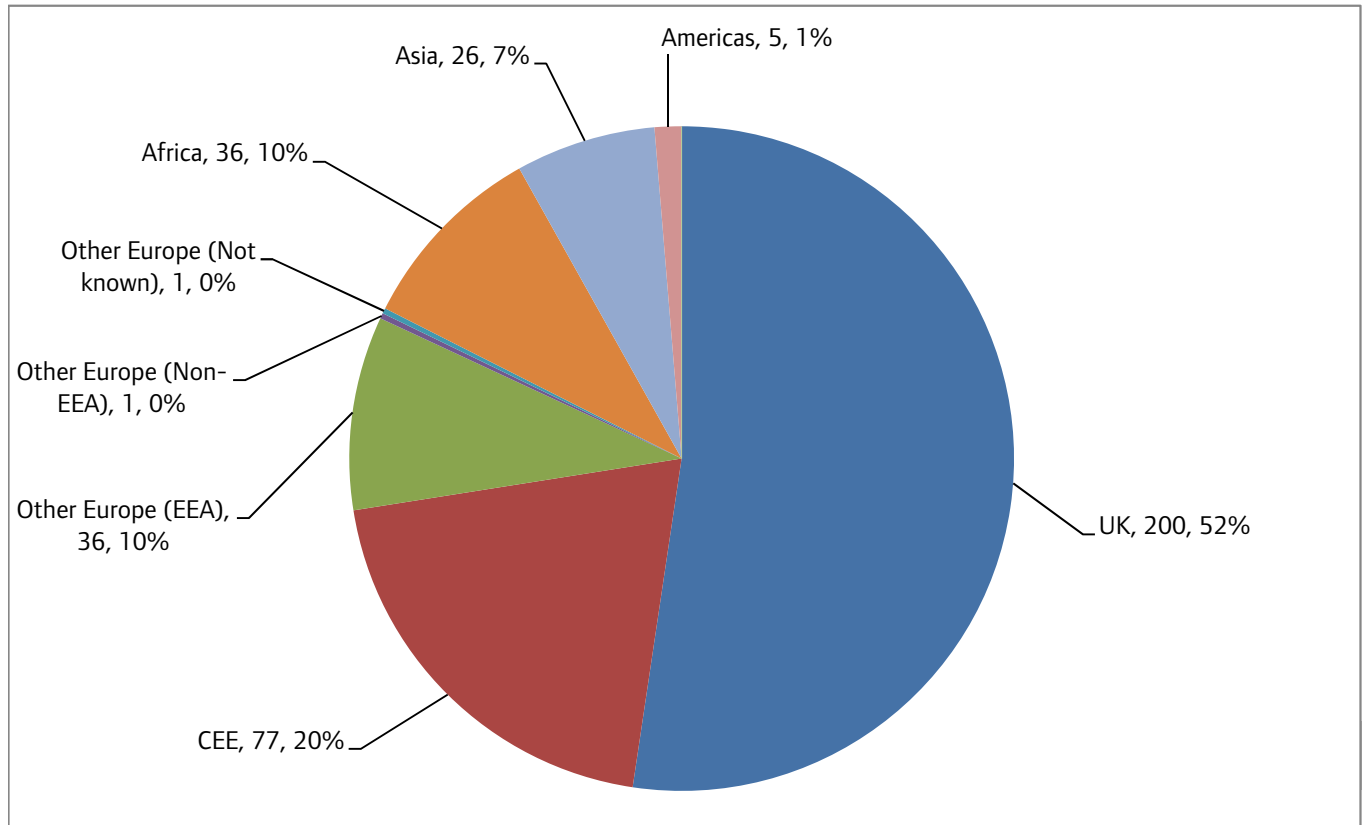
Reason for leaving last settled base	No.	%
Asked to leave or evicted		
Asked to leave	28	19.2%
Evicted - arrears	12	8.2%
Evicted - ASB	3	2.1%
Evicted - other	8	5.5%
<i>Asked to leave or evicted subtotal</i>	<i>51</i>	<i>34.9%</i>
Employment and education		
Seeking work - from outside UK	6	4.1%
Seeking work - from within UK	2	1.4%
Financial problems - loss of job	14	9.6%
Study	0	0.0%
<i>Employment and education subtotal</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>15.1%</i>
Relationships		
Relationship breakdown	22	15.1%
Death of relative/friend	0	0.0%
Move nearer family/community	0	0.0%
<i>Relationships subtotal</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>15.1%</i>
Financial		
Financial problems - debt	1	0.7%
Financial problems - housing benefit	0	0.0%
Financial problems - other	6	4.1%
<i>Financial subtotal</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>4.8%</i>
End of stay in short or medium term accommodation		
Evicted - given non priority decision	1	0.7%
End of stay - asylum accommodation	1	0.7%
End of stay - hostel	0	0.0%
End of stay - other	6	4.1%
<i>End of stay in short or medium term accommodation subtotal</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>5.5%</i>
Victim of violence, harassment or abuse		
Domestic violence - victim	4	2.7%
Tenancy hijack	0	0.0%
Harassment/abuse/violence - racial	1	0.7%
Harassment/abuse/violence - gang	1	0.7%
Harassment/abuse/violence - homophobic	0	0.0%
Harassment/abuse/violence - other	4	2.7%
<i>Victim of violence, harassment or abuse subtotal</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>6.8%</i>
End of stay in institution		
End of stay - prison	8	5.5%
End of stay - hospital	0	0.0%
<i>End of stay in institution subtotal</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>5.5%</i>
Housing conditions		
Housing conditions	2	1.4%
Perpetrator of violence, harassment or abuse		
Domestic violence - perpetrator	0	0.0%
Transient		
Transient/travelling around	0	0.0%
Other		
Other	16	11.0%
Not recorded	81	
Total (excl. not recorded)	146	100%
Total	227	

Note: Total excluding not recorded is used as the base for percentages.

