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Data Analysis

July-September 2016

Headline figures

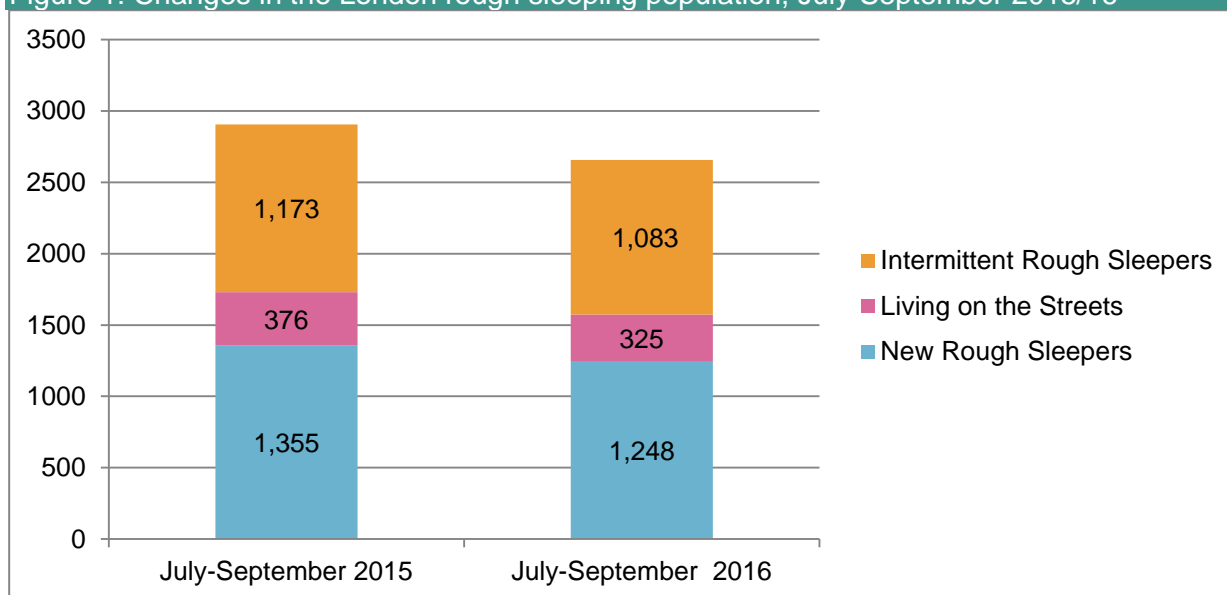
The CHAIN database, managed by St Mungo's Broadway, contains information about rough sleepers in London. Data is published on a quarterly basis.

Rough sleeping across London

During the period July-September 2016 **2,638** people were recorded as sleeping rough in London. This was a decrease of **8%** on the same period last year, with rough sleeping decreasing in all categories (Figure 1):

- All rough sleepers **-8%**
- New rough sleepers¹ **-8%**
- Living on the streets² **-14%**
- Intermittent rough sleepers³ **-8%**

Figure 1: Changes in the London rough sleeping population, July-September 2015/16



Source: CHAIN

Note: some rough sleepers are listed under both 'new rough sleepers' and 'living on the streets', but are only counted once towards the total.

¹ Those who had not been contacted by outreach teams rough sleeping before the period.

² Those who have had a high number of contacts over three weeks or more which suggests they are living on the streets.

³ People who were seen rough sleeping before the period began at some point, and contacted in the period – but not regularly enough to be 'living on the streets'.

Rough sleeping by borough

Consistent with previous reports, Westminster had the highest overall number of people sleeping rough (814), (Table 1⁴).

- For *all* rough sleepers, Ealing had the largest proportional decrease (-37%) and Brent had the largest proportional increase (80%).
- For *new* rough sleepers, Lambeth had the largest proportional decrease (-45%) and Brent had the highest proportional increase (50%).
- Cells highlighted in grey show an increase on the same period the previous year.

