

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

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(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA030118-9251

12 February 2018

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information which the GLA received on 3 January 2018. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You asked for:

Please provide me with details relating to the number of homeless people sent to foreign countries for reconnection. By this, I refer to those cases where a homeless person - who may be foreign or have a support system in a foreign country - has a ticket paid for to go to that place.

Specifically, please provide me with the destination of where these homeless people are sent. Please also tell me how much the tickets cost. Please specify whether they travelled by plane, train or bus.

Please break down the instances by year. In particular, I would like informations specific to 2017. If there is time, please also provide information for 2016.

A range of services that help rough sleepers, including outreach teams, assist people on the streets who wish to do so to return to their home area or country, where they have more options available to them there than they do in London. These options include support networks, entitlement to accommodation or access to drug or alcohol treatment.

Please find attached the information we have identified as being within the scope of your request. This relates to rough sleepers assisted by a range of services across London, not solely those commissioned by the GLA. We do not collect information on the cost of the tickets or the mode of transport.

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference MGLA030118-9251.

Yours sincerely

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