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1. INTRODUCTION

This report presents information about people seen rough sleeping by outreach teams in Tower Hamlets between April 2017 and March 2018. 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 2017/18.

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%, or that there could be small discrepancies between percentage figures in tables and corresponding pie charts.

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.

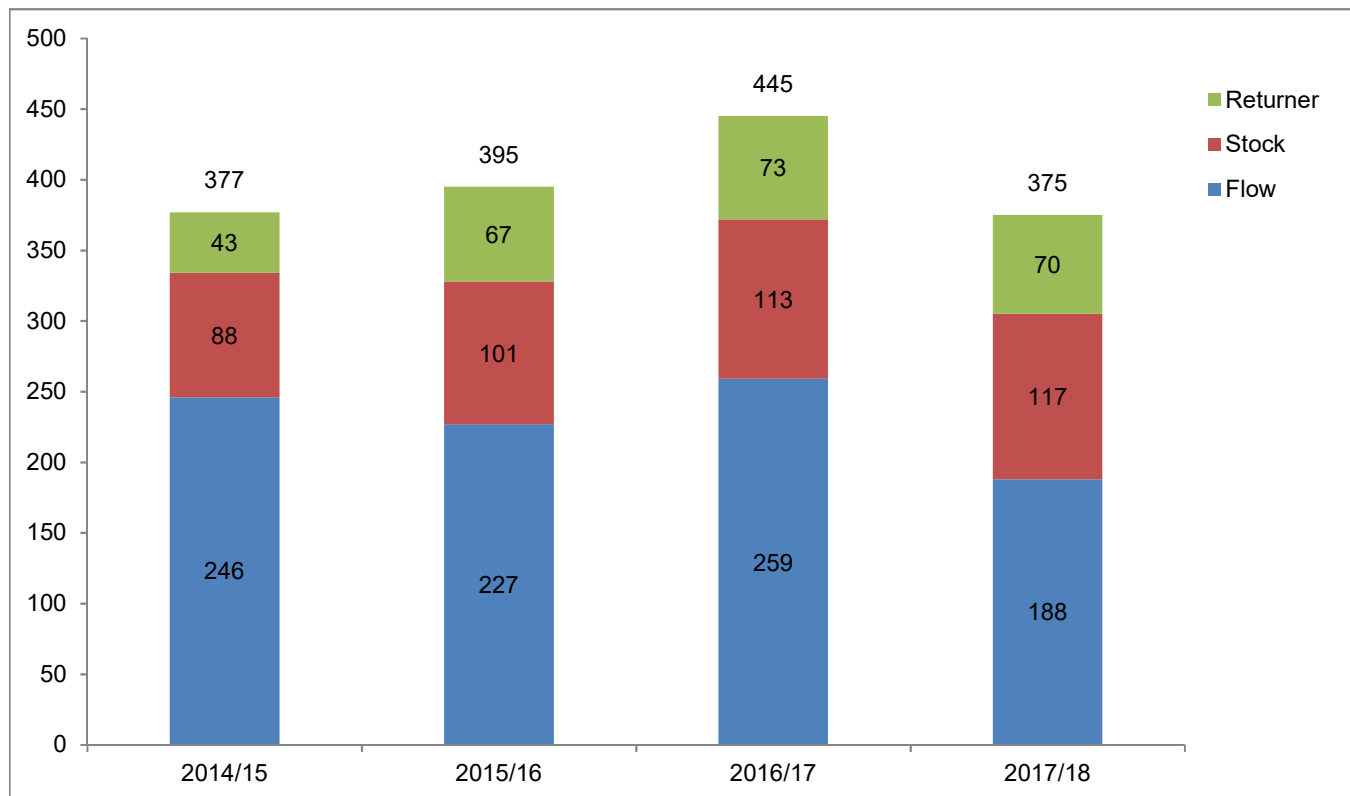
NSNO: No Second Night Out

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.



2014/15 base: 377
 2015/16 base: 395
 2016/17 base: 445
 2017/18 base: 375

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:

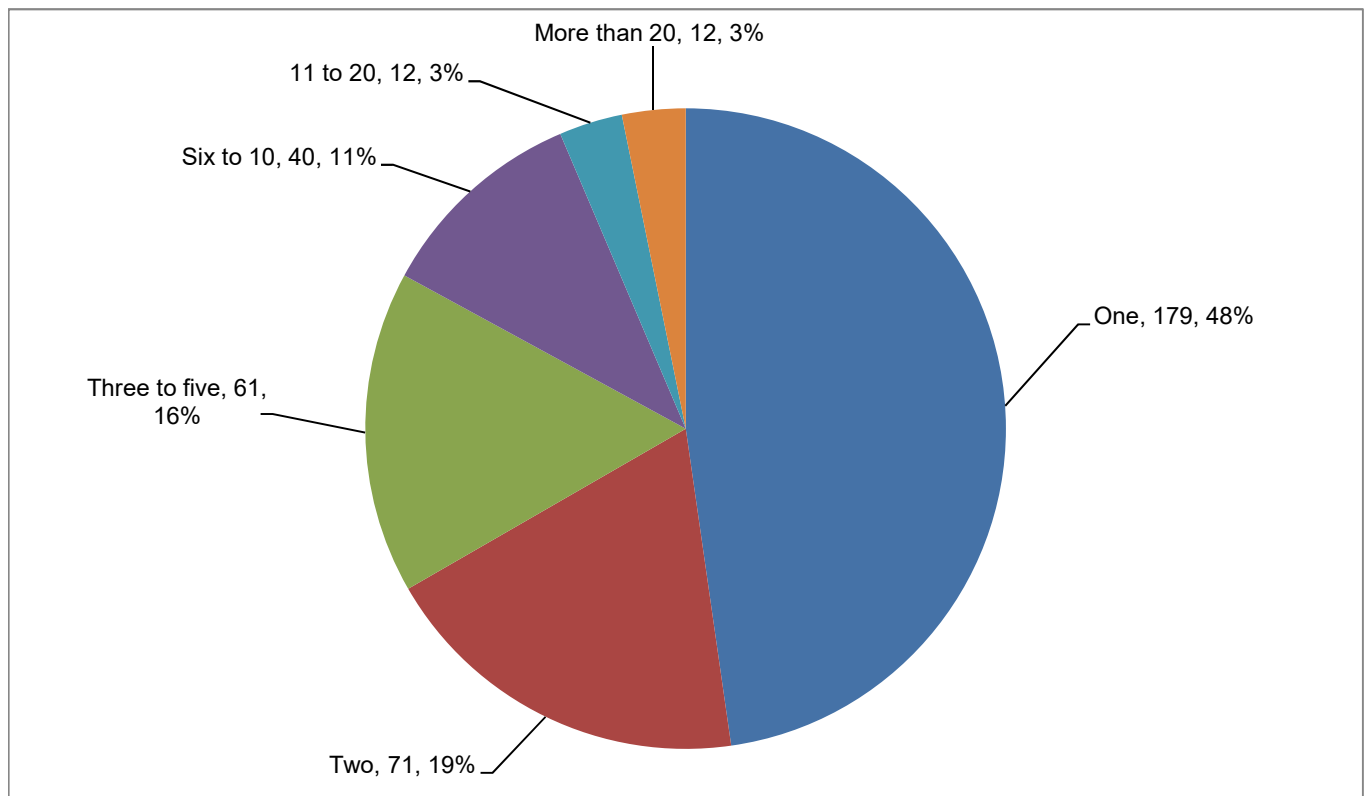
Category	Description
Flow	People who had never been seen rough sleeping prior to 2017/18 (i.e. new rough sleepers).
Stock	People who were also seen rough sleeping in 2016/17 (i.e. those seen across a minimum of two consecutive years).
Returner	People who were first seen rough sleeping prior to 2016/17, but were not seen during 2016/17 (i.e. those who have had a gap in their rough sleeping histories).

