

Rough sleeping estimates 2021

Quick guide



August to early September

Local authority lead reads introduction to Homeless Link's Rough Sleeping Estimates Toolkit: www.homeless.org.uk/our-work/resources/rough-sleeping-estimates

LA lead consults partners via multi-agency meeting. Decision is made on the approach: count-based estimate, evidence-based estimate, or evidence-based estimate including a spotlight count.

LA lead takes or assigns the role of Coordinator.

September

Coordinator sets a date for the typical night of the estimate, tells partners and Homeless Link. Date is between 1 October and 30 November.

Plan the approach - see relevant Toolkit section.

Listen to Homeless Link webinars and attend Q&A sessions

Check you are signed up to MHCLG's DELTA online data collection system.

October and November

Estimates process take place.

Each LA arrives at a single figure and demographic data, verified by Homeless Link.

December

Local Authorities submit single figure and demographic data to MHCLG by 10 December using the DELTA online system.

Homeless Link certifies that DELTA data matches verified data.

February

MHCLG publishes rough sleeping figures for England.

For support and to arrange your verification contact:
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