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Policy and Accountability Committee November 2024 – Rough Sleeping Services

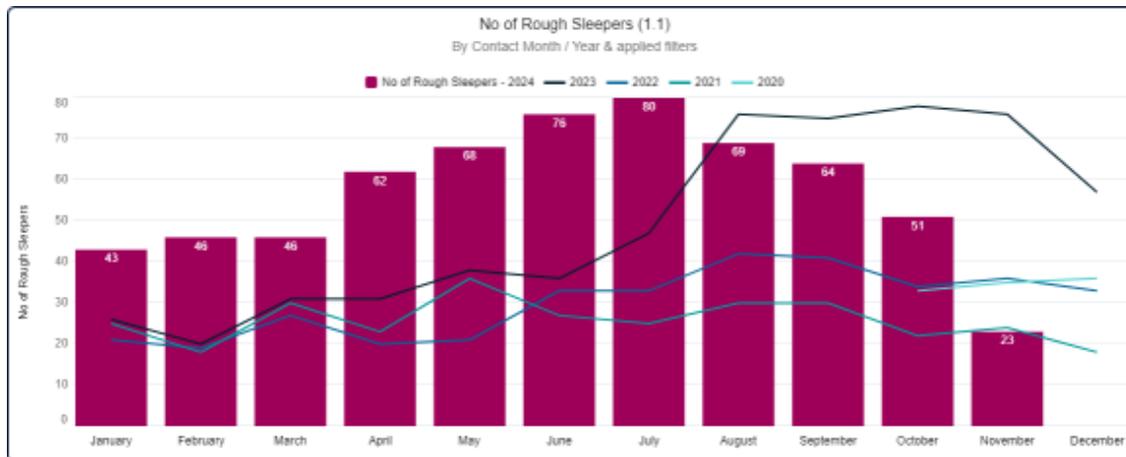
Rough sleeping – the London picture

- Rough sleeping in London has increased by 58% in the last 10 years.
- Number of rough sleepers recorded by outreach teams across London:

Q1 April – June 2024	4,332
Q2 July – Sept 2024	4,780

The local picture

- In 2023/24, Hammersmith and Fulham had the highest increase in rough sleeping in London
- Rough sleeping numbers have remained high during the first half of this year though numbers are decreasing



Rough sleeper pathway

- Person is seen bedded down on the street by Outreach worker
- If eligible and there is availability, they will be supported into NSNO, Somewhere Safe to Stay or the rough sleeping assessment hub
- Needs assessment completed involving partner services such as Mental Health, drug and alcohol service, LET, RAMHP
- Move-on options identified to create capacity

Accommodation outcomes achieved

- Outreach have access to some immediate off the street accommodation, resulting in 60 placements so far this year.

Type	April	May	June	July	August	September	October
Total Accommodation outcomes	10	13	14	9	7	3	4

- Outreach making referrals to Glass Door night shelters
- Successful referrals to Bridges
- Placements into a pan-London women's hub
- 24 people moved on from their supported accommodation, 67% of these in a planned way
- Move on into a range of accommodation through supporting people quota, private rented accommodation, care settings

Partnership working

Rough sleepers often have complex needs, we work with a range of partners:

- Street outreach – Thames Reach
- Hub management and support – St Mungo's
- Navigators – St Mungo's
- Floating Support – Hestia
- Housing First support – Thames Reach
- Other partners – Turning Point, RAMHP, LET, EASL, REST, Public Health, Adult Social Care, Met Police
- North West London local authority leads

Challenges

- SWEP – accommodation for periods of severe weather. No specific funding for this. We follow the ‘in for good’ ethos.
- Rough Sleeping Initiative (RSI) Grant – 3-year funding programme ends 31/03/2025
- Housing First Support – Funded by GLA grant, grant ends 31/03/2025
- Rising number of incidents of rough sleeping adding pressure to limited resources
- Lack of suitable accommodation and disinvestment from some housing associations.
- Affordable accommodation for under 35’s (LHA limits)