375 people were seen rough sleeping in the borough in 2017/18. This represents a 16% decrease when compared to 2016/17.

50% of people seen rough sleeping in the borough during the year were new rough sleepers (flow), while 31% fell into the stock category, and 19% were returners.

2.2 Number of times seen rough sleeping

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



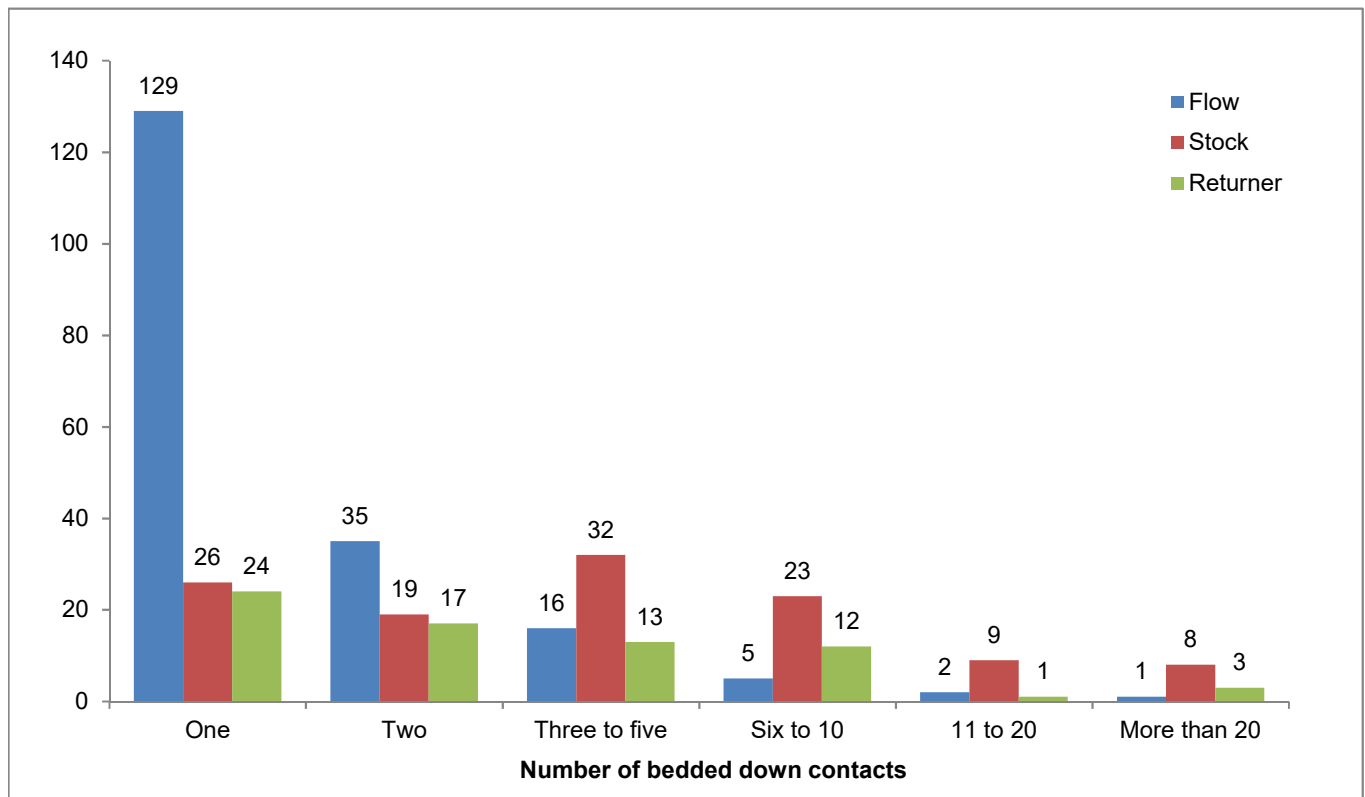
Base: 375

179 (48%) people were seen rough sleeping only once in 2017/18, this compares to 251 (56%) seen rough sleeping only once in 2016/17.

69% of people seen rough sleeping in the borough during 2017/18 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): 188
 Base (Stock): 117
 Base (Returner): 70

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

People seen rough sleeping for the first time ever in 2017/18, 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	38	27.5%
Local authority accommodation	20	14.5%
Owner occupied accommodation	4	2.9%
Housing association/RSL accommodation	6	4.3%
Tied accommodation	1	0.7%
Sheltered housing/registered care accommodation	0	0.0%
<i>Long term accommodation subtotal</i>	<i>69</i>	<i>50.0%</i>
Short or medium term accommodation		
Hostel	12	8.7%
Asylum support accommodation	1	0.7%
Temporary accommodation (Local authority)	3	2.2%
B&B/other temporary accommodation	0	0.0%
Clinic/Detox/Rehab	0	0.0%
<i>Short or medium term accommodation subtotal</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>11.6%</i>
Institution		
Prison	9	6.5%
Hospital	2	1.4%
<i>Institution subtotal</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>8.0%</i>
Inappropriately accommodated		
Squat	5	3.6%
Outhouse	1	0.7%
<i>Inappropriately accommodated subtotal</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>4.3%</i>
Newly arrived in UK		
Newly arrived in UK - not homeless in home country	3	2.2%
Newly arrived in UK - homeless in home country	0	0.0%
<i>Newly arrived in UK subtotal</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>2.2%</i>
Other	33	23.9%
Not recorded	50	
Total (excl. not recorded)	138	100.0%
Total	188	

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	17	33%
Informal arrangement	14	27%
Parental home	7	14%
Living with partner	13	25%
Owner	0	0%
Not recorded/applicable	54	
Total (excl. not recorded/applicable)	51	100%
Total	105	

*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.

