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 Department: **Housing**
 Title: **Rough sleepers 2020 and COVID-19**
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Request: (As Redacted sent by requestor)

1. How frequently does the council count or estimate the number of rough sleepers in its area? (e.g. weekly, monthly, annually)
2. If counts or estimates are made in addition to the annual single night autumn snapshot provided to MHCLG, is the methodology the same as that used for the annual single night autumn snapshot in 2019?
3. If not, please explain the methodology.
4. Please provide data on the number of rough sleepers for counts or estimates on or nearest to the first day of each month of 2020 up to and including August.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Number of rough sleepers</i>
1 January 2020	

1 February 2020
 1 March 2020
 1 April 2020
 1 May 2020
 1 June 2020
 1 July 2020
 1 August 2020

5. Please provide the latest data on those provided with emergency accommodation by the council as part of the Covid-19 pandemic response. This data should include people who were sleeping rough, in shared sleeping sites, and who became vulnerable to rough sleeping during the pandemic.

Total number provided with emergency accommodation at some point
Number still in emergency accommodation
Number evicted from emergency accommodation
Number found longer-term accommodation by the council or its partners
Number who have left emergency accommodation of their own accord

Response: (Response as Redacted sent by service)

1. During the initial Covid-19 national restrictions, we were conducting weekly estimates. We are now conducting monthly estimates.
2. For estimates in addition to the annual single night snapshot, we base our estimates on our own data as well as intelligence received from residents and local organisations
3. See above
4. 1st January 2020 - 11
 1st February 2020 - 11

1st March 2020 - 11

1st April 2020 - 4

1st May 2020 - 4

1st June 2020 - 4

1st July 2020 - 5

1st August 2020 - 13

5. Data provided as of August 2020 as per the request date:

Total number provided with emergency accommodation at some point - 16

Number still in emergency accommodation - 11

Number evicted from emergency accommodation - 1

Number found longer-term accommodation by the council or its partners - 2

Number who have left emergency accommodation of their own accord – 2

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Thank you for your request.

Kind regards
Information Services