

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

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(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA201020-7823

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information which the GLA received on 20 October 2020. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You asked for:

Grateful if you could direct me to the current policy on homelessness. We're aware of your 2018 Plan of action. Please let us know if possible, the numbers of homeless for this year and what percentage are rough sleepers.

Our response to your request is as follows:

You can find information regarding all of the Mayor's work around homelessness and rough sleeping here:

<https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/housing-and-land/homelessness>

It is local authorities that have the legal responsibility for assisting those facing or experiencing homelessness, including by providing temporary accommodation for those entitled to it, and for allocating social rented housing. Local authorities must do both of these things within a clear legal framework, set by the Government. The housing and homelessness charity Shelter provides a helpful overview of local authorities responsibilities to people facing or experiencing homelessness at

https://england.shelter.org.uk/housing_advice/homelessness/guide/homeless_get_help_from_the_council/how_the_council_can_help

Data regarding homelessness is produced by local authorities and collated and published by Government. You can find the latest statistics here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/homelessness-statistics>

Regarding rough sleeping, the Mayor funds the CHAIN database, which produces statistics regarding rough sleeping for the whole of London. The most recent CHAIN reports can be found here:

<https://data.london.gov.uk/dataset/chain-reports>

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely


Information Governance Officer

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<https://www.london.gov.uk/about-us/governance-and-spending/sharing-our-information/freedom-information>