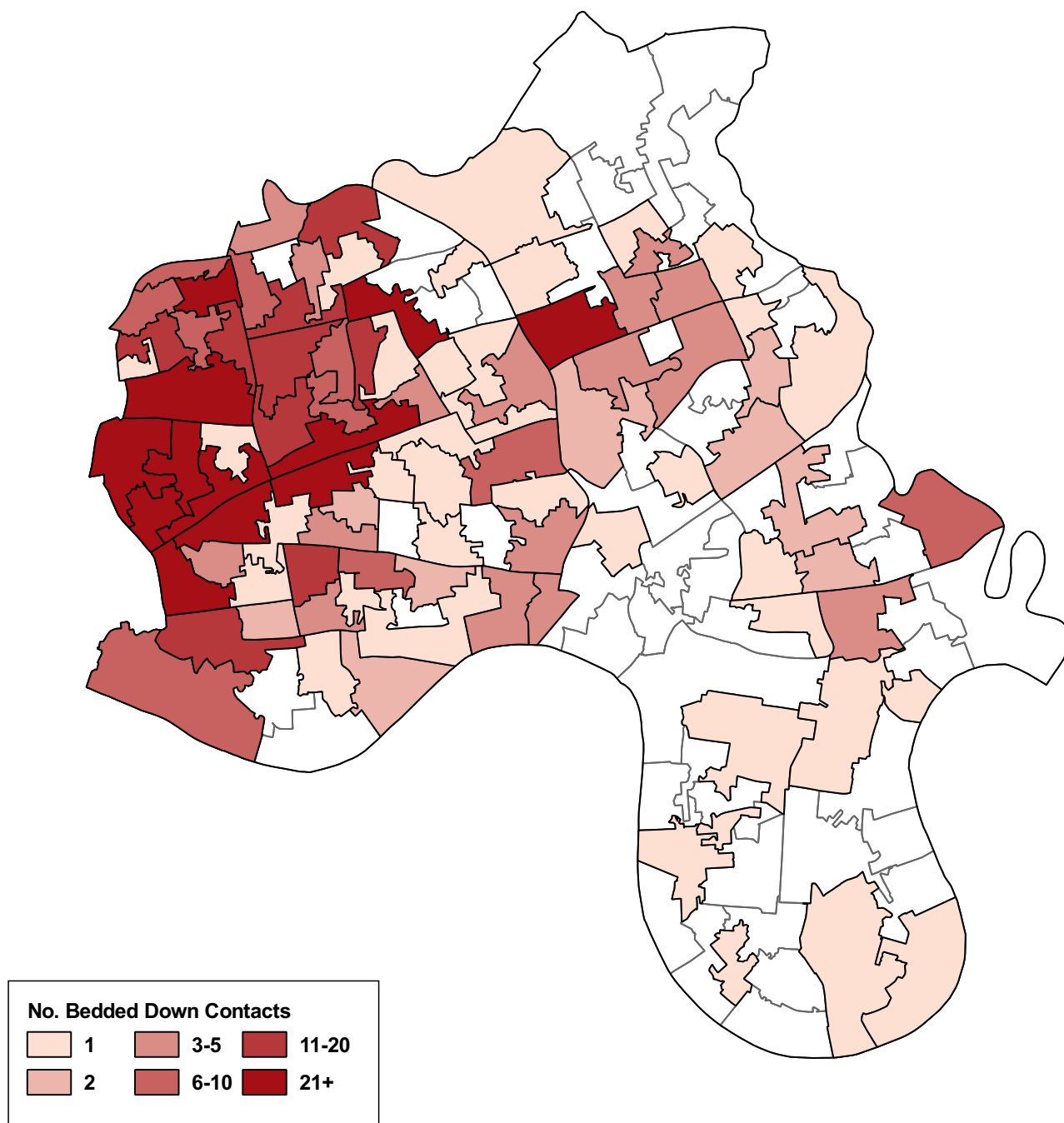
Reason for leaving last settled base	No.	%
Asked to leave or evicted		
Asked to leave	29	21.0%
Evicted - arrears	9	6.5%
Evicted - ASB	10	7.2%
Evicted - end of tenancy agreement	0	0.0%
Evicted - other	7	5.1%
<i>Asked to leave or evicted subtotal</i>	<i>55</i>	<i>39.9%</i>
Employment and education		
Financial problems - loss of job	10	7.2%
Seeking work - from outside UK	3	2.2%
Seeking work - from within UK	0	0.0%
Study	0	0.0%
<i>Employment and education subtotal</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>9.4%</i>
Relationships		
Relationship breakdown	27	19.6%
Death of relative/friend	2	1.4%
Move nearer family/friends/community	1	0.7%
<i>Relationships subtotal</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>21.7%</i>
Financial		
Financial problems - debt	3	2.2%
Financial problems - housing benefit	1	0.7%
Financial problems - other	3	2.2%
<i>Financial subtotal</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>5.1%</i>
End of stay in short or medium term accommodation		
End of stay - asylum accommodation	1	0.7%
End of stay - hostel	1	0.7%
Evicted - given non priority decision	0	0.0%
End of stay - other	2	1.4%
<i>End of stay in short or medium term accommodation subtotal</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>2.9%</i>
Victim of violence, harassment or abuse		
Harassment/abuse/violence	3	2.2%
Domestic violence - victim	2	1.4%
Tenancy hijack	0	0.0%
<i>Victim of violence, harassment or abuse subtotal</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>3.6%</i>
End of stay in institution		
End of stay - prison	10	7.2%
End of stay - hospital	1	0.7%
<i>End of stay in institution subtotal</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>8.0%</i>
Housing conditions		
Housing conditions	2	1.4%
Perpetrator of violence, harassment or abuse		
Domestic violence - perpetrator	1	0.7%
Transient		
Transient/travelling around	0	0.0%
Other		
Other	10	7.2%
Not recorded	50	
Total (excl. not recorded)	138	100%
Total	188	

