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# Rough sleeping estimates 2021

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#### WHO

Counters	People who take part in count-base the Local Authority staff team (in ref sectors or faith and community grou
Independent partner	Someone who is not commissioned groups, faith groups, soup kitchens
Local authority lead	The lead person appointed by a Lo Estimate for their LA area and liaisi for support and to arrange verificat
Local partner agencies	The agencies you would: a. Consult about what approach to b. Involve in gathering intelligence For example: outreach teams, advice workers, probation, police, community faith groups, soup runs, street pastors

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ed estimate or spotlight counts on the 'typical' night. They can be volunteers from eturn for time off in lieu or overtime), volunteers from the local statutory and voluntary oups, e.g. police, park rangers, day centre staff, street pastors and advice workers.

ed or funded by the local authority, such as community ns, volunteers from the public.

ocal Authority, responsible for overseeing the Rough Sleeping Snapshot sing with Homeless Link's Rough Sleeping Snapshot Project Coordinator ation. They also ensure the data is submitted accurately to DELTA.

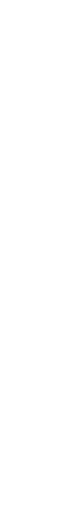
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e via your chosen snapshot estimate approach.

agencies, hostels, day centres, night shelters, housing department, social services, youth ity safety teams, health and mental health services, housing associations, park rangers, rs, refuse collectors, town centre, local retail security, management, street wardens.









Rough Sleeping Snapshot Project Coordinator	Based at Homeless Link, they coo sleeping snapshot estimate for all
Snapshot coordinator	The person to whom responsibility or carrying out the activities involv meeting or evidence-based estima
Verifier	An individual who is trained by Hoverification process. Homeless Lin

WHAT	
Bash / Bender	A makeshift shelter structure, ofter
Evidence of rough sleeping	Applies to evidence-based estimate by partner agencies on individuals This could include: individuals seen partner agency, individuals known t

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ordinate delivery and verification of the rough Local Authority areas in England.

y is delegated by the Local Authority Lead for organising and/ ved a count-based estimate, evidence-based estimate ate meeting including a spotlight count.

omeless Link to complete the snapshot estimate nk allocates a verifier to all local authority areas.

en made from tarpaulin or wood.

tes and evidence-based estimates including a spotlight count. Information provided they have evidence to suggest was sleeping rough on the chosen 'typical' night. n bedded down by the agency, individuals reportedly seen bedded down by another to the agency who it is clear do not have accommodation that they can occupy.









#### Rough sleeping

People sleeping, about to bed down (sitting on/in or standing next to their bedding) or actually bedded down in the open air (such as on the streets, in tents, doorways, parks, bus shelters or encampments). People in buildings or other places not designed for habitation (such as stairwells, barns, sheds, car parks, cars, derelict boats, stations, or 'bashes').

HOW	
Certification	The process through which the Ho ensured that the figures entered by figures verified by the Homeless Li
Data sharing protocol	A data sharing protocol allows age an individual's situation on a partic
DELTA	MHCLG online system. Local autho
Demographics	The basic demographic information about those people found sleeping

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omeless Link Rough Sleeping Snapshot Coordinator by the Local Authority Lead into DELTA match the Link Verifier during the verification process.

encies to share accurate basic information about cular night, in a safe and lawful way.

orities submit their snapshot estimate and demographic information to this system.

on, included in the Rough sleeping snapshot since 2016, ng rough. It includes age, gender and nationality.





Count-based estimate	A full physical count of the number night – a single date chosen by the
Estimate meeting	A meeting held with different partn purpose is to collate the evidence of sites – discuss any potential duplica sleeping rough on the 'typical' nigh
Evidence-based estimate meeting	An evidence-based assessment by represents the number of people the night – a single date chosen by the
Evidence-based estimate meeting including a spotlight count	The same as an evidence-based es also including a street count. This r based estimate but has taken place
Night of X into the morning of X	Used to designate the chosen 'typi November. Here the full count or sr
Snapshot	A record of only those people seen

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er of people seen sleeping rough in the local authority on a 'typical' ne local authority between 1 October and 30 November.

tner agencies one or more days after the chosen 'typical' night. The of rough sleeping – which may include people in hidden rough sleeping cates or misinformation and agree an estimate of everyone who was ght. The meeting must include at least one independent partner.

y local agencies, leading to a single snapshot figure that thought to be sleeping rough in the local authority on a 'typical' le local authority between 1 October and 30 November.

estimate meeting, but with one of the evidence sources might not be as extensive a count as the countce after midnight on the 'typical' night.

pical' night – e.g. the night of 1 November into the morning of 2 snapshot count would start after midnight on 2 November.

en, or thought to be sleeping rough on a single 'typical' night.





'Typical' night	A single chosen night between 1 O to be rough sleeping on that night
Verification	The process through which the ver correct processes have been follow Verification method is determined
In-person verification	All count-based estimates and a pe meeting are verified in-person by a
Further verification	The additional verification that take their previously agreed snapshot e circumstances such as a severe we
Verification form	The form completed by the Homel

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October and 30 November. Anyone believed t will be counted in the estimate.

erifier allocated by Homeless Link ensures that the wed and the snapshot estimate figures are accurate. by the snapshot estimate approach used.

percentage of evidence-based estimate a Homeless Link Verifier.

kes place where a Local Authority has had to change estimate approach at the last minute, due to unforeseen eather event or new Covid-19 restrictions.

less Link Verifier during the snapshot estimate verification process.





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Next Steps Accommodation Programme

**Rough Sleeping** Initiative (RSI)

Severe Weather Emergency **Provision (SWEP)**  The campaign to house rough sleepers and other vulnerable people in safe, suitable accommodation during the Covid 19 pandemic

Collected by all Local Authorities and submitted via the Rough Sleeping Monthly Survey on DELTA. They form part of the monthly management information provided to MHCLG about the support being provided for people sleeping rough and those at risk of sleeping rough from all Local Authorities across England. The approaches used are similar to the national rough sleeping snapshot estimate, but the data are not subject to the verification process of the annual statistics.

Government funding to Local Authorities which aims to ensure that as few people as possible return to the streets, including providing 3,300 new long term homes this year for rough sleepers.

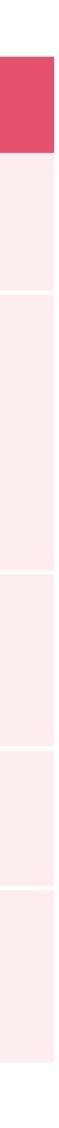
Funds local authorities to provide specialist services to help the most vulnerable people in society off the streets and into secure accommodation.

Emergency accommodation provided by Local Authorities and open for short periods when severe weather, such as sub-zero temperatures, is forecast.

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### What we do

Homeless Link is the national membership charity for frontline homelessness services, representing over 900 organisations across England. We work to improve services through research, guidance and learning, and campaign for policy change that will ensure that everyone has a place to call home and the support they need to keep it.

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