3. DEMOGRAPHICS & SUPPORT NEEDS

3.1 Nationality: Overall composition

People seen rough sleeping in the year, by nationality.



Base: 382 people seen rough sleeping in the year whose nationality was known.

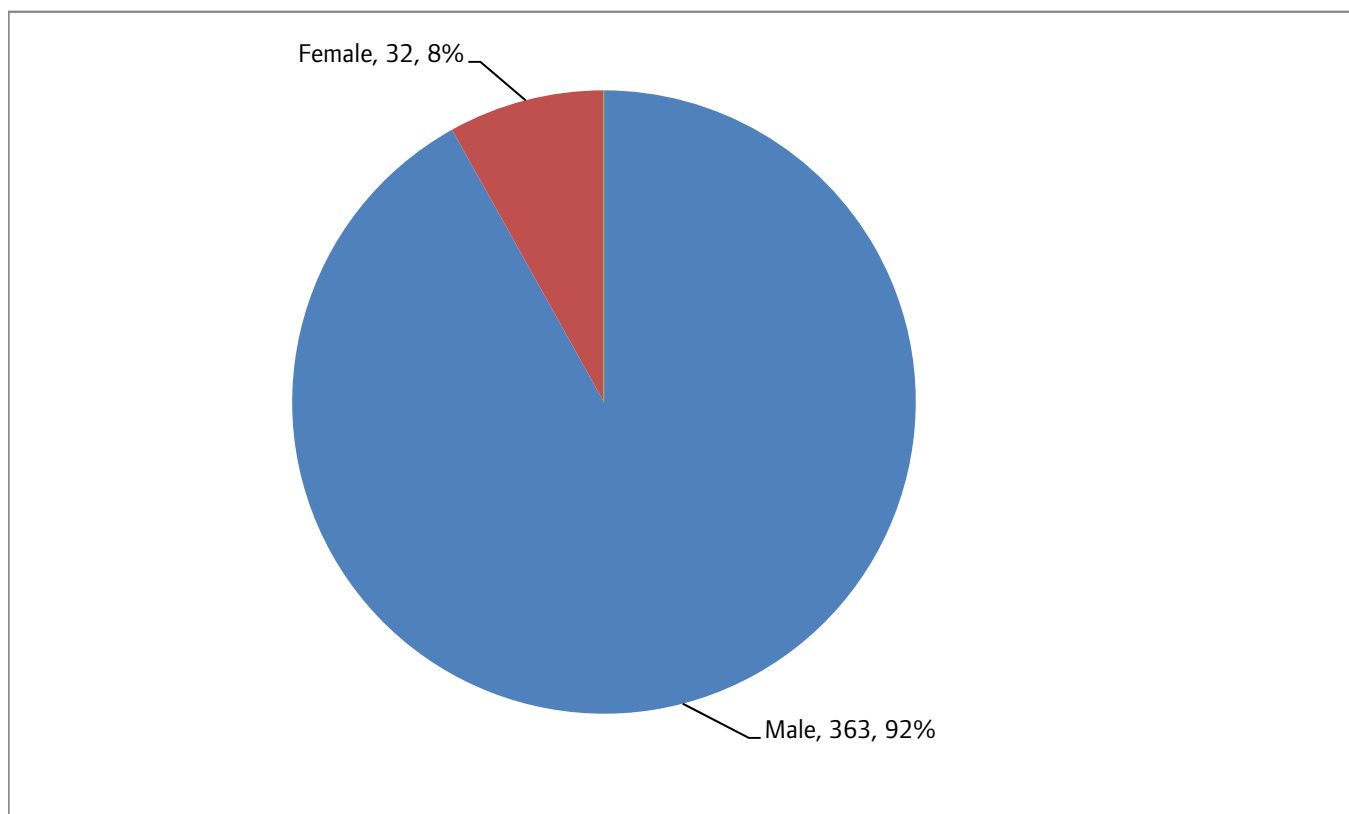
3.2 Nationality: Flow, stock, returner model