Table 1: Total rough sleepers by London borough, July-September 2016

	New rough sleepers		Living on the streets		Intermittent rough sleepers		Total rough sleepers	
	No.	% change on last year	No.	% change on last year	No.	% change on last year	No.	% change on last year
Brent	60	50%	6	100%	42	147%	108	80%
Camden	137	32%	35	-15%	97	23%	273	24%
City of London	52	8%	32	-32%	42	-32%	128	-16%
Ealing	32	-26%	6	-63%	23	-41%	61	-37%
Hammersmith & Fulham	49	26%	9	29%	29	16%	87	23%
Islington	24	20%	9	-18%	29	26%	62	19%
Kensington & Chelsea	20	-43%	10	-33%	37	0%	69	-19%
Lambeth	40	-45%	20	25%	66	2%	128	-16%
Southwark	36	-35%	13	-28%	52	-5%	102	-20%
Tower Hamlets	86	46%	24	-4%	58	-6%	173	24%
Westminster	258	-38%	155	-19%	396	-20%	814	-25%
Outer Boroughs	456	0%	26	18%	257	-5%	740	-2%

Source: CHAIN

⁴ Please note that people who have been seen rough sleeping in more than one borough during the period are counted towards the figures for each relevant borough, meaning that the overall total for London will not be the same as the sum of all the boroughs.

The NSNO target

Across London, the proportion of new rough sleepers spending one night only on the streets was higher than during the same period the previous year at 81% (Table 2).

Table 2: Proportion of new rough sleepers achieving the NSNO target, July-September 2015/16

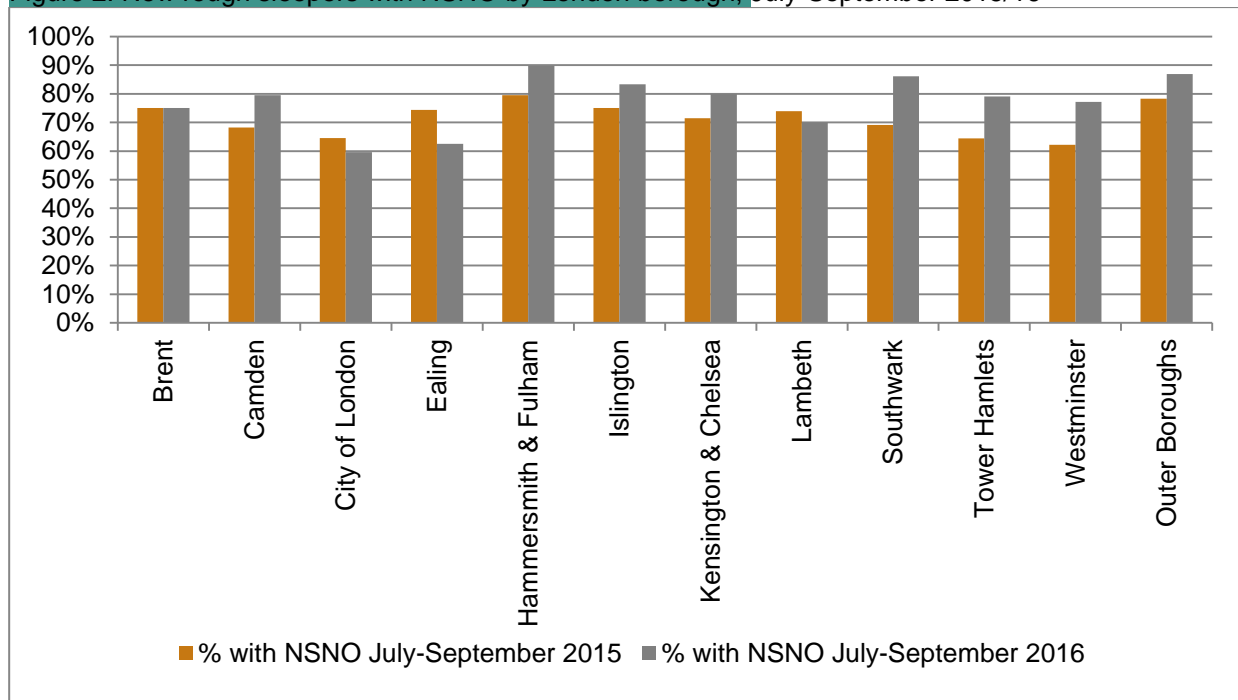
	% new rough sleepers with NSNO	% new rough sleepers with second night out	% new rough sleepers living on the streets
July-September 2015	73%	25%	3%
July-September 2016	81%	18%	1%

Source: CHAIN

By borough, Hammersmith and Fulham had the highest proportion of rough sleepers with NSNO (90%).

