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1. INTRODUCTION

This quarterly report presents information about people seen rough sleeping by outreach teams in Outer Boroughs in April - June 2022. Information 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

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.

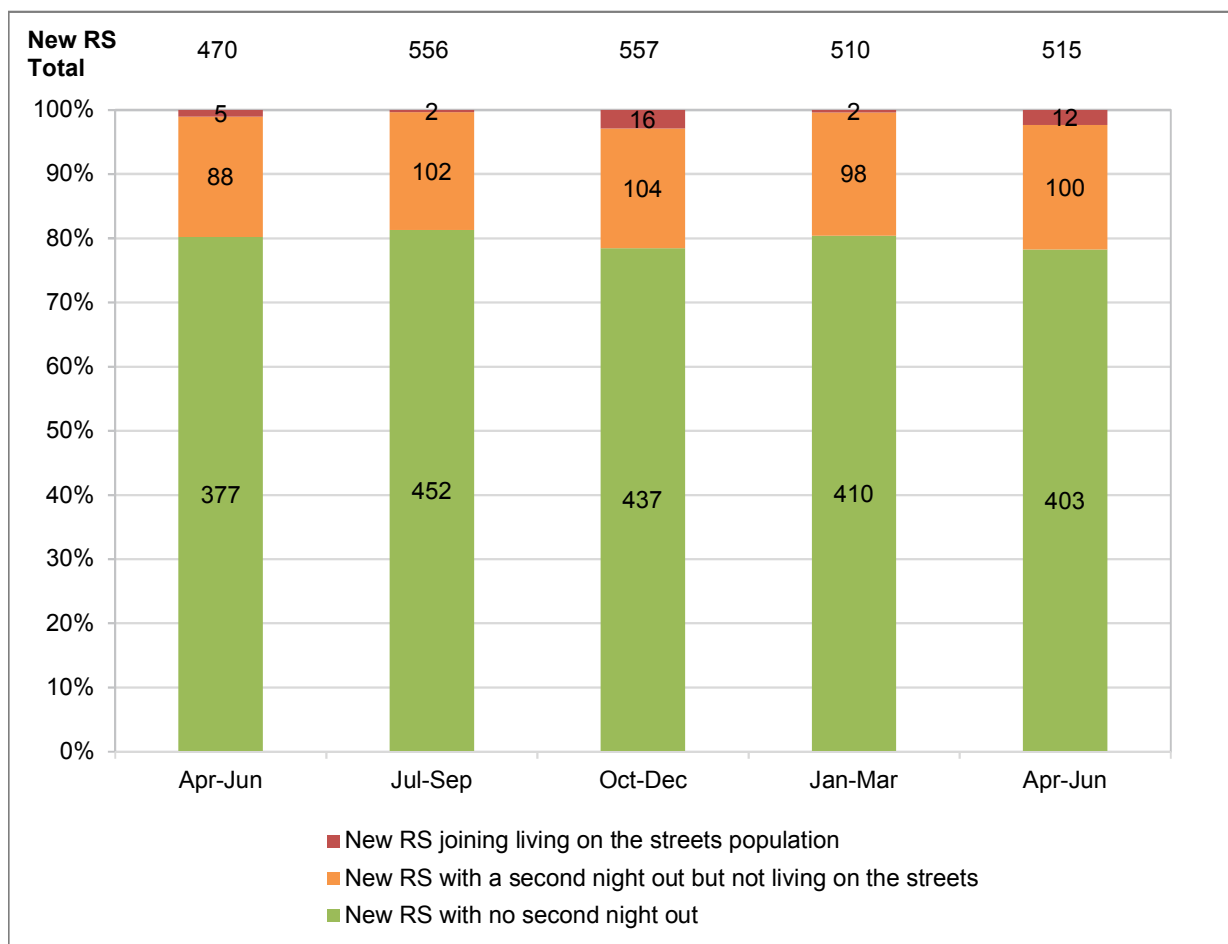
2. ROUGH SLEEPER POPULATION ANALYSIS

Outer Boroughs: Headlines

Volumes	No. Rough Sleepers	Change from last period	Change on same period last year
New Rough Sleepers (All)	515	+5	+45
New RS with no second night out	403	-7	+26
New RS with a second night out but not living on the streets	100	+2	+12
New RS joining living on the streets population*	12	+10	+7
Living on the Streets (All)	76	+2	+1
LOS - Transferred from new RS*	12	+10	+7
LOS - Known	58	-11	-7
LOS - RS205+	6	+3	+1
Intermittent Rough Sleepers	341	-5	+24
Total	920	-8	+63

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

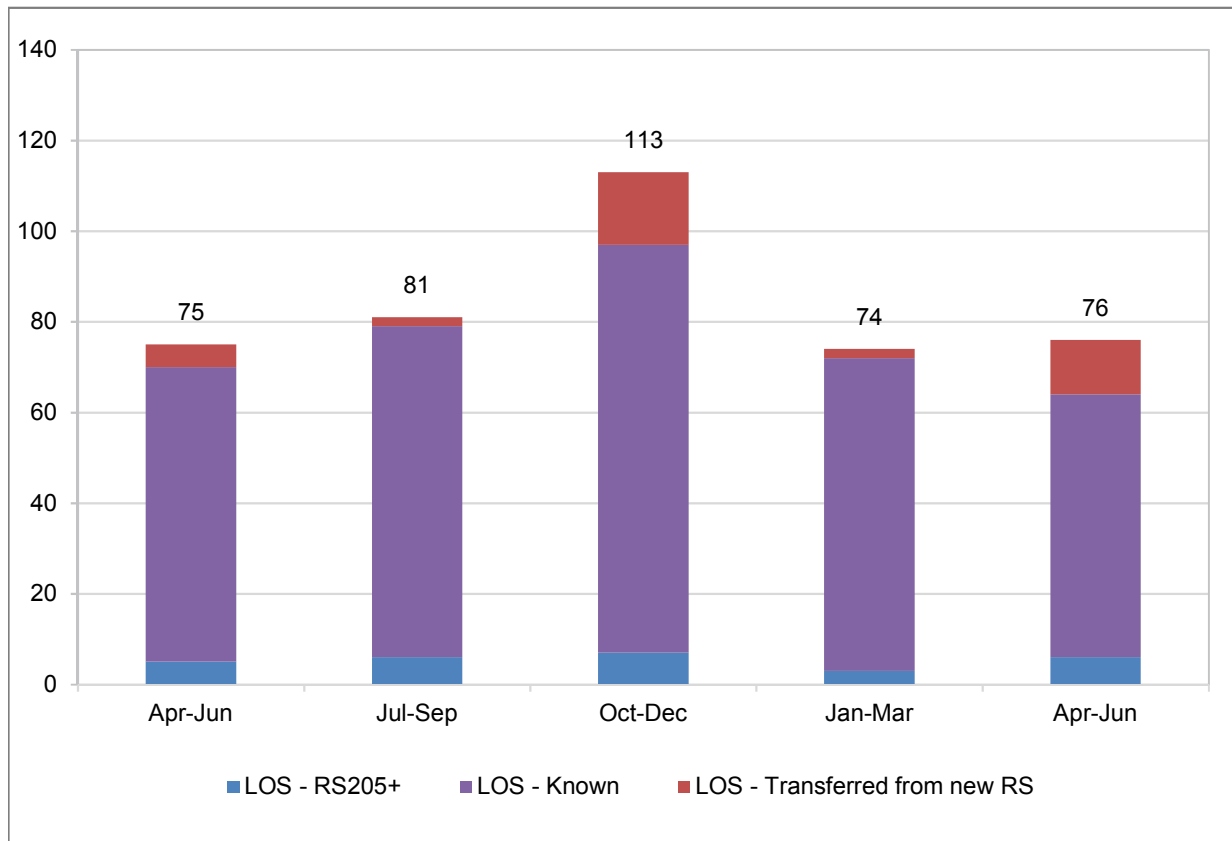
Outer Boroughs: Achieving No Second Night Out



