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**Request:**

1. How many individual rough sleepers have been identified in your area during the calendar year 2019 (January to December)?

**2019 = 17**

2. If known, how many individual rough sleepers have been identified in your area during the calendar years 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018? Please provide an answer for any of those years for which you have data.

**2018 = 21 2017 = 10**

**2016 = Data not held**

**2015 = Data not held**

3. If available, how many of the rough sleepers identified during 2019 were found accommodation?

**No information held**

4. Please could you explain or link to what your authority does to identify rough sleepers and assist them to come off the streets.

**We have redesigned the services in the Housing Advice Team, we have a designated Officer "Homeless Support Officer" who works with rough sleepers and those who are at risk of rough sleeping and assist them to remain in accommodation or in obtaining permanent rehousing. The Officer will then continue to engage with applicants for a period of 3-6 months in helping them sustain their tenancy depending on their needs.**

**We are also trialling a homeless drop in service until March 2020 on a Monday and Friday where we can engage with all rough sleepers.**

**We have commissioned Changing lives to engage with all reports of rough sleepers who will then support the applicant in attending housing, DWP, medial appointments and work closely with the Homeless Support Officer.**

Please note in the questions above I do not wish you to use your single autumn night snapshot figure that you provide to the government as part of the annual rough sleeping statistics published by MHCLG. I would like to know about the total number of individuals identified throughout the year.



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However, if you have that snapshot figure available and are willing to disclose it now, please do so in addition to answering the above questions, which cover individuals identified throughout the years.

By "individual rough sleepers" I want to know about the number of people who were identified as rough sleepers, regardless of whether they were identified as sleeping rough once or at various points in the year. EG, if someone was identified as having slept rough once I would like them to be included. If someone slept rough on two or more occasions, punctuated by a period of not sleeping rough, I would like them to be included.

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