Looking at trends, the proportion achieving NSNO increased the most in Southwark (up 17%) and fell the most in Ealing (down 12%), (Figure 2).

Figure 2: New rough sleepers with NSNO by London borough, July-September 2015/16

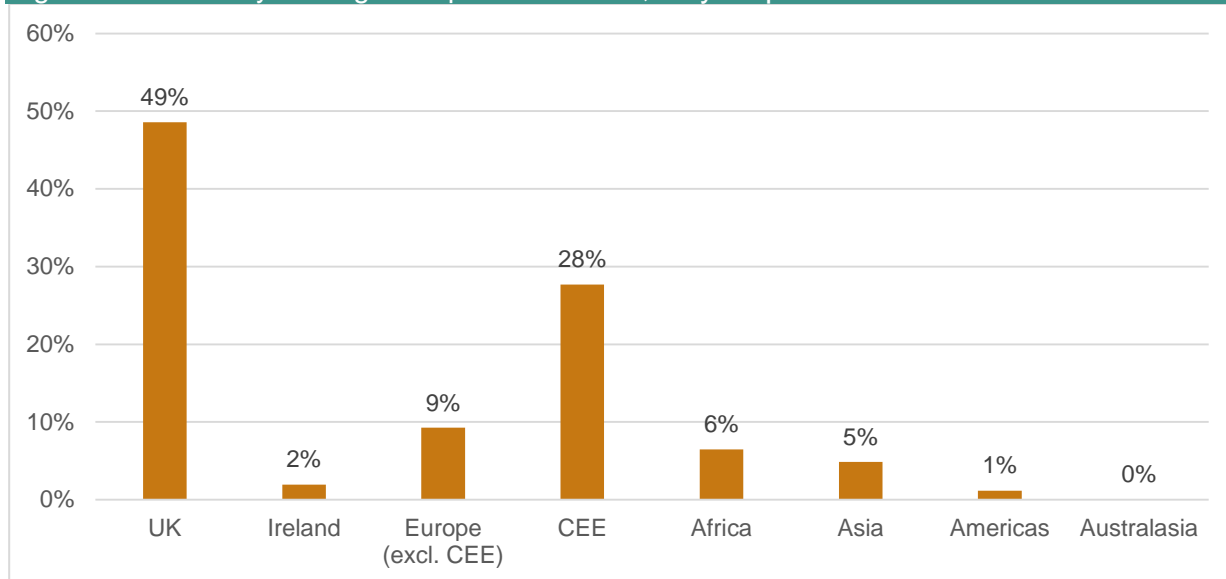


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Rough sleeping by nationality

Just over a quarter (27%) of rough sleepers in London were of Central and Eastern European origin and almost half (49%) were of UK origin (Figure 3).

