

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

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(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA170619-5178

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information which the GLA received on 17th June 2019. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You asked:

- 1. How many people in your borough were recorded living in tents on the street from January 1, 2018 to January 1, 2019.*

We have interpreted your request as follows:

- 1. The number of unique individuals recorded by outreach teams on the CHAIN system as being 'bedded down' in a tent, encampment or other improvised shelter within Greater London, from September 2018 (when recording of this data began) to the end of December 2018.*

Our response to your request is as follows:

Please find attached the information which we have identified as within scope of your request. This information is taken from the Combined Homelessness and Information Network (CHAIN) database, which is commissioned by the Mayor, provided by St Mungo's and used by street outreach teams across London.

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

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]
Senior Policy and Project Officer (Rough Sleeping)

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

Number of people seen rough sleeping in a tent, improvised shelter or encampment during September-December 2018, across London overall

The ability to record whether people were occupying a tent, improvised shelter or encampment when they were seen rough sleeping was only added to CHAIN in September 2018. This data does not therefore cover the entire period specified in the FOI.

An individual is counted if they have been seen rough sleeping in one or more of the shelter types on at least one occasion during the period. This does not necessarily mean they were "living" there for the entire period.

Some people may have been seen rough sleeping in more than one of the specified shelter types. This means that the combined total of separate shelter types may be higher than the unique total.

Shelter type	No. people seen
Encampment (multiple occupants)	235
Improvised shelter (single/double occupant)	222
Tent (single/double occupant)	295
Unique total in any type of tent/shelter/encampment	702