Category	No. this period
New RS with no second night out	403
New RS with a second night out but not living on the streets	100
New RS joining living on the streets population	12
Total	515

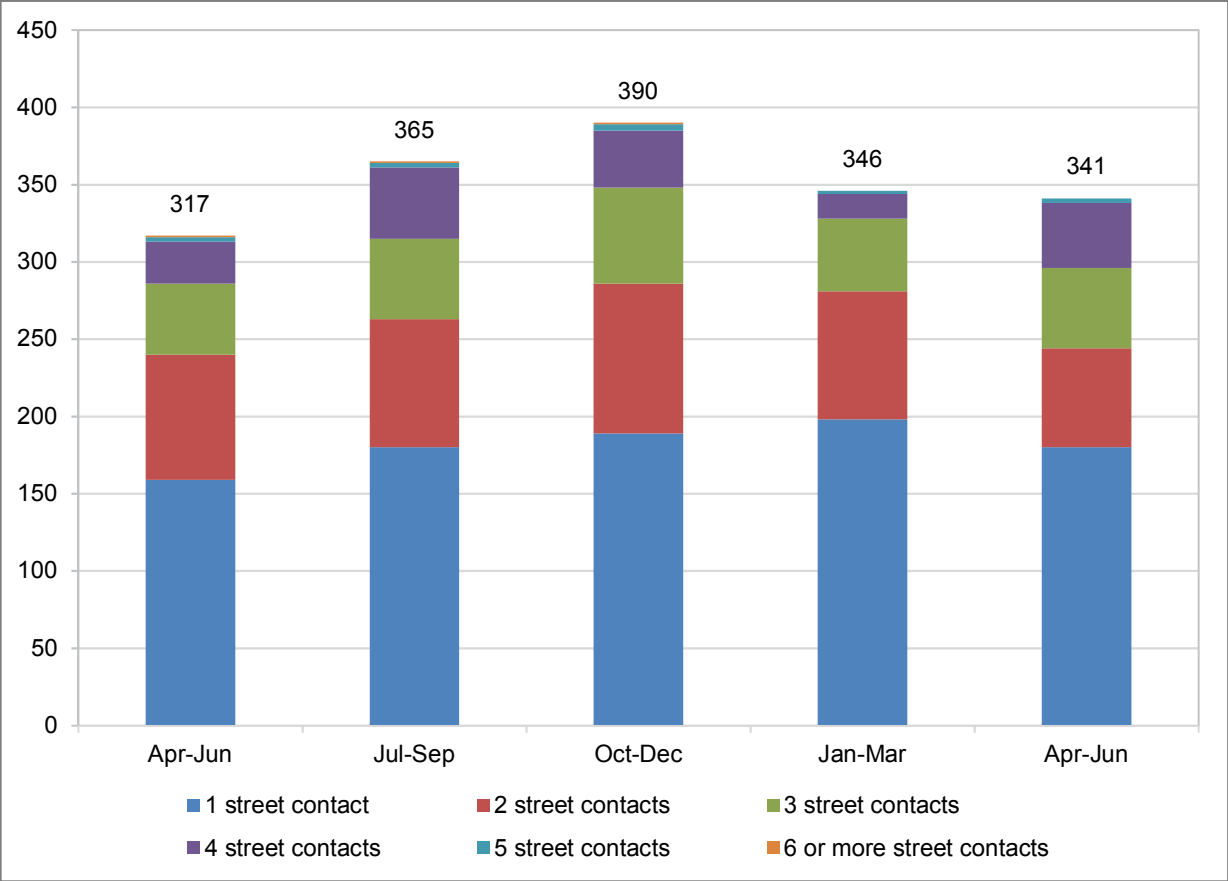
Note: New RS = New rough sleepers

Outer Boroughs: No One Living on the Streets



Category	No. this period
LOS - Transferred from new RS	12
LOS - Known	58
LOS - RS205+	6
Total	76

Outer Boroughs: Intermittent Rough Sleepers



No. bedded down street contacts during this period	No. intermittent rough sleepers
1 street contact	180
2 street contacts	64
3 street contacts	52
4 street contacts	42
5 street contacts	3
6 or more street contacts	0
Total	341

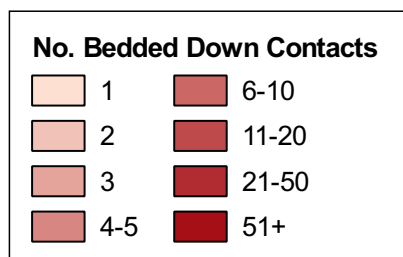
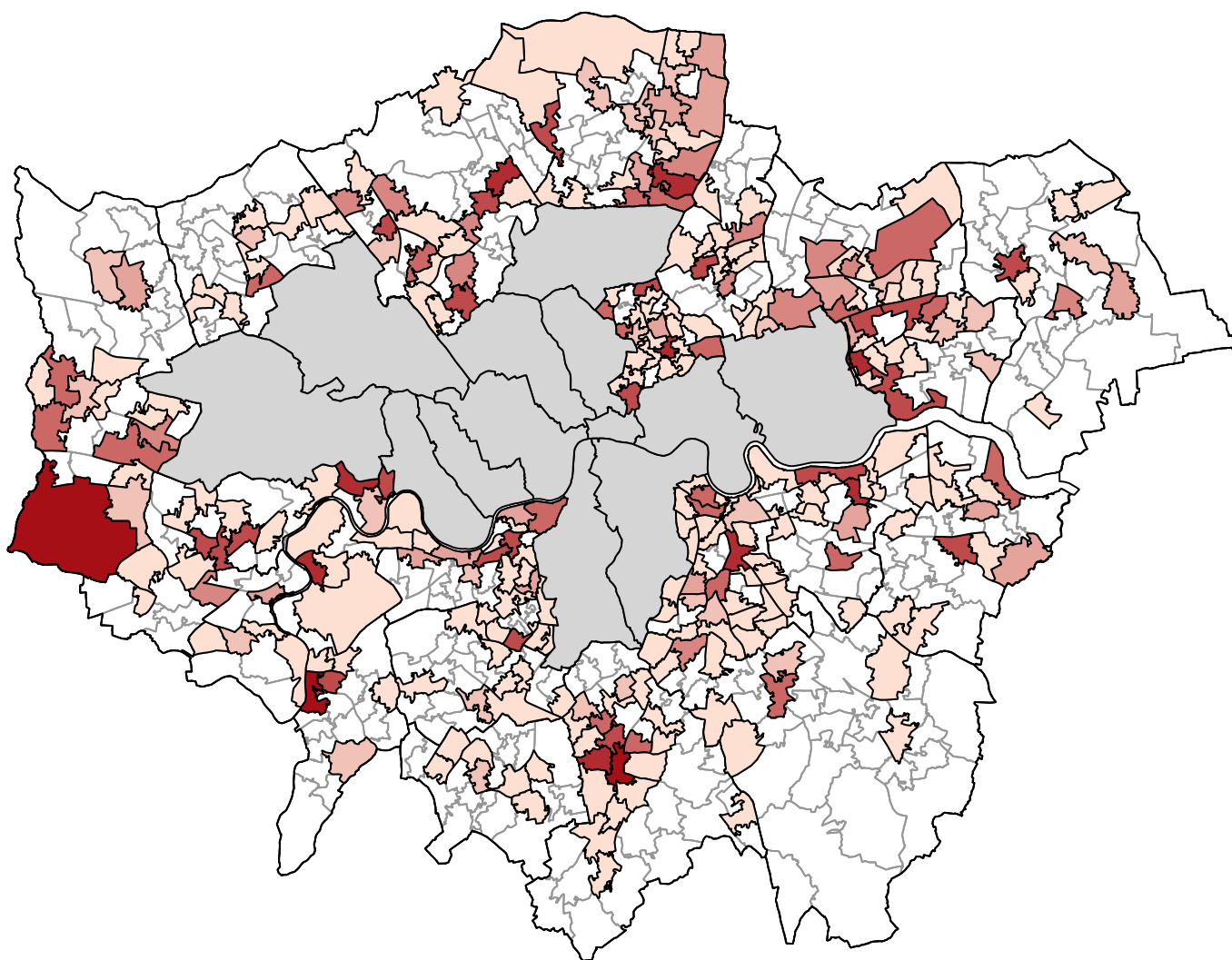
Outer Boroughs: Distribution

