

Minutes

Mayor's Rough Sleeping Group – 24 February 2016 - Committee Room 3, City Hall

Attendees

Ric Blakeway	GLA	Roger Hadwen	MOPAC
Deborah Halling	GLA	Meradin Peachey	Association of Directors of Public Health
David Eastwood	GLA	Patrick Mahon	Home Office
Jonathan Qureshi	GLA	Howard Sinclair	St Mungo's
James Clark	GLA	Chris Pelham	City of London Corporation
Mayur Patel	GLA	Gill Reavey	LB Ealing
Mark Leonardo	GLA	Jeremy Swain	Thames Reach
Kath Dane	LB Tower Hamlets	Mark McPherson	Homeless Link
Mark Billings	LB Hackney	Paul Anderson	Homeless Link
Garry Money	LHHP	Jennifer Travassos	LB Westminster
Tristy Robinson	LHHP	Barbara Brownlee	LB Westminster
Paul Davis	LB Lambeth	Tom Preest	LB Camden
Sean McDermid	Metropolitan Police		

Apologies

Janet Slater	LB Tower Hamlets	Matt Downie	Crisis
Becca Taber	DCLG		

1	Minutes of meeting held on 24 February 2016 and matters arising	
	Minutes of the last meeting were agreed. Updates on action points not covered by the agenda would be provided in the minutes. These are set out below.	
	GLA to gather information on ICE support that boroughs' outreach teams receive, to inform a letter to the Home Office	Information requested. Almost all boroughs responded. Drafting deferred until the results of assessment of whether any displacement occurred during Operation Adoze completed.
	GLA, in partnership with DCLG , to request information on informal and illegal employment hotspots from London boroughs once DCLG have sharpened the request.	GLA awaiting advice from DCLG.
	JT, Westminster , to ensure that use of aide memoirs for Police is picked up through the Cross Border Enforcement Group (CBEG).	JT raised aide memoirs at first meeting. Police were supportive and other authorities agreed these were a useful tool, but none seemed to be in a position to make decisions to develop them locally.
	SMcD, Met Police to liaise with MOPAC and work with JT and HL to ensure appropriate Police representation at the CBEG.	Done.
	RB requested LAs complete further analysis of intermittent rough sleepers at local level.	Westminster completed analysis prior to December. Lambeth revisited data and established – in line with Westminster and GLA's conclusions – that there was no key underlying trend.
	GLA to arrange for LA leads' group to take forward the MRSG's recommendation around extending the protocol for accommodation swaps between boroughs beyond WCC, Lambeth and Camden and report back to the MRSG.	The LA leads' group reviewed the protocol at their meeting in January. Almost all members of the group want to sign up to the protocol, which GLA will revise and circulate.
	MRSG members to contact DO'C, DCLG with information on potential impact.	London Councils coordinated some local authorities to work on this.
	GLA to follow up suggestions that the group	DH discussed with Garry Money from London

	seek to extend health representation to NHS England and/or London CCGs.	Homeless Health and they agreed to re-visit ongoing representation after he attends the meeting today.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The group thanked the Chair for the work accomplished during his terms. Re-commissioned GLA rough sleeping services are currently in the implementation stages and are on track for service commencement in April 2016. JS highlighted issues around the accuracy of hostel data included in CHAIN reports, as discussed at December's meeting. Agreed GLA would ask CHAIN to seek to explore whether and how this data can be improved. 	GLA
2	October to December 2015 monitoring and performance data	
	<p>DH presented monitoring and performance data for the quarter. The group discussed this and agreed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The group could usefully consider variations between boroughs' hostel pathways, access to hostels, the seeming increase in the complexity of hostel residents' needs, voids and move on options used at a future meeting. There may be scope here to feed into the Government's review of supported accommodation. GLA to work with CHAIN on improving outreach services recording of rough sleepers' last settled base, in part because this is crucial to understanding whether rough sleepers might have access to hostels. HS highlighted St Mungo's will publish research on rough sleepers mental health needs at the end of February 2016. 	GLA GLA
3	Tackling entrenched rough sleeping, including feedback from the most recent review of RS205	
	<p>PA presented findings from the review of RS205s that GLA commissioned Homeless Link to undertake.</p> <p>DE explained that the GLA is in the early stages of developing a new SIB or PbR contract for the most entrenched rough sleepers. Definitions, metrics and costs are being established, including considering how to ensure. Boroughs retain responsibility for rough sleepers below the threshold. There will be consultation and opportunity for local authorities to nominate rough sleepers. Procurement is likely to take place in summer 2016, with a view to the project starting at the end of 2016.</p>	
4	Housing option services' work to prevent rough sleeping: insights from No First Night Out pilot project	
	<p>KD and MB presented an update on the tri-borough project (Tower Hamlets, Hackney, and the City of London), using the appended slides. Research from the project identified where those who ended up rough sleeping had sought help. The project will work with these partners to increase awareness of pathways. Discussion covered dedicated advice provision for single homeless people and engaging Public Health. A draft toolkit, developed by St Mungo's, will be piloted over the next three months. RB encouraged other boroughs to contact NFNO and suggested MRSG keep track of progress. NFNO to flag their research with Cabinet Office Implementation Review.</p>	GLA NFNO
5	Update on London Homeless Health Programme, with focus on mental health	
	<p>GM provided an update on the programme, explaining its origins in the 2014 London Health Commission and objectives. Joint Lead commissioners are Lambeth and Central London CCGs, who now have a team of four to establish five year commissioning intentions by September 2016. The programme will continue with a Programme Board that meets monthly and is chaired by Dr Adrian McLachlan, but seek to broaden this. A key challenge is establishing the appropriate balance between specialist and mainstream services. Plans include one to one meetings with key contacts and sessions on different topics. RB offered to write to stakeholders, encouraging them to engage with the programme.</p>	
6	Any other business and future arrangements	
	<p>GLA to set a provisional date for the next meeting, which will take place in the term of a new Mayor.</p>	GLA