	Flow	Stock	Returner	Total	
Nationality	No.	No.	No.	No.	%
UK	102	61	37	200	52.4%
Bulgaria	5	0	0	5	1.3%
Czech Republic	0	1	0	1	0.3%
Estonia	1	1	0	2	0.5%
Hungary	2	0	3	5	1.3%
Latvia	2	3	0	5	1.3%
Lithuania	6	8	2	16	4.2%
Poland	10	7	2	19	5.0%
Romania	16	5	0	21	5.5%
Slovakia	3	0	0	3	0.8%
Slovenia	0	0	0	0	0.0%
<i>CEE subtotal</i>	<i>45</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>77</i>	<i>20.2%</i>
Portugal	3	2	1	6	1.6%
Ireland (Republic of)	1	1	1	3	0.8%
Italy	11	0	1	12	3.1%
Spain	2	1	0	3	0.8%
France	4	0	3	7	1.8%
Other European (EEA) countries	3	2	0	5	1.3%
<i>Other Europe (EEA) subtotal</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>36</i>	<i>9.4%</i>
Other Europe (Non-EEA)	1	0	0	1	0.3%
Other Europe (Not known)	1	0	0	1	0.3%
Somalia	8	1	2	11	2.9%
Eritrea	4	0	0	4	1.0%
Other African countries	12	4	5	21	5.5%
<i>Africa subtotal</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>36</i>	<i>9.4%</i>
India	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Iran	3	0	0	3	0.8%
Sri Lanka	2	0	0	2	0.5%
Other Asian countries	17	3	1	21	5.5%
<i>Asia subtotal</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>6.8%</i>
Americas	4	0	1	5	1.3%
Australasia	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Not known	4	1	8	13	3.4%
Total (excl. Not known)	223	100	59	382	100.0%
Total (incl. Not known)	227	101	67	395	

Note: Total excluding not known is used as base for percentages.

3.3 Gender

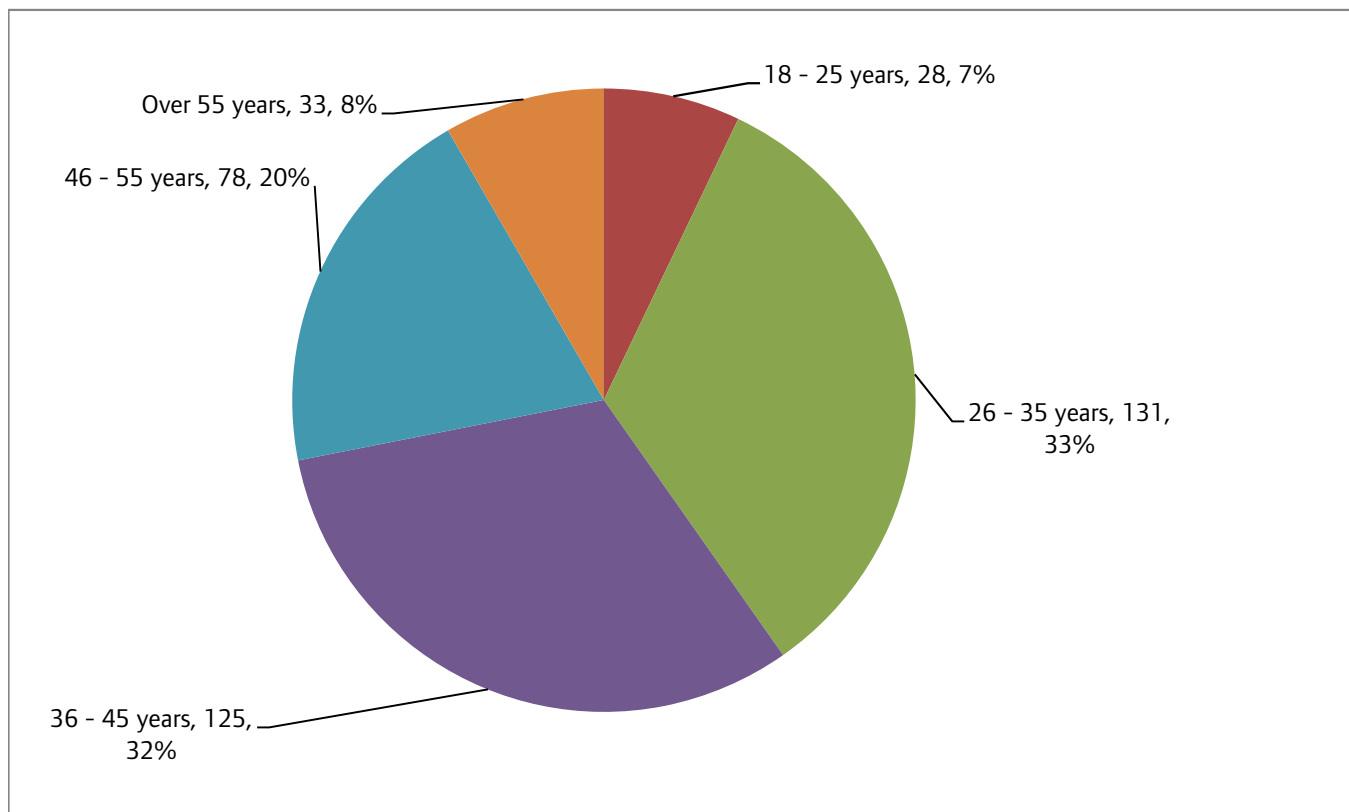
People seen rough sleeping in the year, by gender.