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	15	5	0	6	0	20	46
Barnet	17	1	2	6	1	13	40
Bexley	12	2	0	4	0	5	23
Bromley	9	3	0	0	0	8	20
Croydon	44	8	1	8	0	36	97
Enfield	48	6	0	2	0	20	76
Greenwich	16	9	0	1	1	14	41
Hackney	27	9	0	3	1	17	57
Harrow	8	1	0	0	0	10	19
Havering	4	7	0	1	1	6	19
Heathrow	25	9	0	0	0	13	47
Hillingdon	18	3	0	0	0	16	37
Hounslow	13	5	1	7	1	16	43
Kingston upon Thames	4	4	6	6	1	20	41
Lewisham	35	6	0	3	0	26	70
Merton	8	1	1	0	0	2	12
Redbridge	23	4	0	4	0	24	55
Richmond	8	4	1	2	0	17	32
Sutton	4	2	0	0	0	2	8
Waltham Forest	22	2	1	0	0	8	33
Wandsworth	21	4	0	3	0	38	66
Bus route	20	4	0	2	0	12	38
Tube line	2	3	1	2	0	2	10
UNIQUE TOTAL	403	100	12	58	6	341	920

3. SPATIAL DISTRIBUTION

Bedded down street contacts by area: Greater London level

The map below shows the number of bedded down street contacts recorded in each Middle Super Output Area across the Outer Boroughs during the period. It is important to note that this represents volume of contacts rather than individuals, and some people may have been seen on multiple occasions within a given area.



4. NATIONALITY

Nationality: Rolling figures

Nationality of people seen rough sleeping by outreach services.

Nationality	Oct-Dec 21		Jan-Mar 22		Apr-Jun 22	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
UK	523	54.1%	465	53.0%	492	56.3%
Romania	95	9.8%	74	8.4%	84	9.6%
Poland	70	7.2%	60	6.8%	52	5.9%
Portugal	12	1.2%	18	2.1%	8	0.9%
Lithuania	31	3.2%	17	1.9%	15	1.7%
Ireland (Republic of)	9	0.9%	10	1.1%	10	1.1%
Italy	9	0.9%	8	0.9%	5	0.6%
Bulgaria	6	0.6%	12	1.4%	6	0.7%
Hungary	4	0.4%	2	0.2%	5	0.6%
Latvia	3	0.3%	6	0.7%	3	0.3%
Spain	5	0.5%	5	0.6%	3	0.3%
Other European (EEA) countries	16	1.7%	24	2.7%	26	3.0%
Europe (EEA)	260	26.9%	236	26.9%	217	24.8%
Europe (Non-EEA)	11	1.1%	8	0.9%	10	1.1%
Europe (Not known)	5	0.5%	4	0.5%	5	0.6%
Eritrea	10	1.0%	15	1.7%	18	2.1%
Nigeria	14	1.4%	17	1.9%	10	1.1%
Sudan	11	1.1%	4	0.5%	6	0.7%
Somalia	9	0.9%	6	0.7%	5	0.6%
Algeria	5	0.5%	8	0.9%	3	0.3%
Other African countries	30	3.1%	31	3.5%	28	3.2%
Africa	79	8.2%	81	9.2%	70	8.0%
India	15	1.6%	18	2.1%	20	2.3%
Afghanistan	8	0.8%	12	1.4%	13	1.5%
Iran	7	0.7%	7	0.8%	9	1.0%
Pakistan	4	0.4%	8	0.9%	7	0.8%
Sri Lanka	4	0.4%	6	0.7%	6	0.7%
Other Asian countries	22	2.3%	10	1.1%	12	1.4%
Asia	60	6.2%	61	7.0%	67	7.7%
Americas	29	3.0%	21	2.4%	11	1.3%
Australasia	0	0.0%	1	0.1%	2	0.2%
Not known	77		51		46	
Total (excl. not known)	967	100.0%	877	100.0%	874	100.0%
Total (incl. not known)	1044		928		920	