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

3. SPATIAL DISTRIBUTION

3.1 Bedded down street contacts by area: Map

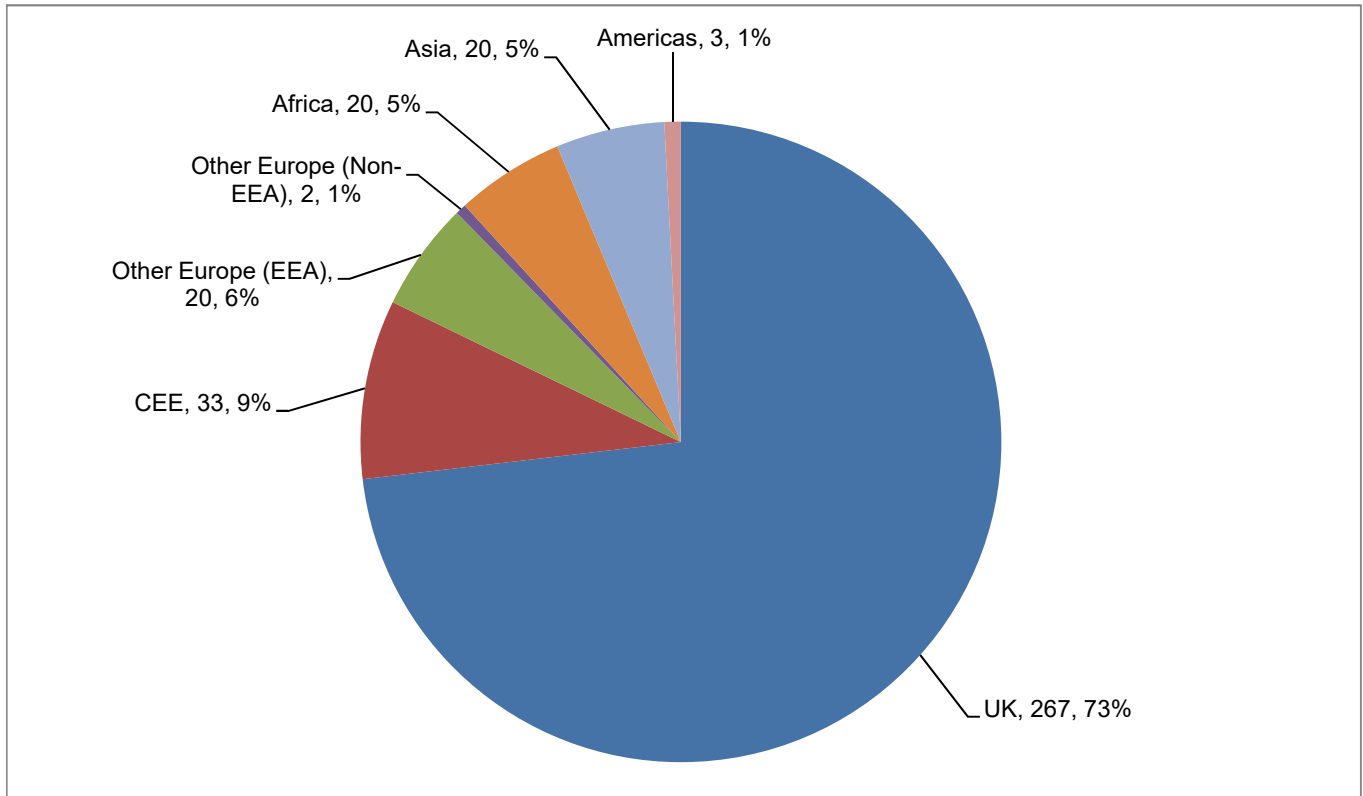
The map below shows the number of bedded down street contacts recorded in each Lower Super Output Area within the borough during the period. It is important to note that this represents volume of contacts rather than individuals, and some people may have been seen on multiple occasions within a given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



4. DEMOGRAPHICS & SUPPORT NEEDS

4.1 Nationality: Overall composition

People seen rough sleeping in the year, by nationality.



Base: 365 people seen rough sleeping in the year whose nationality was known.

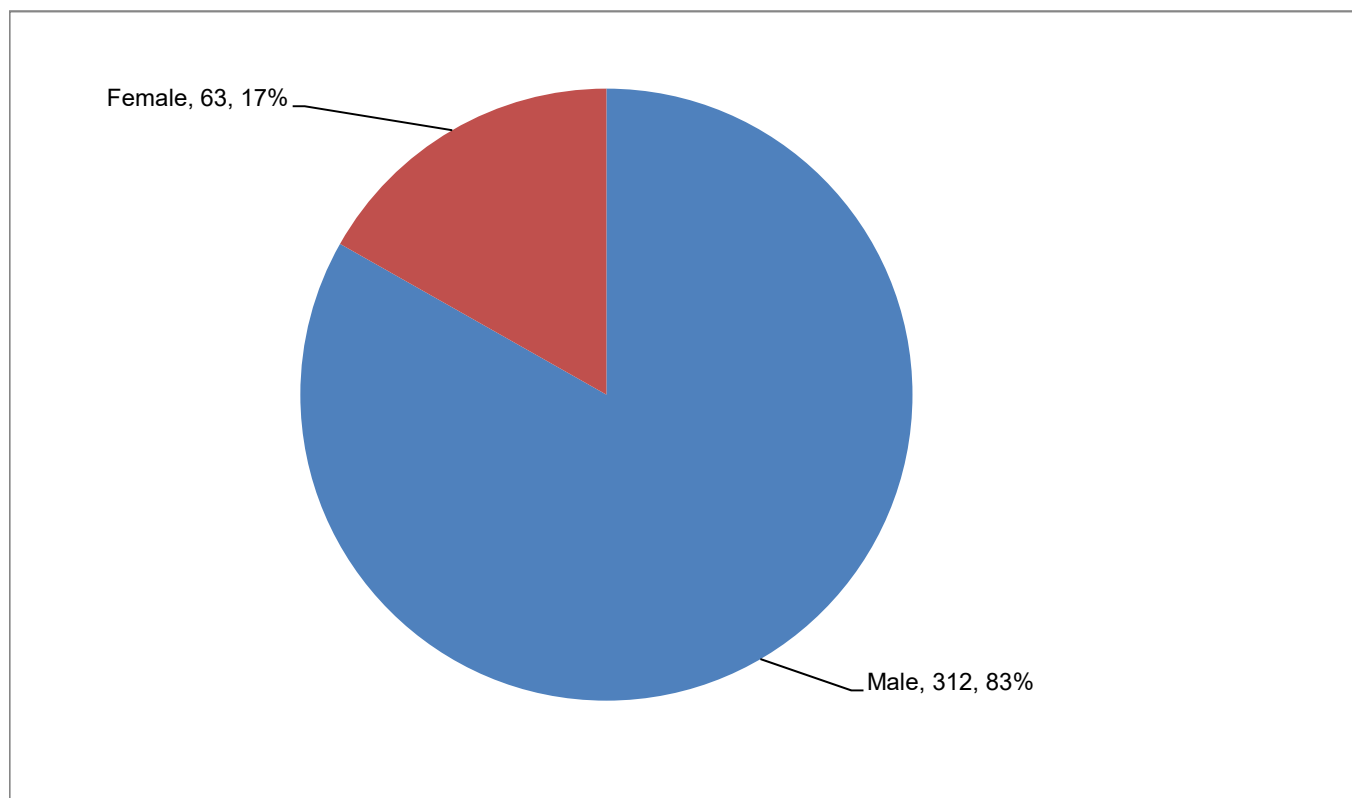
4.2 Nationality: Flow, stock, returner model

	Flow	Stock	Returner	Total	
Nationality	No.	No.	No.	No.	%
UK	127	90	50	267	73.2%
Bulgaria	1	1	0	2	0.5%
Czech Republic	1	0	0	1	0.3%
Estonia	0	1	0	1	0.3%
Hungary	0	1	0	1	0.3%
Latvia	1	2	0	3	0.8%
Lithuania	3	2	1	6	1.6%
Poland	8	1	4	13	3.6%
Romania	4	1	0	5	1.4%
Slovakia	1	0	0	1	0.3%
Slovenia	0	0	0	0	0.0%
<i>CEE subtotal</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>9.0%</i>
Italy	6	1	0	7	1.9%
Ireland (Republic of)	1	3	2	6	1.6%
Portugal	0	0	1	1	0.3%
Spain	1	0	1	2	0.5%
France	0	0	1	1	0.3%
Other European (EEA) countries	3	0	0	3	0.8%
<i>Other Europe (EEA) subtotal</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>5.5%</i>
Other Europe (Non-EEA)	1	1	0	2	0.5%
Other Europe (Not known)	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Eritrea	1	0	1	2	0.5%
Somalia	1	1	0	2	0.5%
Other African countries	10	5	1	16	4.4%
<i>Africa subtotal</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>5.5%</i>
India	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Iran	2	0	1	3	0.8%
Sri Lanka	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Other Asian countries	8	7	2	17	4.7%
<i>Asia subtotal</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>5.5%</i>
Americas	3	0	0	3	0.8%
Australasia	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Not known	5	0	5	10	2.7%
Total (excl. Not known)	183	117	65	365	100.0%
Total (incl. Not known)	188	117	70	375	