Base: 395

3.4 Age

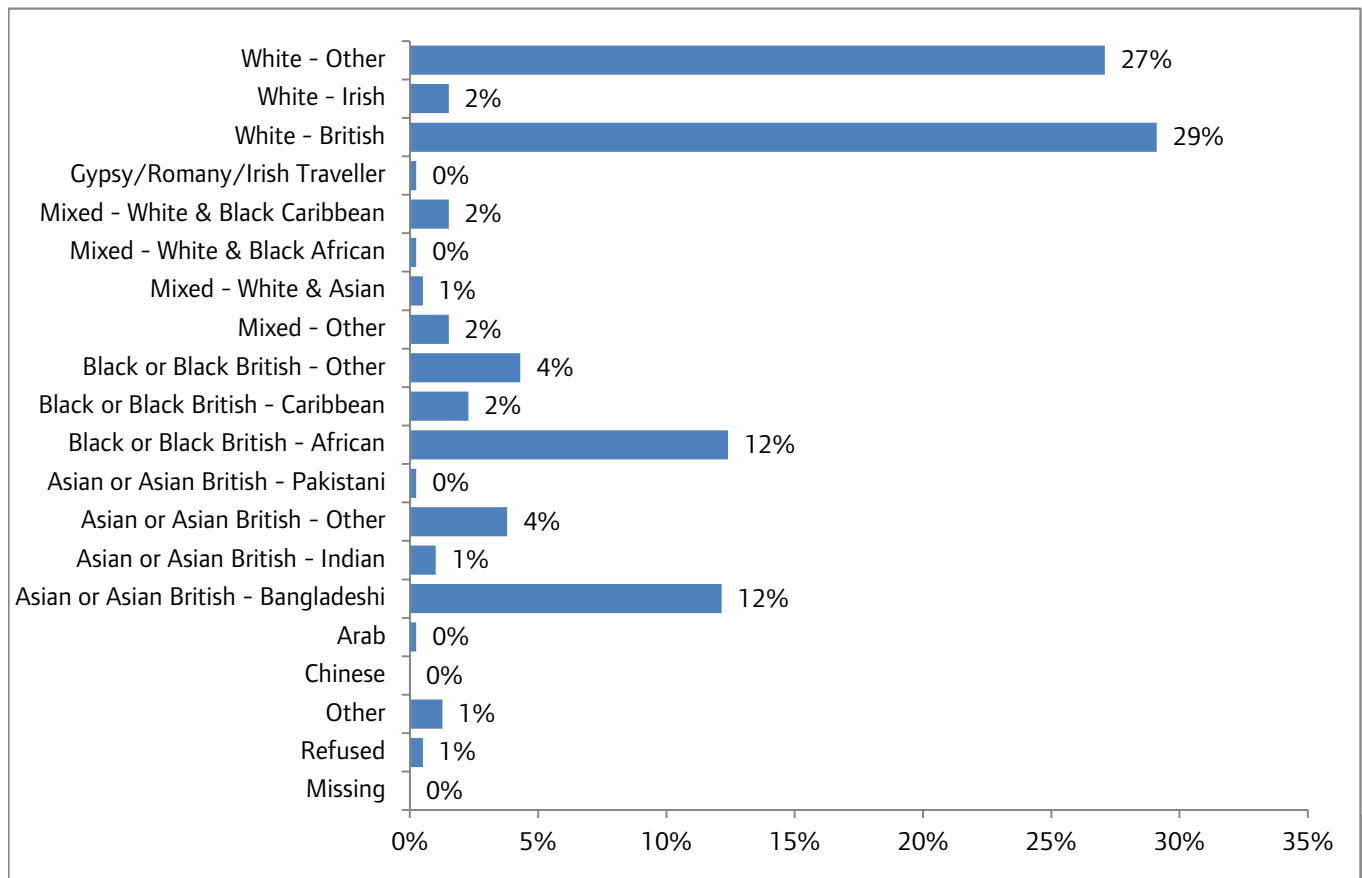
People seen rough sleeping in the year, by age.



Base: 395

3.5 Ethnicity

People seen rough sleeping in the year, by ethnicity.