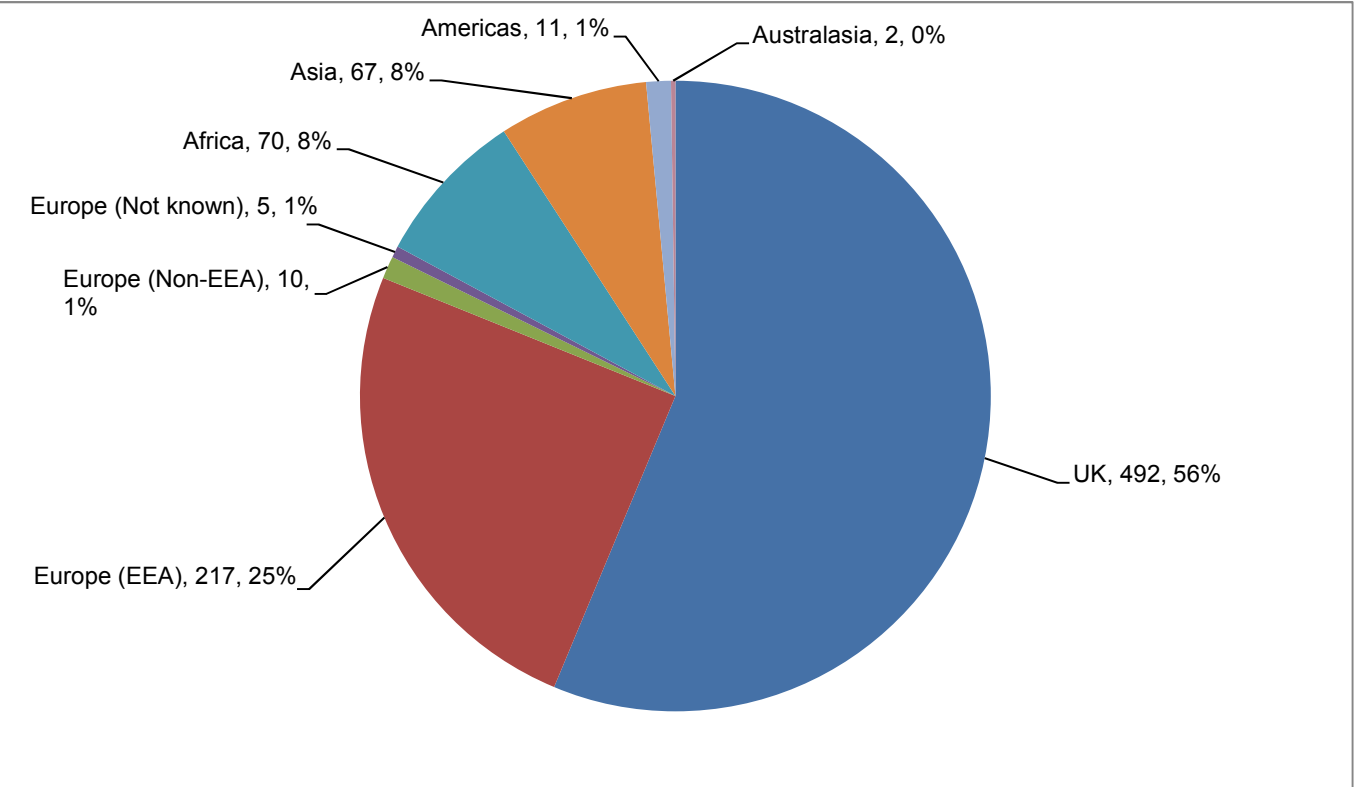
Note: Percentages are calculated from total excluding clients whose nationality was not known or not recorded.

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

Nationality of people seen rough sleeping by outreach services, grouped by area.



Base: 874. Note that the base figure for this chart excludes clients whose nationality is not known or recorded.

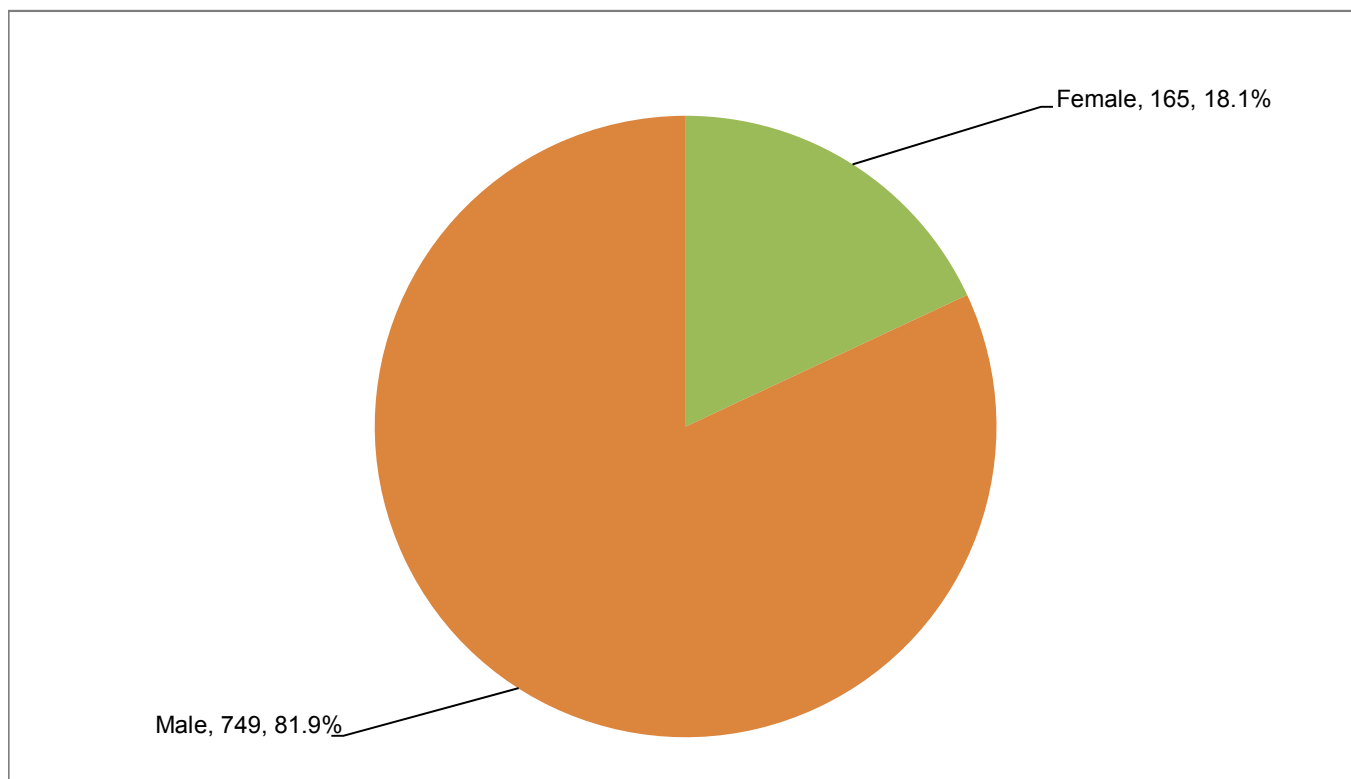
Nationality: Borough breakdown

Borough	UK	Europe (EEA)	Europe (Non-EEA)	Europe (Not known)	Africa	Asia	Americas	Australasia	Not known	Total
Barking & Dagenham	18	19	0	0	3	4	1	0	1	46
Barnet	21	10	0	0	3	5	0	0	1	40
Bexley	20	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	23
Bromley	16	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	20
Croydon	58	13	0	0	9	13	1	0	3	97
Enfield	33	22	3	1	3	6	1	0	7	76
Greenwich	21	7	1	0	6	0	0	0	6	41
Hackney	25	15	1	1	7	1	1	0	6	57
Harrow	9	3	0	0	1	6	0	0	0	19
Havering	15	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	19
Heathrow	29	7	0	0	0	4	1	2	4	47
Hillingdon	17	8	1	0	2	8	0	0	1	37
Hounslow	26	9	0	1	3	2	1	0	1	43
Kingston upon Thames	9	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41
Lewisham	38	15	1	0	10	1	1	0	4	70
Merton	5	4	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	12
Redbridge	34	11	1	0	4	4	0	0	1	55
Richmond	22	7	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	32
Sutton	4	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	8
Waltham Forest	13	9	0	0	3	3	1	0	4	33
Wandsworth	41	16	1	0	2	2	1	0	3	66
Bus route	19	7	0	0	8	3	1	0	0	38
Tube line	5	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	10

5. DEMOGRAPHICS

Gender

Gender of people seen rough sleeping by outreach services.

