

Market Position Statement

ROUGH SLEEPING

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- **What is considered rough sleeping?**
- Rough sleeping - is the most visible form of homelessness. It is typically associated with sleeping outside, but also refers to sleeping in a place not designed for living such as an empty building or a car. Some people are at a higher risk of rough sleeping than others.
- Combined Homelessness and Information Network (CHAIN). Services that record information on CHAIN include outreach teams, accommodation projects, day centres and specialist projects such as the GLA-commissioned No Second Night Out.
- CHAIN verified people are counted as having been seen sleeping rough if they have been encountered by a commissioned outreach worker bedded down on the street, or in other open spaces or locations not designed for habitation, such as doorways, stairwells, parks or derelict buildings.

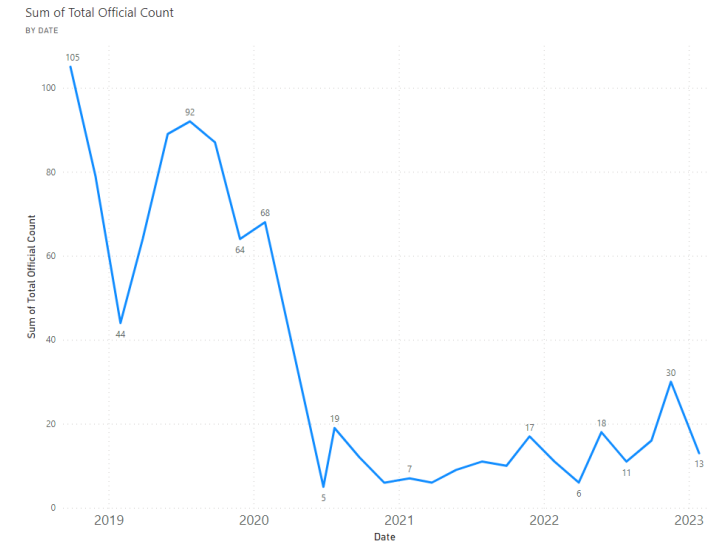
Current Service Provision: Overview

- A commissioned Integrated Rough Sleeping Service (IRSS) commenced 1st September 2021, led by a contracted lead provider with sub-contracted providers delivering the key elements and work packages, detailed in table below.
- The work packages can be flexibly “called off” in response to the changing strategic and financial landscape.
- IRSS is partially funded by the Rough Sleeping Initiative (RSI) allocation for 2022/25.

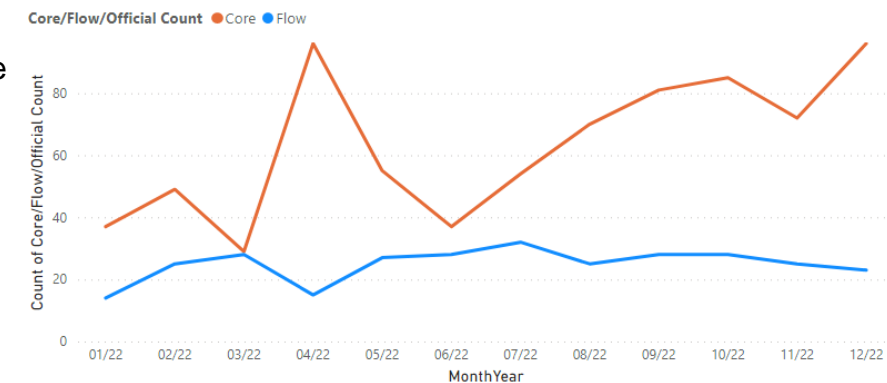
Work Package	Services	Activated Yes / No
1	Street Outreach Floating, Move on Support, Housing Management & Tenancy Sustainment Housing First Accommodation based Support (high / complex needs)	Yes
2	Navigators	No
3	Day services/ Employment & Education support	Yes
4	Immigration, Advice and Support	Yes
5	Accommodation – Assessment & Step Down	Yes

