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

LA lead takes or assigns the role of Coordinator.

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

Plan the process – see relevant Toolkit section.

Attend a Homeless Link workshop for local authorities or listen to the webinars.

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

Estimates process take place.

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

Local Authorities submit single figure and demographic data to MHCLG by 13 December using the DELTA online system.

Homeless Link certifies that DELTA data matches verified data.

MHCLG publishes rough sleeping figures for England.

For support and to arrange your verification contact: verifiers@homelesslink.org.uk