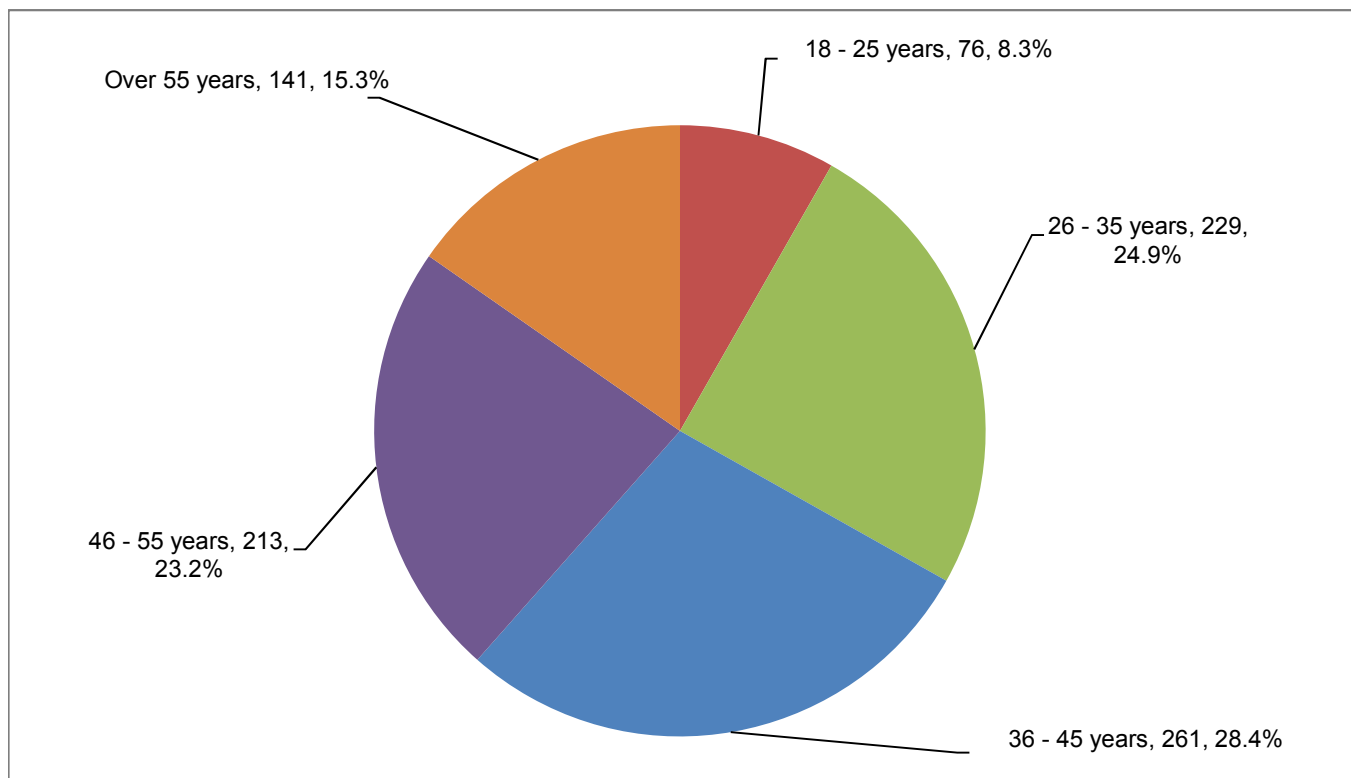


Base: 914 people seen rough sleeping whose gender was known. This excludes 6 people whose gender was not known.

Borough	Female	Male	Non-binary	Not known	Total
Barking & Dagenham	6	40	0	0	40
Barnet	9	31	0	0	31
Bexley	3	20	0	0	20
Bromley	4	16	0	0	16
Croydon	21	75	0	1	76
Enfield	11	64	0	1	65
Greenwich	6	35	0	0	35
Hackney	17	38	0	2	40
Harrow	4	15	0	0	15
Havering	5	14	0	0	14
Heathrow	11	36	0	0	36
Hillingdon	1	36	0	0	36
Hounslow	7	36	0	0	36
Kingston upon Thames	16	25	0	0	25
Lewisham	11	59	0	0	59
Merton	1	11	0	0	11
Redbridge	9	45	0	1	46
Richmond	4	28	0	0	28
Sutton	0	8	0	0	8
Waltham Forest	4	29	0	0	29
Wandsworth	9	57	0	0	57
Bus route	5	32	0	1	33
Tube line	1	8	0	1	9

Age

Age of people seen rough sleeping by outreach services.