Current Activity

- Newham's single night rough sleeper snap shot figure in September 2018 was **108**. This had reduced to **5** in June 2020.
- Newham's successful response to the 'Every one in' directive as a result of the pandemic has been challenging, however through partnership working, intelligence led commissioning and award of the new IRSS contract
- Currently there are **59** people accommodated in emergency accommodation through the LBN Rough Sleeping pathway
- **15** of those who are accommodated in emergency accommodation have uncertain or restricted entitlement with limited move on options. This coupled with poor health issues has prolonged their accommodation stay with wrap around support from commissioned services such as Immigration, drug and alcohol services, mental health support and such like .
- **381** people had a positive move on into medium term or longer term accommodation since 2021 to date from emergency rough sleeping accommodation.
- Currently there are **19** rough sleepers on the streets of Newham of whom **5** were previously supported in the rough sleeper accommodation pathway.
- Of those rough sleeping **9** have recourse which is an early indications that the cost of living is impacting on new Rough sleepers.



Number of Core/Flow Sighted per month



Needs and Demand

- There are currently **19** people rough sleeping on the Newham streets of which 2 are female.
- **22** female and **64** men are accommodated across the wider rough sleeper pathway. Of these **27%** of woman and **11%** of men have diagnosed serious mental health issues
- **96%** of the rough sleepers currently being supported by the Council have now registered with a GP
- **205** rough sleepers have been through the substance misuse pathway
- **261** rough sleepers have been supported to regularise their immigration status since March 2020
- **91%** of rough sleepers who have been supported to move on have not returned to the street

Identified Gaps

- **NRPF Accommodation in VCS setting:** Encourage and support Community sectors and faith groups to jointly submit bid applications to help them support the NRPF cohort. Continued assistance and help from the commissioned services and LBN could enable VCS groups to access building or repurpose existing dwellings to offer support and assistance
- **Specialist Supported Accommodation:** Outcomes from bespoke services data analysis has highlighted a need for us to explore future bespoke accommodation for men, which could also cater for older men who are alcohol dependent and change resistant.
- **Affordable PRS & Move on accommodation:** to enable rough sleepers to exit pathway onto secure longer term affordable accommodation.
- **Access to external grants** to secure affordable furniture, household items and white goods to assist move and maintain independence
- **Tenancy sustainment:** to provide initial one to one support to prevent loss of tenancy and return to the streets preventing a revolving door cycle.

Strategic Priorities

- Five years Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy. Local pledge to end rough sleeping in Newham is clearly set in the [Homelessness & Rough sleeping Strategy 2021 2026](#)

The vision will be delivered through six overarching principles, which form the structure of this strategy:

-  1. Understand current and future housing need
-  2. Prevent homelessness through early help
-  3. Support people to move off the streets and stay off the streets
-  4. Improve access to better housing that meets the needs of residents
-  5. Reduce the use of temporary accommodation
-  6. Adopt a partnership approach to preventing homelessness and improving wellbeing

- The Department for Levelling Up housing & Communities published [Ending Rough Sleeping For Good](#) cross government strategy in Sept 2022 that sets out how the government and its partners will end rough sleeping for good.

- It commits an unprecedented £2bn over the next three years to intensify efforts to tackle homelessness and rough sleeping.
- It also clearly defines success; end goal is for rough sleeping to be prevented wherever possible but when it does occur, it must be rare, brief and non-recurring.

Commissioning Priorities



1. Permanent Direct Access / Assessment Hub – How will we deliver?

The Council is in the process developing a centre of Excellence Assessment Centre which is anticipated to be operation from 2024. At present the Assessment Centre is delivered from a temporary location

2. Maximise opportunities for grants, i.e. SHAP / RSAP - How will we deliver?

Recent funding from Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities and the Greater London Authority has attracted funding to enhance services such as additional Housing First accommodation with support staff, Young Peoples accommodation

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Commissioning Priorities



3. Review of work packages in response to financial and strategic landscape

There are 5 existing work packages to the newly commissioned IRSS . Work packages are designed to be called on and off according to requirement. Services required will be competitively procured to meet local demands and need.

4. Focus on prevention – Supporting Vulnerable Single Homeless Adults (SVSHA)

SVSHA services are currently provided by 3 Providers across varying sites, all based in borough.

The Council funds 146 bed spaces for low to medium needs singles adults and 21 bed spaces for single young adults experiencing homelessness with low to medium needs. For further details please view the MPS for Supporting Single Vulnerable Adults

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