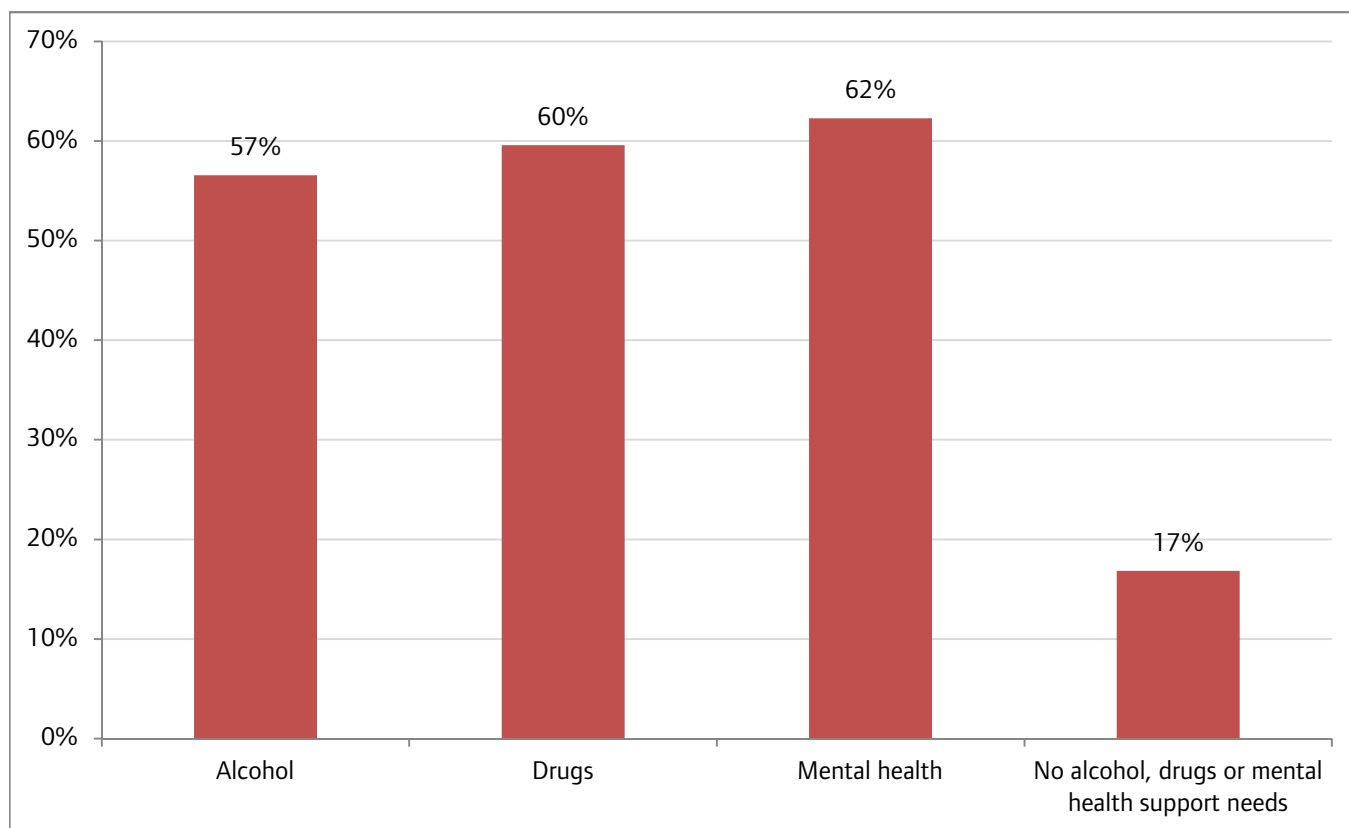


Base: 395

3.6 Support needs

People seen rough sleeping in the year, by support needs.

Support needs data in CHAIN is derived from assessments made by those working with rough sleepers in the homelessness sector. It is important to note that 25% of rough sleepers in the borough in 2015/16 did not have a support needs assessment recorded.