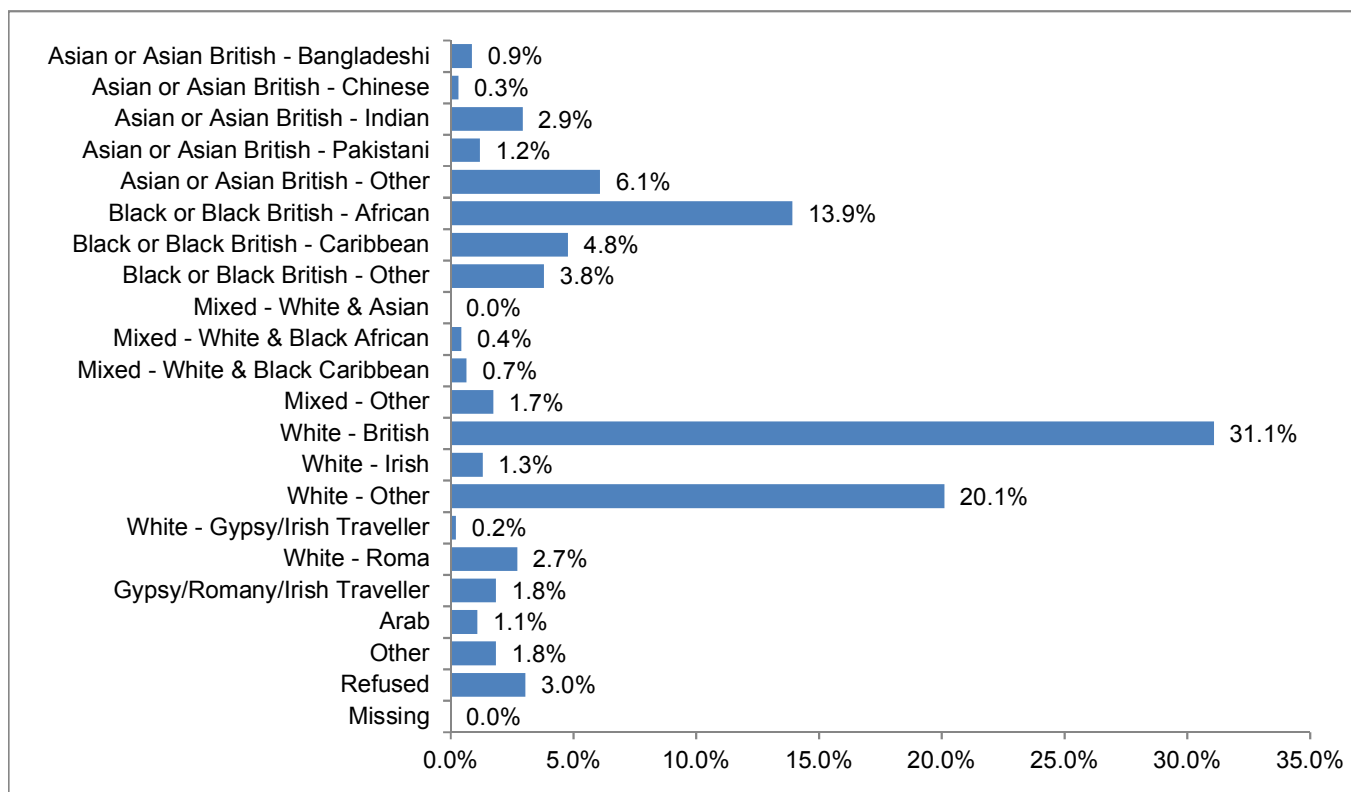


Base: 920

Borough	Under 18 years	18 - 25 years	26 - 35 years	36 - 45 years	46 - 55 years	Over 55 years	Total
Barking & Dagenham	0	6	9	13	10	8	46
Barnet	0	2	8	11	14	5	40
Bexley	0	2	9	4	3	5	23
Bromley	0	3	4	7	4	2	20
Croydon	0	6	32	23	20	16	97
Enfield	0	7	24	19	14	12	76
Greenwich	0	1	8	19	11	2	41
Hackney	0	2	12	23	16	4	57
Harrow	0	2	4	7	4	2	19
Havering	0	4	3	7	4	1	19
Heathrow	0	4	12	6	13	12	47
Hillingdon	0	1	12	10	10	4	37
Hounslow	0	1	11	11	13	7	43
Kingston upon Thames	0	6	12	9	10	4	41
Lewisham	0	7	19	19	15	10	70
Merton	0	0	6	2	3	1	12
Redbridge	0	6	10	22	10	7	55
Richmond	0	0	4	12	6	10	32
Sutton	0	0	1	3	3	1	8
Waltham Forest	0	3	6	14	7	3	33
Wandsworth	0	10	19	15	14	8	66
Bus route	0	3	5	8	9	13	38
Tube line	0	0	1	2	1	6	10

Ethnicity

Ethnicity of people seen rough sleeping by outreach services.



Base: 920

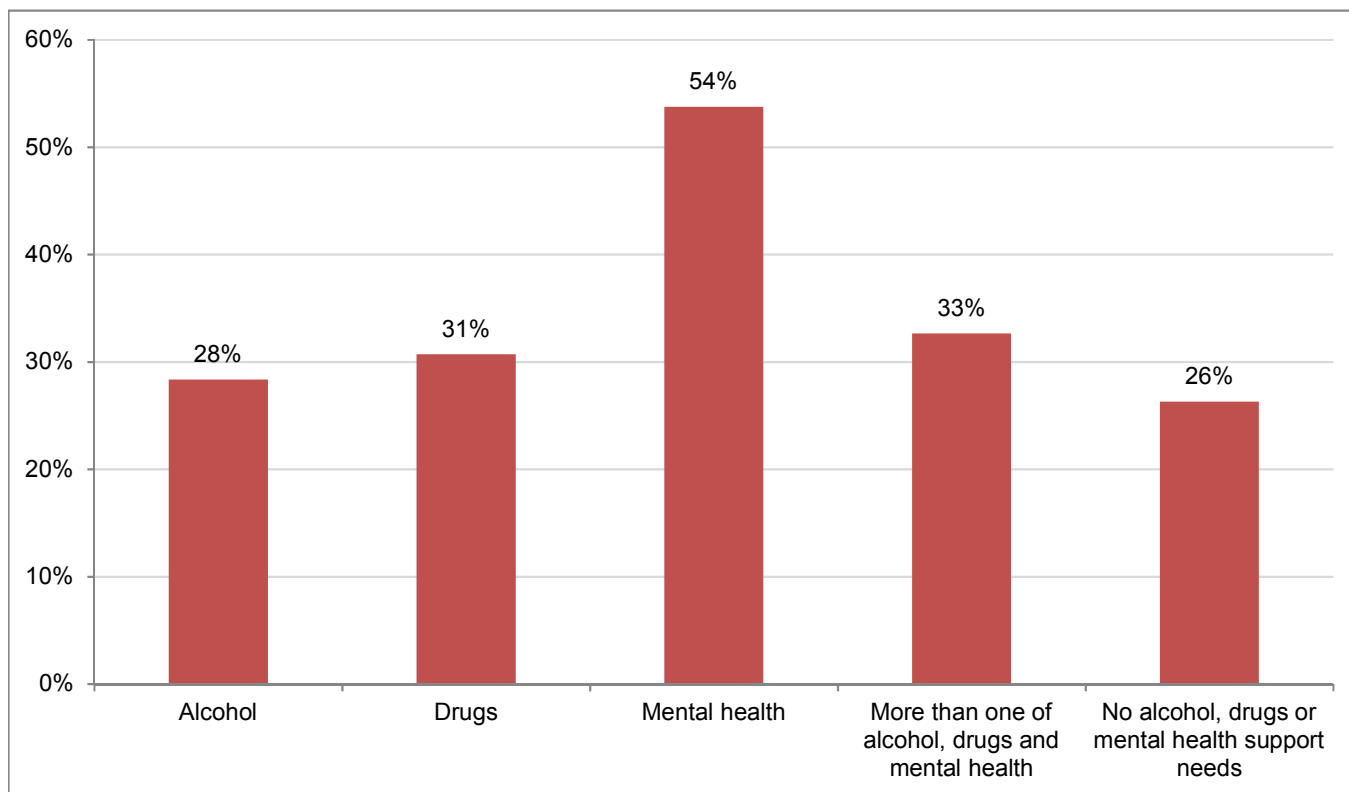
The previously employed category of 'Gypsy/Romany/Irish Traveller' was replaced with separate categories for 'White - Gypsy/Irish Traveller' and 'White - Roma' in April 2021. However, many people seen rough sleeping during the period may not have had their ethnicity information updated to reflect these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

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	11	1	10	0	17	1	0	0	46
Barnet	6	7	1	15	0	6	3	1	1	40
Bexley	0	3	0	16	1	3	0	0	0	23
Bromley	1	4	0	14	0	1	0	0	0	20
Croydon	14	26	3	32	2	14	0	4	2	97
Enfield	6	17	1	14	1	23	6	3	5	76
Greenwich	2	12	2	14	1	9	0	0	1	41
Hackney	4	16	2	13	1	17	1	3	0	57
Harrow	7	3	1	6	0	1	0	1	0	19
Havering	3	1	2	11	0	1	0	0	1	19
Heathrow	9	18	0	9	0	6	0	1	4	47
Hillingdon	10	2	3	11	2	6	1	2	0	37
Hounslow	4	4	3	18	1	9	0	1	3	43
Kingston upon Thames	0	2	0	7	0	6	26	0	0	41
Lewisham	4	26	2	17	0	14	0	5	2	70
Merton	3	2	0	0	0	4	0	0	3	12
Redbridge	12	13	1	17	1	9	2	0	0	55
Richmond	2	0	0	19	0	7	0	2	2	32
Sutton	0	1	0	4	0	2	0	1	0	8
Waltham Forest	3	10	3	5	0	10	0	0	2	33
Wandsworth	5	9	1	29	1	12	5	2	2	66
Bus route	6	19	1	4	0	8	0	0	0	38
Tube line	0	4	0	2	1	1	0	2	0	10

6. SUPPORT NEEDS

Support needs: Overall figures

Support needs of people seen rough sleeping by outreach services.



