

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

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Our Ref: MGLA160218-4057

5 March 2018

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information which the GLA received on 16 February 2018. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Our response to your request is as follows;

1. *Since 14th December 2017 – Have there been any outreach workers going out with ICE teams on joint shifts operations to find rough sleepers?*

No GLA-commissioned outreach teams have been out with ICE teams.

2. *How many people in total have been stopped and questioned by outreach words and/or enforcement officers?*

Details of the number of rough sleepers seen by outreach teams in London can be found in CHAIN reports <https://data.london.gov.uk/dataset/chain-reports>

3. *Who are the outreach workers looking for?*

Outreach teams usually go out at night and in the early mornings, looking for people sleeping rough.

4. *What is the purpose of the outreach workers?*

To help rough sleepers off the streets and into accommodation. This is often done in partnership with other organisations to help people access accommodation as well as support services such as physical and mental health services, drug and alcohol services, and legal services as needed. Where appropriate, outreach teams assist people with voluntary reconnection - helping them to return to their home towns in the UK and abroad if that is their choice.

5. *How many people in total have been detained as part of this operation(s)?*

Not applicable

6. *How many people in total have been issued with notices as part of this operation(s)?*

Not applicable

7. *How many different locations have been visited as part of this operation(s)?*

Not applicable

8. *Is there a date when these operations, to detain EEA nationals found rough sleeping, will stop?*

Not applicable

9. *Is there any internal guidance on targeting rough sleepers, specifically EEA nationals?*

The GLA does not have internal guidance on this. Attached is guidance for the Routes Home service.

10. *Before 14 December 2017, were councils given a budget for funding these operations?*

The GLA has been given no budget for this.

11. *What is this budget currently being used for?*

Not applicable

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference MGLA160218-4057.

Yours sincerely

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