**Rough sleeping estimates 2021**

**Quick guide**

**August to early September**
- 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.

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