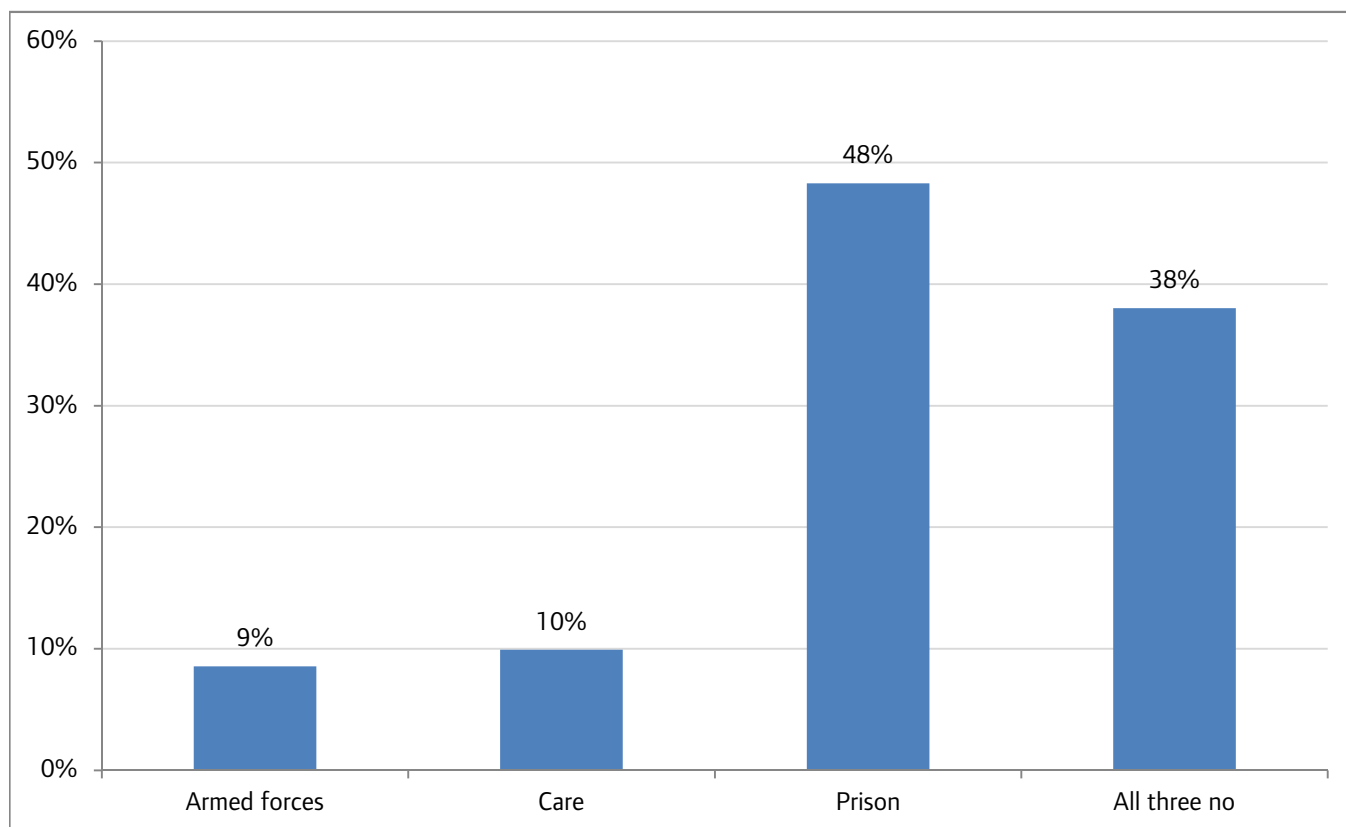


Base: 297. Note that the base figure for this chart excludes clients where none of the three support needs were known or assessed (98).

Support Needs	No. people	% of people seen rough sleeping
Alcohol only	20	5%
Drugs only	17	4%
Mental health only	28	7%
Alcohol and drugs	21	5%
Alcohol and mental health	18	5%
Drugs and mental health	30	8%
Alcohol, drugs and mental health	109	28%
All three no	50	13%
All three not known or not assessed	98	25%
All three no, not known or not assessed	4	1%
Total	395	100%

3.7 Institutional & armed forces history

People seen rough sleeping in the year, by experience of armed forces, care or prison.



Base: 292. Note that the base figure for this chart excludes clients where none of the three institutional histories were recorded (103).

Nationality of rough sleepers with experience of armed forces:

Nationality	No.	%
UK	7	2%
Non-UK	18	6%
Total with armed forces experience	25	9%
Base (total assessed)	292	

25 people seen rough sleeping in the borough in 2015/16 had experience of serving in the armed forces, of whom 7 were UK nationals. Time spent in the forces could have been at any point in the person's life, and it is not necessarily the case that the person has recently been discharged.

4. HELPING PEOPLE OFF THE STREETS

4.1 Accommodation outcomes

Outreach teams and other services work to help rough sleepers into a range of accommodation types, most commonly hostels but also the private rented sector and residential treatment centres.

In 2015/16, 118 people who had been seen rough sleeping during the year were booked into accommodation by services in the borough.

The table below details the accommodation outcomes achieved with people seen rough sleeping in the year, compared to outcomes for rough sleepers in the previous year.

Accommodation type	2014/15		2015/16	
	No. events	%	No. events	%
Temporary accommodation				
Assessment centre	0	0.0%	2	1.3%
Bed & breakfast	7	4.1%	9	5.7%
Clinic/Detox/Rehab	1	0.6%	6	3.8%
Friends & family	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Hostel	149	87.6%	135	86.0%
Local authority temporary accommodation	3	1.8%	4	2.5%
Nightstop	1	0.6%	0	0.0%
Second-stage accommodation	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Other temporary accommodation	2	1.2%	0	0.0%
<i>Temporary accommodation subtotal</i>	<i>163</i>	<i>95.9%</i>	<i>156</i>	<i>99.4%</i>
Long term accommodation				
Care home	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Clearing House/RSI	6	3.5%	1	0.6%
Local authority tenancy (general needs)	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Private rented sector - independent	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Private rented sector - with some floating support	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
RSL tenancy (general needs)	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Sheltered housing	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
St Mungo's complex needs	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
St Mungo's semi-independent	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Supported housing	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Tied accommodation	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Other long-term accommodation	1	0.6%	0	0.0%
<i>Long term accommodation subtotal</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>4.1%</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0.6%</i>
Total	170	100.0%	157	100.0%

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

4.2 NSNO attendance

People seen rough sleeping during the year who were referred from the borough to NSNO.

	2014/15*	2015/16
NSNO	92	116
NLOS	2	

*From October 2014 onwards NLOS ceased operating as a separate service and was integrated into NSNO. Some people may have attended both NSNO and NLOS during 2014/15.

4.3 Reconnection outcomes

Confirmed reconnections achieved with people seen rough sleeping in the year.

Outreach and other services help people to reconnect to their home area or country, where they are more likely to find a solution to their homelessness, for example through appropriate support networks, entitlement to accommodation or access to an alcohol treatment centre. Reconnection destinations could be another borough within London, an area elsewhere in the UK, or another country. Some people may have had more than one reconnection recorded during the year.

