Count-based Estimate Verification Form 2021
Homeless Link Verifier use only

1. This form should be completed and returned by the Homeless Link Verifier to Homeless Link's Counts & Estimates Project Manager on the day after the count: verifiers@homelesslink.org.uk The Project Manager will send it to the Local Authority after review.

2. Once the LA receives the final form from verifiers@homelesslink.org.uk, the Local Authority Count Coordinator submits this verified single figure and demographic data to MHCLG using the DELTA online system by Friday 10th December 2021.

3. Verifiers should make detailed notes based on conversations with the Coordinator and counting teams, their observation of the count, and any local knowledge. Note any recommendations / concerns to help inform next year's process/verification. Extend the form as needed.

Local Authority	
Local Authority Lead Coordinator	
Homeless Link Verifier	
Date of count	The night of: into the morning of:
Time of count (start - finish)	

Snapshot figure	

	Gender	
	Women	
	Men	
	Not known / prefer not to disclose	
	Age	
	Under-18 (add further detail below)	
Demographic breakdown	18-25	
	26-40	
	Over 40	
	Not known / prefer not to disclose	
	Nationality	
	UK national	
	EU national (excluding UK)	
	Non-EU national	
	Not known / prefer not to disclose	

If applicable, please note the reason(s) why demographic information was not known or disclosed	
How many individuals rough sleeping identified as transgender?	
What action has been taken to safeguard any under 18s thought to be sleeping rough?	

Did any activity, incidents or circumstances affect the count? **Please describe any issues.**	
Were there any issues related to COVID-19?	

List the agencies involved in the snapshot estimate.	•
Who was the independent partner/s? **(someone not commissioned or funded by the LA)**	
Was the count carried out in accordance with the 2020 guidance and the rough sleeping definition? **Please note any issues and/or examples of good practice.**	
Were there any safety concerns?	

Are you aware of any sleep sites not being visited during the count? **Please give details.**	

Please name the approach used in 2020. **Delete as appropriate.**	**Count-based estimate** **Evidence-based estimate** **Evidence-based estimate, including a spotlight count**
Why did the LA decide to carry out a count-based estimate, as opposed to an evidence-based estimate?	
Was this year's chosen approach different to 2020? **Please note the reasons for any change.**	
How does this year compare with 2020? **i.e. increase / decrease / no change**	
Were there any services, such as night shelters, open during the night of the snapshot estimate? Were they funded by the Local Authority?	
Approximately how many bed spaces? **How many bed spaces were occupied on the 'typical' night (if known)?**	
What measures has the LA put in place since last year to respond to rough sleeping? **What impact have they had?**	

What would make a difference to reduce or end rough sleeping in this particular area?	

Feedback from the Verifier to the Local Authority – any concerns or recommendations	**Verifier Feedback:** **Project Manager Feedback:**
Homeless Link verification RAG rating. Delete as appropriate. **If Amber or Red, please note why.**	**Red** **Amber** **Green**

EU countries:

- Austria
- Belgium
- Bulgaria
- Croatia
- Republic of Cyprus
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- Estonia
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Hungary
- Ireland
- Italy
- Latvia
- Lithuania
- Luxembourg
- Malta
- Netherlands
- Poland
- Portugal
- Romania
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- Spain
- Sweden