Figure 3: Nationality of rough sleepers in London, July-September 2016

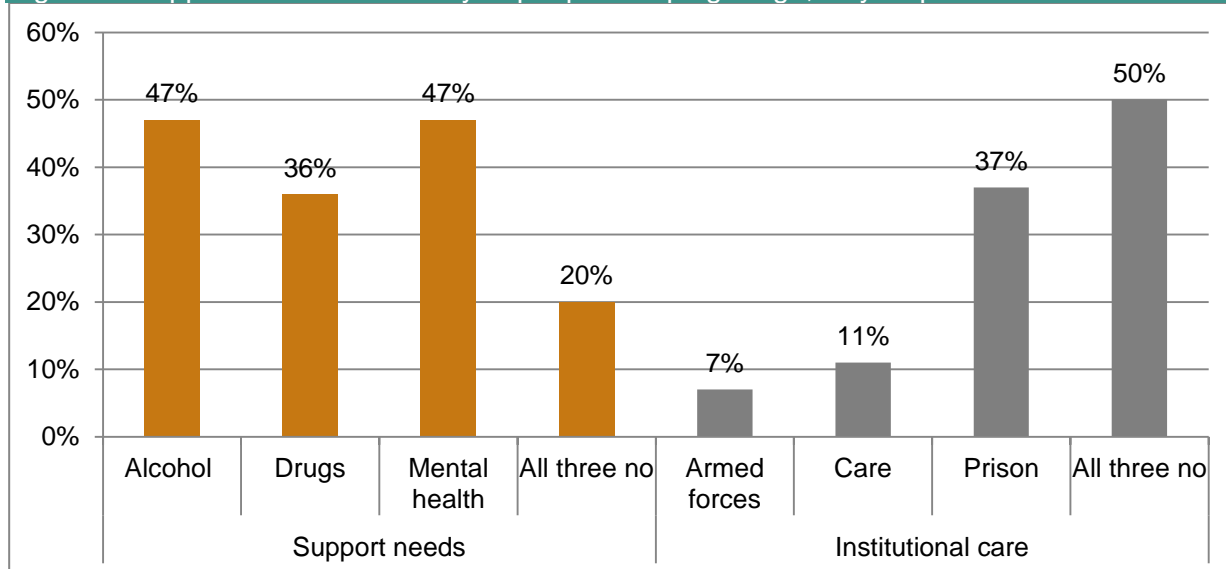


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Support needs of rough sleepers

More than three quarters (80%) of rough sleepers reported at least one support need (categorised as alcohol use, drug use or mental health problems). Over one in ten (11%) had been in care and over a third (37%) had been in prison (Figure 4).

Figure 4: Support needs and history of people sleeping rough, July-September 2016



Source: CHAIN

Please note: the figure for armed forces includes people of all ethnicities, not UK only, and is self-reported.

Outer London boroughs with the highest number of rough sleepers

Among the outer London boroughs, figures showed the following (Table 3):

- Lewisham had the highest total number of rough sleepers (76).
- Lewisham also had the highest number of new rough sleepers (51).
- Havering and Bexley had the joint lowest number of total rough sleepers (3).
- Cells highlighted in grey show an increase on the same period in the previous year.

Table 3: Rough sleeping in outer London boroughs, July-September 2016

Borough	New rough sleepers		Total number of rough sleepers	
	No.	% change on last year	No.	% change on last year
Barking & Dagenham	10	100%	12	100%
Barnet	11	-15%	15	-6%
Bexley	2	-71%	3	-70%
Bromley	11	-8%	18	20%
Croydon	37	-21%	61	-6%
Enfield	16	-33%	22	-19%
Greenwich	20	25%	31	41%
Hackney	23	15%	34	-19%
Haringey	26	86%	43	95%
Harrow	14	-7%	21	24%
Havering	3	50%	3	50%
Heathrow	34	-3%	62	-15%
Hillingdon	20	150%	28	133%
Hounslow	21	-48%	56	-29%
Kingston upon Thames	5	0%	7	17%
Lewisham	51	96%	76	111%
Merton	5	-29%	12	0%
Newham	45	-8%	70	-8%
Redbridge	39	-5%	64	-33%
Richmond	11	-35%	26	-41%
Sutton	12	71%	15	67%
Waltham Forest	17	-51%	28	-43%
Wandsworth	23	53%	33	38%

Source: CHAIN

Table 4 shows the ten outer boroughs with the highest numbers of new and total rough sleepers.

Table 4: Top 10 rough sleeping in outer London boroughs, July–September 2016

Borough	New rough sleepers		Borough	Total number of rough sleepers
	No.	% with NSNO		
Lewisham	51	84.31%	Lewisham	76
Newham	45	97.78%	Newham	70
Redbridge	39	87.18%	Redbridge	64
Croydon	37	78.38%	Heathrow	62
Heathrow	34	82.35%	Croydon	61
Haringey	26	92.31%	Hounslow	56
Hackney	23	91.30%	Haringey	43
Wandsworth	23	82.61%	Hackney	34
Hounslow	21	85.71%	Wandsworth	33
Greenwich	20	85.00%	Greenwich	31

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Further information

[CHAIN Quarterly Borough Reports: July-September 2016](#)