Reconnection reason	2014/15		2015/16	
	No.	%	No.	%
Return to home area	21	95%	27	84%
Seeking work	3	14%	7	22%
Move to area for friends/family	8	36%	11	34%
Move to area with appropriate services	2	9%	7	22%
Reconnections total*	22		32	

Reconnection destination	No.	%	No.	%
UK - London	2	10%	2	6%
UK - outside London	4	20%	3	9%
Central and Eastern Europe	10	50%	23	72%
Other Europe	3	15%	4	13%
Rest of the world	1	5%	0	0%
<i>Not known</i>	2		0	
Reconnections total (excl. destination not known)	20	100%	32	100%

*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.

32 people seen rough sleeping in 2015/16 also had a confirmed reconnection recorded by services in the borough during the period.

84% of reconnections this year were to destinations outside the UK. 72% of reconnections were to Central and Eastern European countries.

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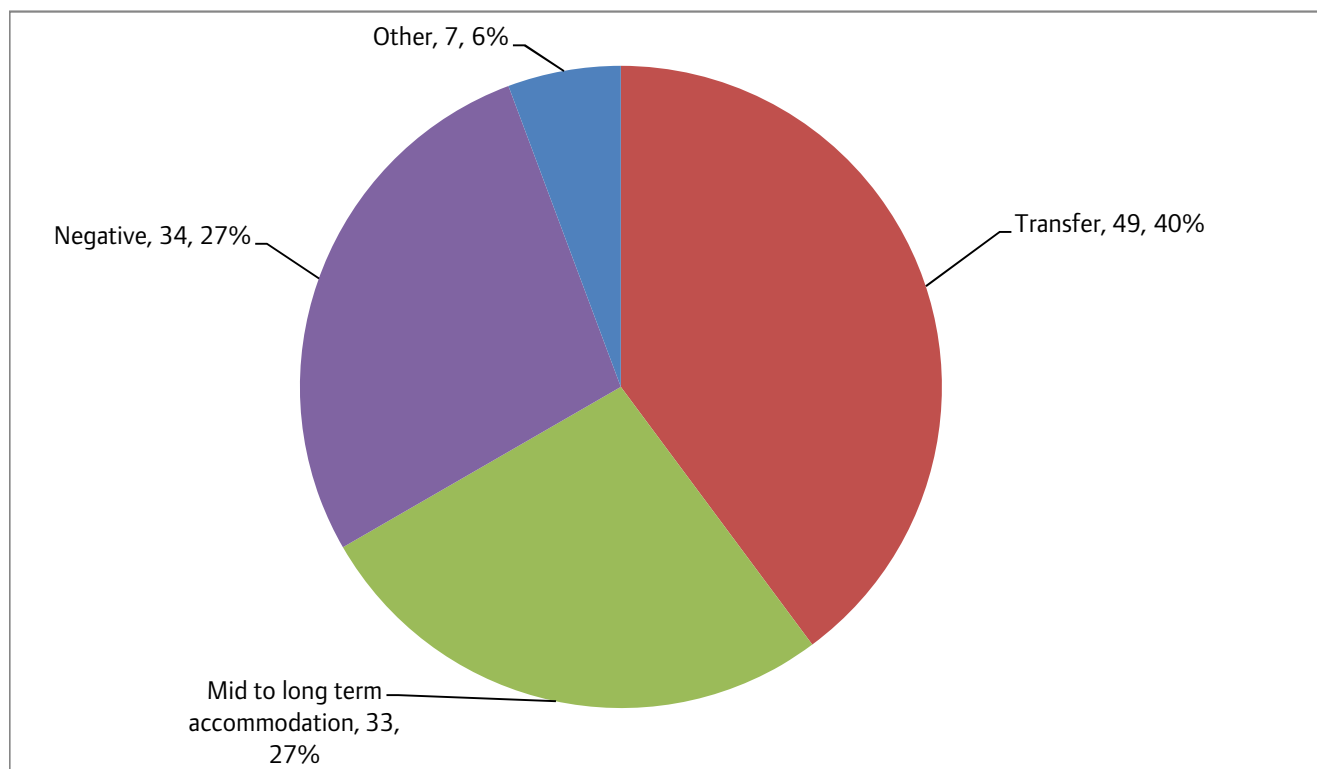
Arrivals and departures at hostels, assessment centres and second-stage accommodation based in the borough. All people counted in this section had previously been seen rough sleeping, but not necessarily during 2015/16.

5.1 Arrivals

A total of 122 individuals arrived at temporary accommodation during the period.

5.2 Departures: Destination on departure

A total of 115 individuals departed from temporary accommodation during the period.