Base: 772. Note that the base figure for this chart excludes people for whom all three support needs are not known or not assessed (148)

Support Needs	No. people	% of people seen rough sleeping
Alcohol only	73	9%
Drugs only	51	7%
Mental health only	177	23%
Alcohol and drugs	14	2%
Alcohol and mental health	66	9%
Drugs and mental health	106	14%
Alcohol, drugs and mental health	66	9%
All three no	203	26%
All three no, not known or not assessed	16	2%
All three not known or not assessed	148	
Total (excl. not assessed)	772	100%
Total (incl. not assessed)	920	

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

Support Needs: Borough breakdown

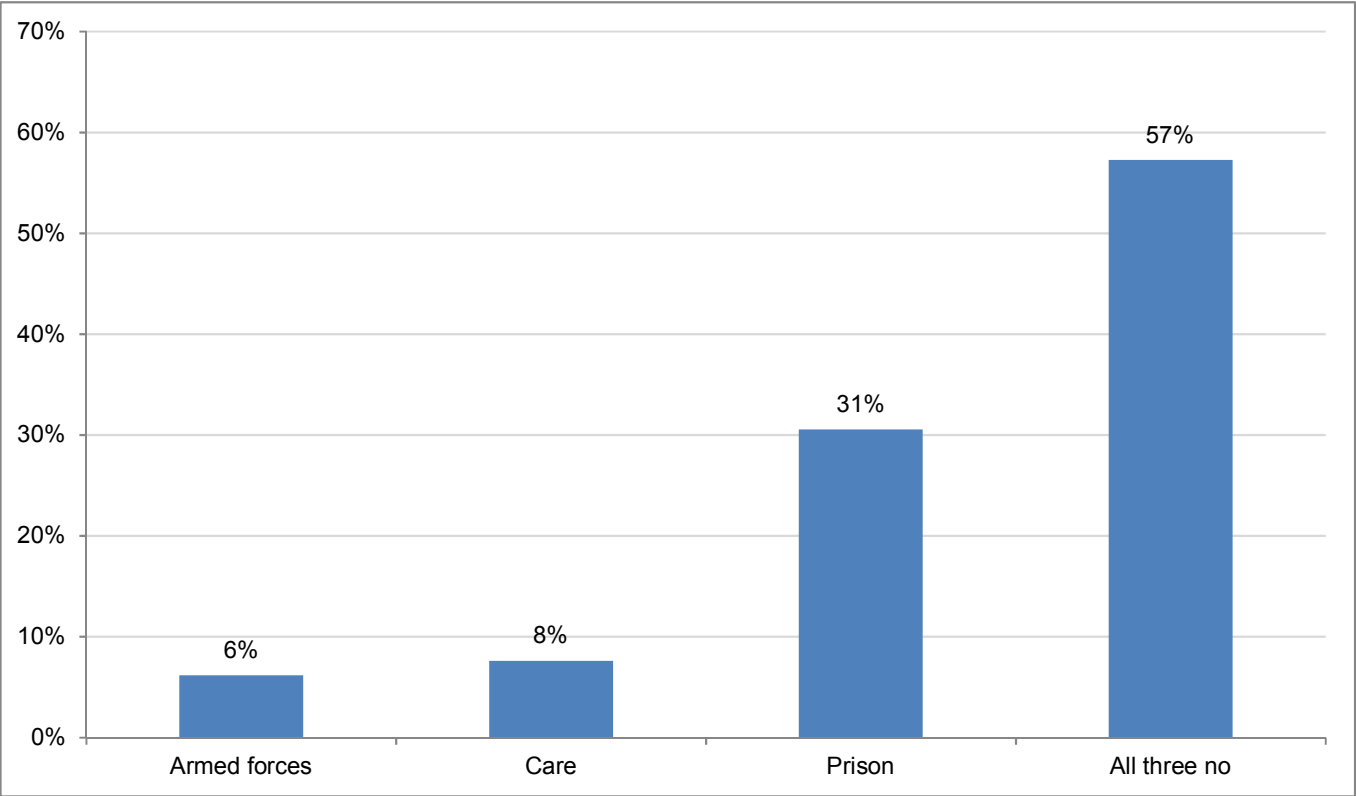
Borough	Alcohol	Drugs	Mental health	More than one of alcohol, drugs and mental health	No alcohol, drugs or mental health support needs	Total assessed*
Barking & Dagenham	20	11	22	18	14	44
Barnet	6	7	19	6	4	29
Bexley	6	11	15	10	1	22
Bromley	7	10	12	11	3	17
Croydon	16	30	41	25	19	78
Enfield	19	13	36	15	14	66
Greenwich	9	14	18	13	6	31
Hackney	11	12	21	12	12	43
Harrow	4	8	12	6	3	19
Havering	3	6	13	7	4	19
Heathrow	1	4	21	3	24	47
Hillingdon	14	11	25	16	5	35
Hounslow	13	15	16	15	9	37
Kingston upon Thames	8	6	8	7	26	39
Lewisham	21	17	31	20	14	59
Merton	2	1	5	1	3	9
Redbridge	19	24	33	26	11	51
Richmond	7	4	13	6	4	25
Sutton	2	3	4	3	1	6
Waltham Forest	10	6	11	8	9	25
Wandsworth	10	20	22	19	8	35
Bus route	10	5	19	6	11	38
Tube line	4	2	4	2	0	8

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

7. INSTITUTIONAL & ARMED FORCES HISTORY

Institutional & armed forces history: Overall figures

People seen rough sleeping by outreach services, by experience of armed forces, care or prison.



Base: 763. Note that the base figure for this chart excludes people for whom all three institutional histories are not known or not recorded.

Nationality of rough sleepers with experience of armed forces:

Nationality	No. people	% of people seen rough sleeping
UK	17	2%
Non-UK	30	4%
Not known/recorded	0	0%
Total	47	6%

Institutional & armed forces history: Borough breakdown

Borough	Armed forces	Care	Prison	No institutional or armed forces history	Total assessed*
Barking & Dagenham	4	3	12	24	42
Barnet	4	2	11	13	34
Bexley	0	1	10	9	21
Bromley	1	2	6	8	15
Croydon	1	5	21	49	73
Enfield	5	5	18	37	62
Greenwich	2	4	12	15	31
Hackney	2	2	17	22	44
Harrow	4	1	5	9	18
Havering	0	5	9	5	16
Heathrow	0	2	5	42	47
Hillingdon	5	3	7	21	35
Hounslow	1	3	24	13	38
Kingston upon Thames	0	0	1	30	32
Lewisham	2	2	17	38	60
Merton	0	1	2	6	9
Redbridge	4	4	15	28	51
Richmond	3	4	11	5	23
Sutton	2	1	5	1	8
Waltham Forest	2	0	7	17	25
Wandsworth	3	7	14	23	49
Bus route	3	1	6	24	35
Tube line	0	1	3	1	5

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

8. ACCOMMODATION & RECONNECTION OUTCOMES

Reconnections and bookings into accommodation achieved for verified rough sleepers by borough based services during the period.