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

4.3 Gender

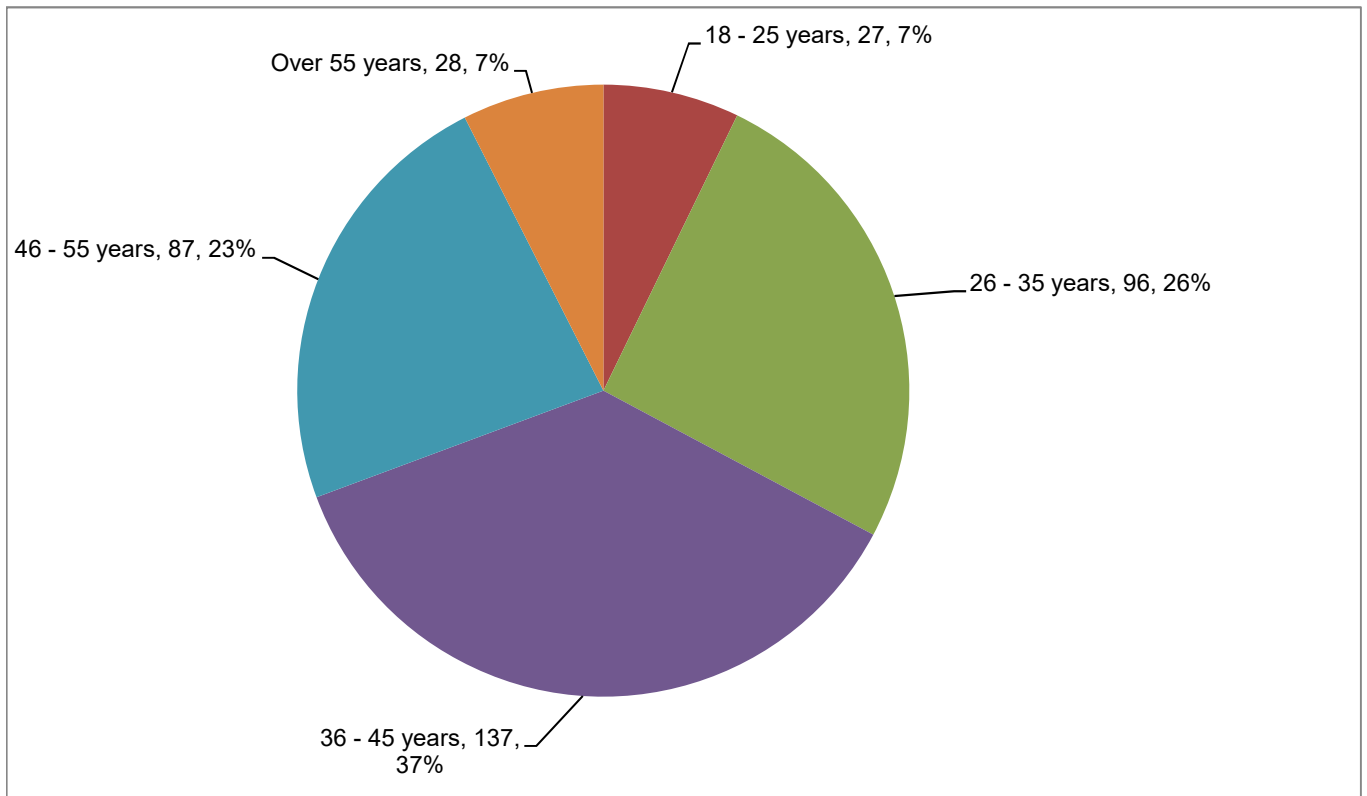
People seen rough sleeping in the year, by gender.



Base: 375

4.4 Age

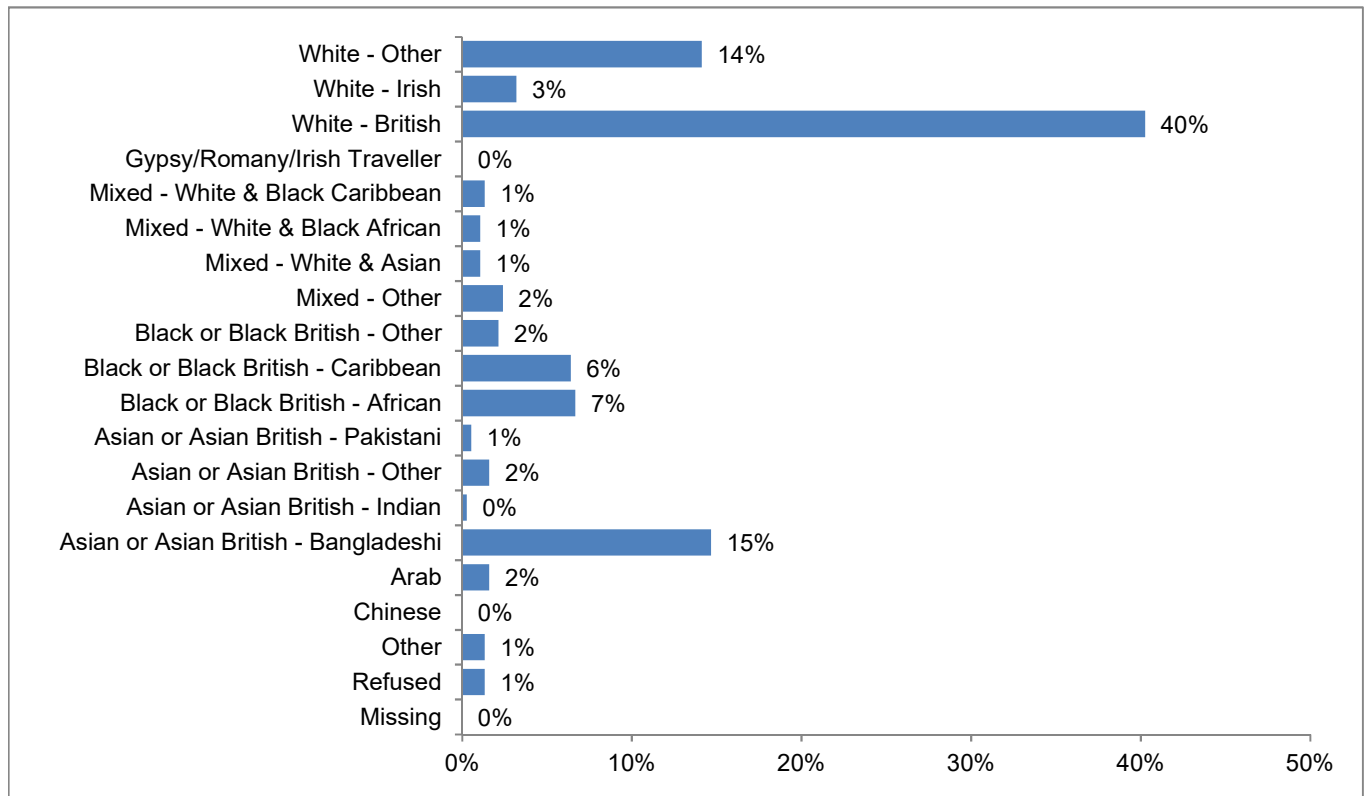
People seen rough sleeping in the year, by age.