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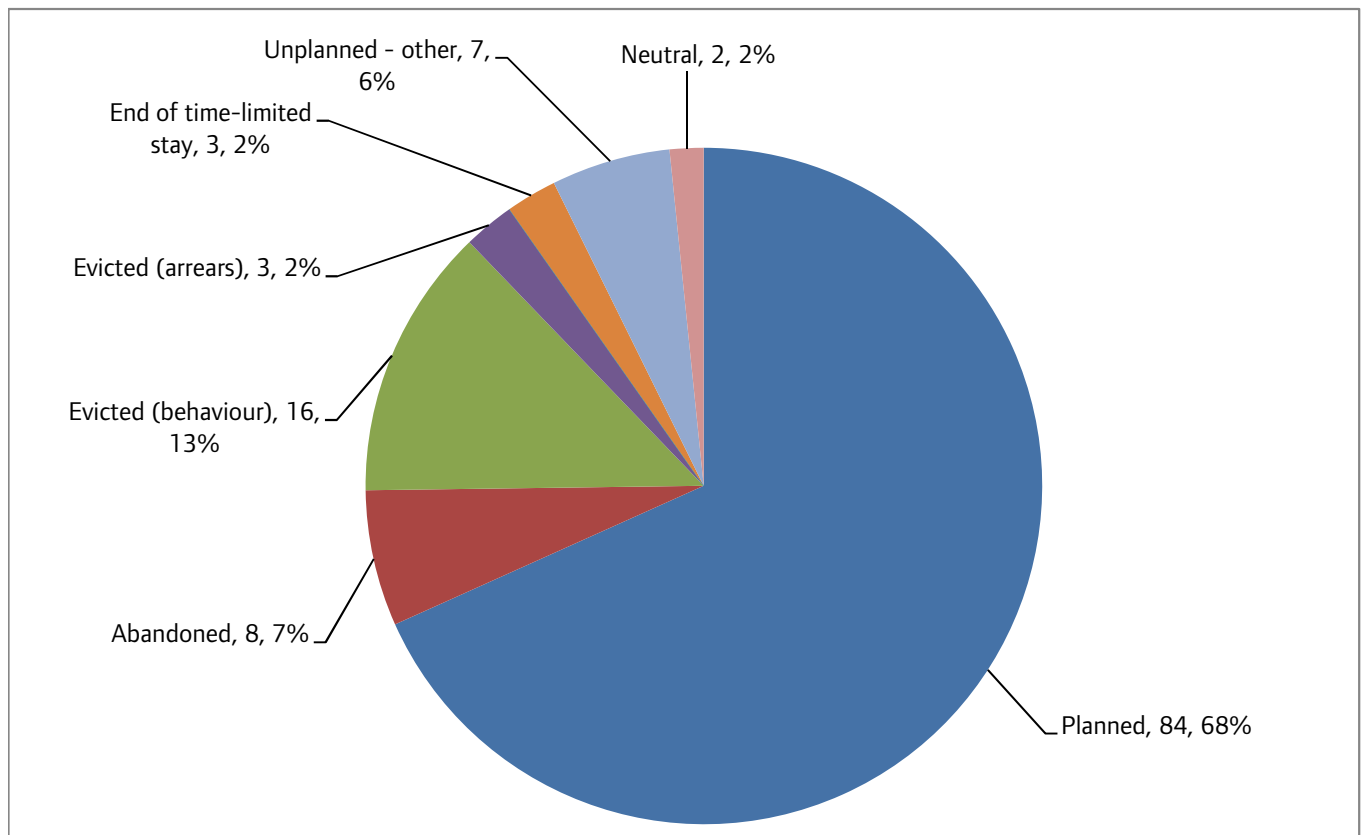
Destination on departure	Destination category	Chart colour
Assessment centre, Bed & breakfast, Detox clinic, Hospital - not long term/acute care, Hostel - another organisation, Hostel - within the organisation, NASS accommodation, Night shelter, NSNO assessment hub, NSNO staging post, Psychiatric hospital, 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	
Committed suicide, Not known, Sleeping rough/Returned to streets, Taken into custody	Negative	
Died, Previous home, Staying with family, Staying with friends	Other	

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

Destination on departure	No. departures	%
Transfer		
Assessment centre	1	1%
Bed & breakfast	0	0%
Detox clinic	1	1%
Hospital - not long term/acute care	1	1%
Hostel - another organisation	6	5%
Hostel - within the organisation	5	4%
NASS accommodation	0	0%
Night shelter	0	0%
NSNO assessment hub	0	0%
NSNO staging post	0	0%
Psychiatric hospital	0	0%
Rehab clinic	3	2%
Temporary accommodation (LA)	32	26%
<i>Transfer subtotal</i>	<i>49</i>	<i>40%</i>
Mid to long term accommodation		
Accommodation where client is owner	0	0%
Care home	1	1%
Clearing House/RSI	5	4%
Hospital - long term	0	0%
LA tenancy (general needs)	2	2%
Long stay hospice	0	0%
Private rented sector - independent	3	2%
Private rented sector - with some floating support	11	9%
Returned to home country (EEA)	0	0%
Returned to home country (non EEA)	0	0%
RSL tenancy (general needs)	1	1%
Sheltered housing	2	2%
Supported housing	8	7%
Tied accommodation with work	0	0%
<i>Mid to long term accommodation subtotal</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>27%</i>
Negative		
Committed suicide	0	0%
Not known	25	20%
Sleeping rough/Returned to streets	0	0%
Taken into custody	9	7%
<i>Negative subtotal</i>	<i>34</i>	<i>28%</i>
Other		
Died	2	2%
Previous home	1	1%
Staying with family	3	2%
Staying with friends	1	1%
<i>Other subtotal</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>6%</i>
Total	123	100%

5.3 Departures: Reason for leaving

Temporary accommodation departures by reason for leaving.



Base: 123

Note: An individual may have had more than one accommodation departure during the period. In most cases where a person's reason for leaving has been recorded as 'Neutral', their tenancy has ended due to them dying.