Accommodation and reconnection outcomes by number of people:

	Jan-Mar 22	Apr-Jun 22
Outcome	No. people	No. people
Booked into accommodation or reconnected	262	184
Booked into accommodation	246	157
Booked into hub, shelter or emergency accommodation	98	22
Booked into temporary accommodation	156	126
Booked into long term accommodation	29	23
Reconnected	21	46

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

Reconnection outcomes by number of events:

	Jan-Mar 22		Apr-Jun 22	
Reconnection reason	No. events	%	No. events	%
Return to home area	18	86%	33	70%
Seeking work	0	0%	0	0%
Move to area for friends/family	7	33%	10	21%
Move to area with appropriate services	10	48%	21	45%
Reconnections total	21		47	

Note: 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.

	Jan-Mar 22		Apr-Jun 22	
Reconnection destination	No. events	%	No. events	%
UK - London	8	38%	36	77%
UK - outside London	2	10%	5	11%
Central and Eastern Europe	5	24%	4	9%
Other Europe	3	14%	0	0%
Rest of the world	3	14%	2	4%
<i>Not known</i>	0		0	
Reconnections total (excl. destination not known)	21	100%	47	100%

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

Accommodation outcomes by number of events:

Accommodation type	Jan-Mar 22		Apr-Jun 22	
	No. events	%	No. events	%
Hubs, shelters and emergency accommodation				
COVID-19 Emergency Accommodation (Local)	7	2%	0	0%
Hub	7	2%	1	1%
Nightstop	1	0%	0	0%
SWEP (Local)	81	27%	14	7%
SWEP (Pan-London)	5	2%	8	4%
Winter/Night Shelter	5	2%	0	0%
<i>Hubs, shelters and emergency accommodation subtotal</i>	<i>106</i>	<i>35%</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>12%</i>
Temporary accommodation				
Assessment centre	5	2%	3	2%
Bed & breakfast	14	5%	15	8%
Clinic/Detox/Rehab	0	0%	1	1%
Friends & family	1	0%	0	0%
Hostel	7	2%	15	8%
Local authority temporary accommodation	121	40%	90	47%
Staging post	2	1%	6	3%
Other temporary accommodation	18	6%	14	7%
<i>Temporary accommodation subtotal</i>	<i>168</i>	<i>55%</i>	<i>144</i>	<i>76%</i>
Long-term accommodation				
Care home	0	0%	0	0%
Clearing House/RSI	2	1%	2	1%
Local authority tenancy (general needs)	4	1%	3	2%
Private rented sector - independent	6	2%	6	3%
Private rented sector - with some floating support	0	0%	2	1%
RSL tenancy (general needs)	0	0%	0	0%
Sheltered housing	1	0%	0	0%
Supported housing	16	5%	10	5%
Tied accommodation	0	0%	0	0%
Other long-term accommodation	1	0%	0	0%
<i>Long term accommodation subtotal</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>10%</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>12%</i>
Total	304	100%	190	100%

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

9. TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION

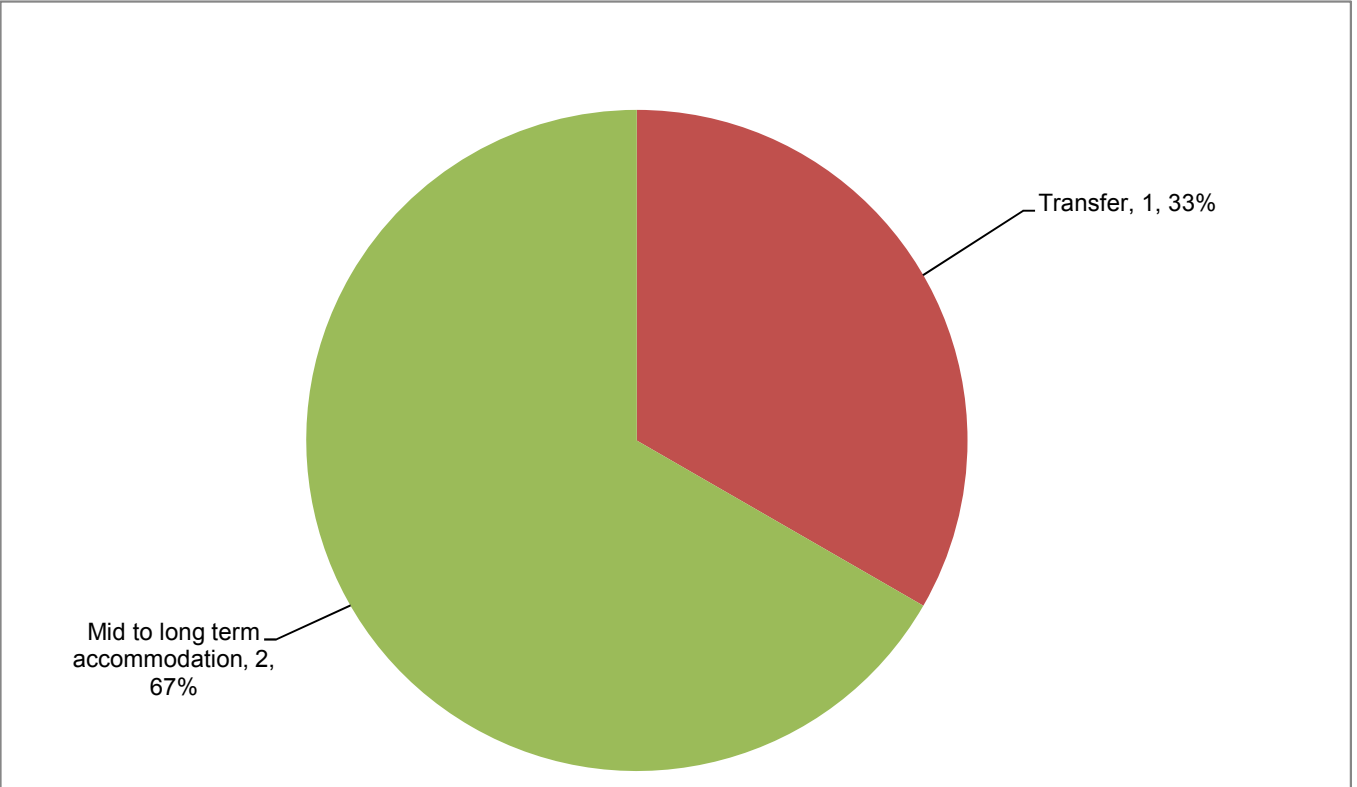
Hostels, assessment centres and second-stage accommodation based in the boroughs.

Arrivals

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

Departures: Destination on Departure

A total of 3 individuals departed from temporary accommodation during the period.



Base: 3

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 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	
Died by 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	0	0%
Bed & breakfast	0	0%
Covid-19 emergency hotel	0	0%
Detox clinic	0	0%
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 assessment hub	0	0%
NSNO staging post	0	0%
Psychiatric hospital	0	0%
Rehab clinic	0	0%
Subregional staging post	1	33%
Temporary accommodation (LA)	1	33%
<i>Transfer subtotal</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>33%</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)	0	0%
Long stay hospice	0	0%
Private rented sector - independent	2	67%
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	0	0%
Supported Housing	0	0%
Tied accommodation with work	0	0%
<i>Mid to long term accommodation subtotal</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>67%</i>
Negative		
Died by suicide	0	0%
Not known	0	0%
Sleeping rough/Returned to streets	0	0%
Taken into custody	0	0%
<i>Negative subtotal</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0%</i>
Other		
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>
Total	3	100%

Note: 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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