Base: 375

4.5 Ethnicity

People seen rough sleeping in the year, by ethnicity.

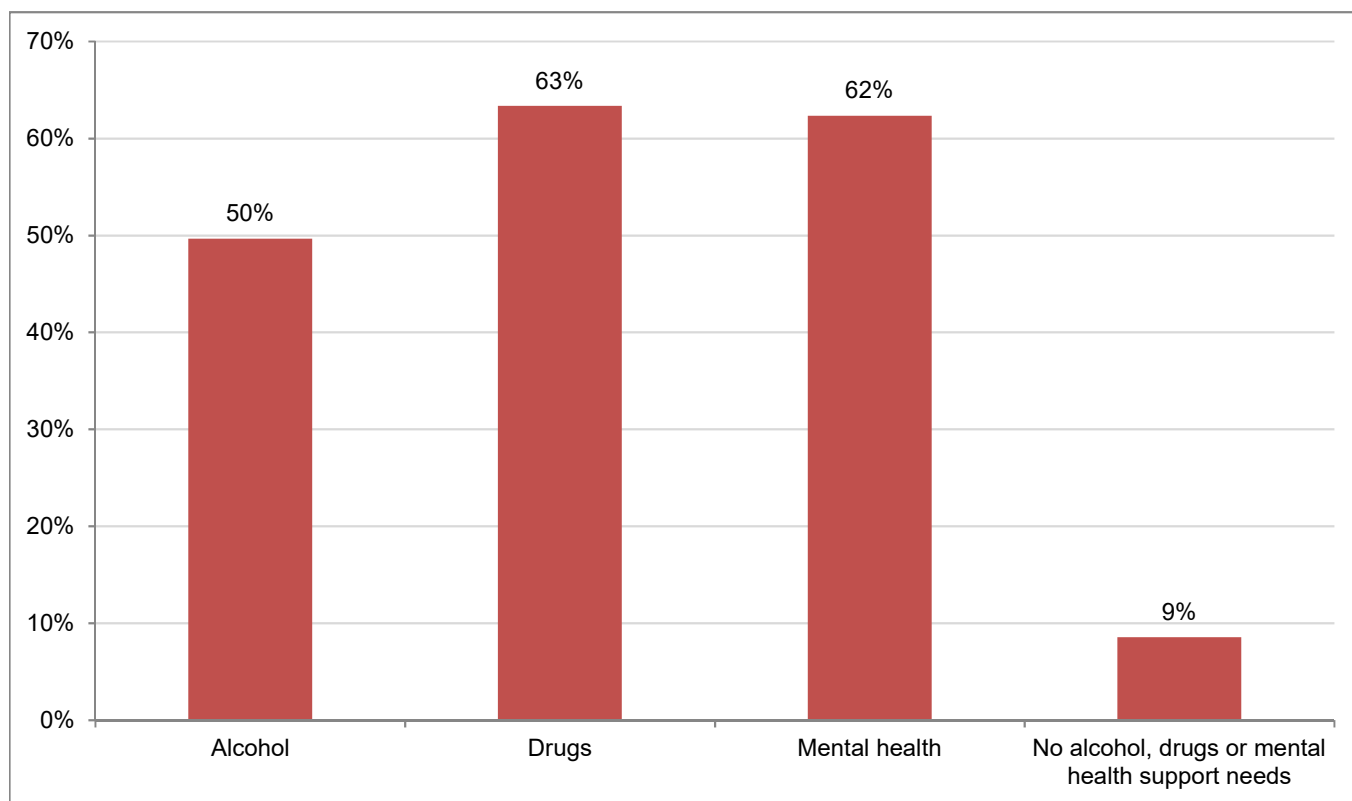


Base: 375

4.6 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 22% of rough sleepers in the borough in 2017/18 did not have a support needs assessment recorded.



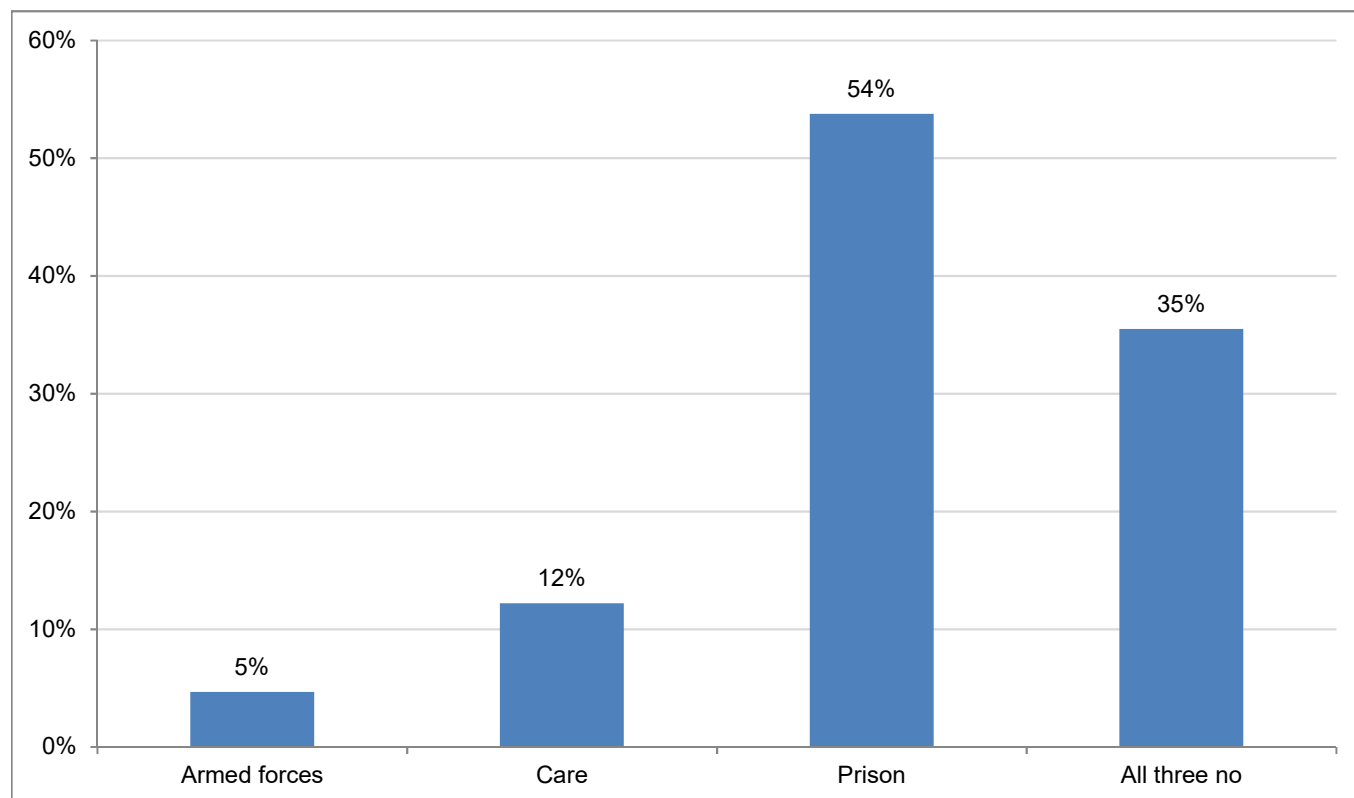
Base: 292. Note that the base figure for this chart excludes people for whom none of the three support needs were known or assessed (83).

Support Needs	No.	%
Alcohol only	19	7%
Drugs only	37	13%
Mental health only	34	12%
Alcohol and drugs	23	8%
Alcohol and mental health	23	8%
Drugs and mental health	45	15%
Alcohol, drugs and mental health	80	27%
All three no	25	9%
All three no, not known or not assessed	6	2%
All three not known or not assessed	83	
Total (excl. not assessed)	292	100%
Total (incl. not assessed)	375	

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

4.7 Institutional & armed forces history

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



Base: 279. Note that the base figure for this chart excludes people for whom none of the three institutional histories were recorded (96).

Nationality of rough sleepers with experience of armed forces:

Nationality	No.	%
UK	6	2%
Non-UK	7	3%
Total with armed forces experience	13	5%
Base (total assessed)	279	

13 people seen rough sleeping in the borough in 2017/18 had experience of serving in the armed forces, of whom 6 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.

5. HELPING PEOPLE OFF THE STREETS

5.1 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 2017/18, 80 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	2016/17		2017/18	
	No. events	%	No. events	%
Temporary accommodation				
Assessment centre	4	2.9%	1	1.0%
Bed & breakfast	12	8.6%	15	14.4%
Clinic/Detox/Rehab	4	2.9%	2	1.9%
Friends & family	1	0.7%	1	1.0%
Hostel	103	73.6%	77	74.0%
Local authority temporary accommodation	7	5.0%	1	1.0%
Nightstop	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Second-stage accommodation	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Other temporary accommodation	1	0.7%	0	0.0%
<i>Temporary accommodation subtotal</i>	<i>132</i>	<i>94.3%</i>	<i>97</i>	<i>93.3%</i>
Long term accommodation				
Care home	1	0.7%	1	1.0%
Clearing House/RSI	2	1.4%	2	1.9%
Local authority tenancy (general needs)	2	1.4%	0	0.0%
Private rented sector - independent	1	0.7%	1	1.0%
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%	1	1.0%
St Mungo's complex needs	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
St Mungo's semi-independent	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Supported housing	2	1.4%	2	1.9%
Tied accommodation	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Other long-term accommodation	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
<i>Long term accommodation subtotal</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>5.7%</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>6.7%</i>
Total	140	100.0%	104	100.0%

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

5.2 NSNO attendance

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

	2016/17	2017/18
No. attended	125	82

5.3 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 have more options available to them, 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.

	2016/17		2017/18	
Reconnection reason	No.	%	No.	%
Return to home area	18	82%	9	82%
Seeking work	7	32%	2	18%
Move to area for friends/family	15	68%	6	55%
Move to area with appropriate services	2	9%	2	18%
Reconnections total*	22		11	

Reconnection destination	No.	%	No.	%
UK - London	0	0%	1	9%
UK - outside London	1	5%	2	18%
Central and Eastern Europe	15	68%	5	45%
Other Europe	5	23%	2	18%
Rest of the world	1	5%	1	9%
<i>Not known</i>	0		0	
Reconnections total (excl. destination not known)	22	100%	11	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.

11 people seen rough sleeping in 2017/18 also had a confirmed reconnection recorded by services in the borough during the period.

73% of reconnections this year were to destinations outside the UK. 45% of reconnections were to Central and Eastern European countries.

6. TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION

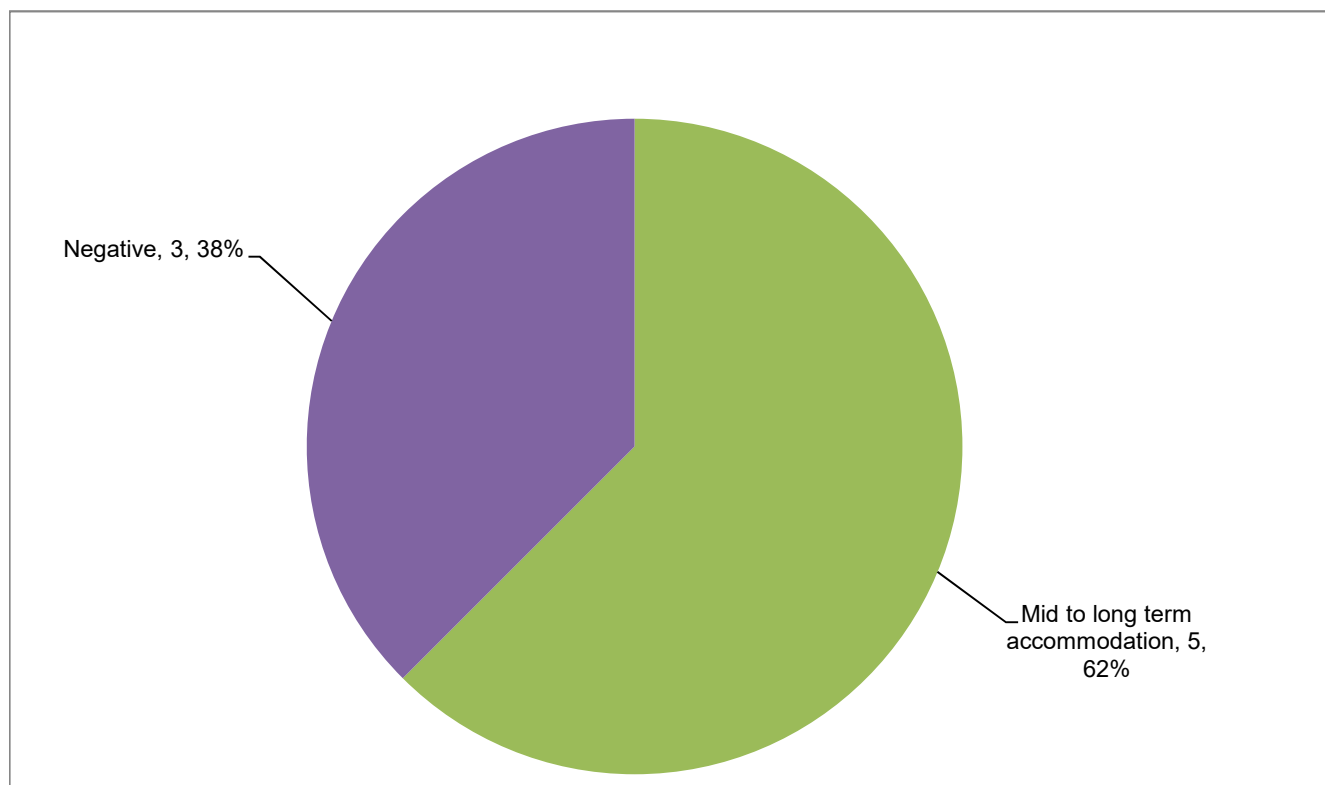
Arrivals and departures at hostels, assessment centres and second-stage accommodation based in the borough. All people counted in this section had previously been seen rough sleeping, but not necessarily during 2017/18.

6.1 Arrivals

A total of 20 individuals arrived at temporary accommodation during the period.

6.2 Departures: Destination on departure

A total of 8 individuals departed from temporary accommodation during the period.



Base: 8

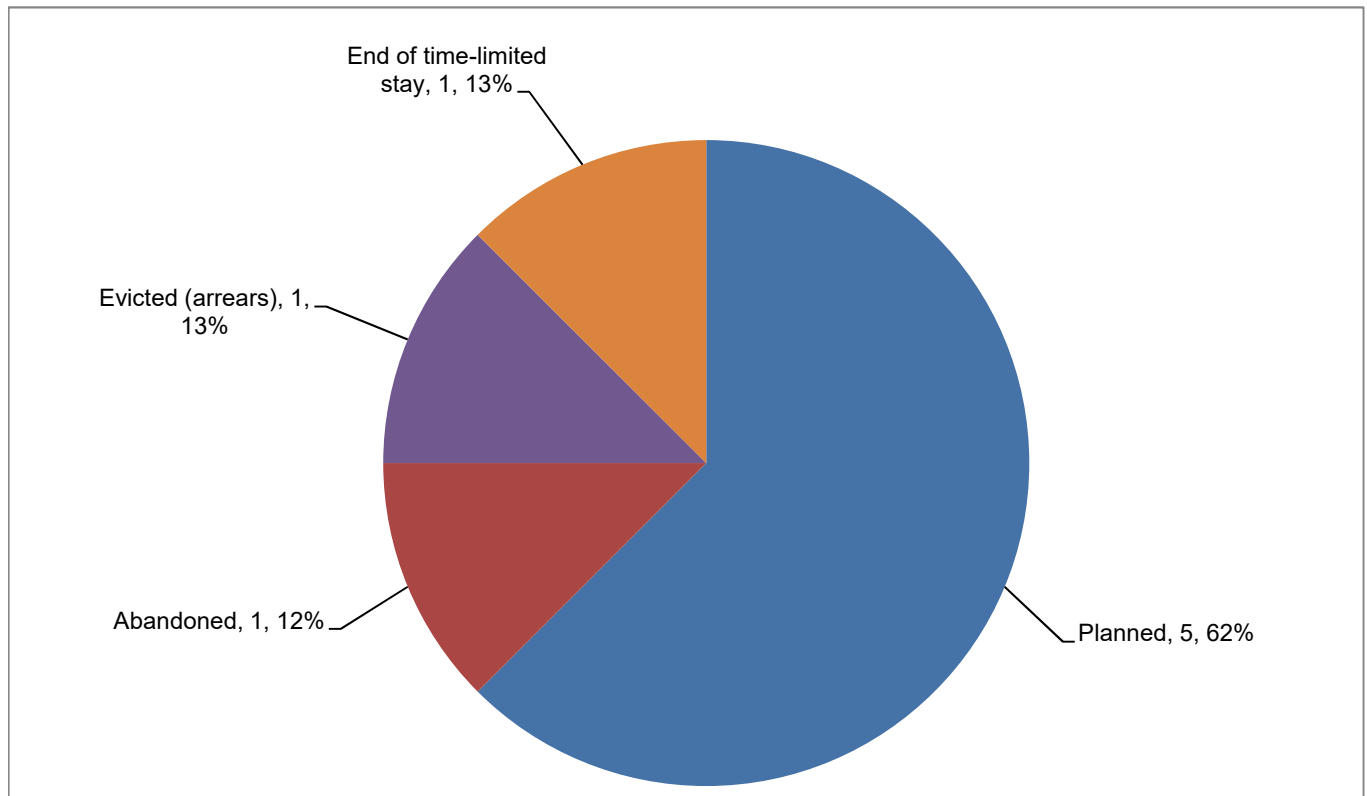
Destination on departure	Destination category	Chart colour
Assessment centre, Bed & breakfast, Detox clinic, Hospital - not long term/acute care, Hostel - another organisation, Hostel - within the organisation, Hosting placement, NASS accommodation, Night shelter, NSNO staging post, Psychiatric hospital, 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	
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	0	0.0%
Bed & breakfast	0	0.0%
Detox clinic	0	0.0%
Hospital - not long term/acute care	0	0.0%
Hostel - another organisation	0	0.0%
Hostel - within the organisation	0	0.0%
Hosting placement	0	0.0%
NASS accommodation	0	0.0%
Night shelter	0	0.0%
NSNO staging post	0	0.0%
Psychiatric hospital	0	0.0%
Rehab clinic	0	0.0%
Temporary accommodation (LA)	0	0.0%
<i>Transfer subtotal</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0.0%</i>
Mid to long term accommodation		
Accommodation where client is owner	0	0.0%
Care home	0	0.0%
Clearing House/RSI	4	50.0%
Hospital - long term	0	0.0%
LA tenancy (general needs)	0	0.0%
Long stay hospice	0	0.0%
Private rented sector - independent	0	0.0%
Private rented sector - with some floating support	0	0.0%
Returned to home country (EEA)	0	0.0%
Returned to home country (non EEA)	0	0.0%
RSL tenancy (general needs)	1	12.5%
Sheltered housing	0	0.0%
Supported housing	0	0.0%
Tied accommodation with work	0	0.0%
<i>Mid to long term accommodation subtotal</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>62.5%</i>
Negative		
Committed suicide	0	0.0%
Not known	2	25.0%
Sleeping rough/Returned to streets	1	12.5%
Taken into custody	0	0.0%
<i>Negative subtotal</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>37.5%</i>
Other		
Died	0	0.0%
Previous home	0	0.0%
Staying with family	0	0.0%
Staying with friends	0	0.0%
<i>Other subtotal</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0.0%</i>
Total	8	100.0%

6.3 Departures: Reason for leaving

Temporary accommodation departures by reason for leaving.



Base: 8

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.