

# GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

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Our Ref: MGLA100518-1664

5 June 2018

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information about the occupation at 204 Great Portland Street, which the Greater London Authority (GLA) received on 9 May 2018. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Our response to your request is as follows:

1. *How were you or the 'No Second Night Out' team in touch with people from the occupation? Please provide the date of the first and latest contact received from any of the squatters.*

Neither GLA staff nor the No Second Night Out (NSNO) service were in direct contact with the people from the occupation. On 14 March 2018, GLA staff offered Westminster City Council the opportunity to refer people at 204 Great Portland Street directly into NSNO. Westminster then relayed this offer to their commissioned outreach team. We understand that they made this offer to the people at Sophia House the following day (15 March) when they accessed the building.

2. *When were these offers made?*

On 15 March.

3. *What services were offered exactly?*

NSNO was offered to all those at 204 Great Portland Street regardless of their rough sleeping history (NSNO is normally only for new rough sleepers), alongside the services that the borough could also offer. The service offered by NSNO is rapid assessment and the provision of a single service offer in order to help people exit rough sleeping.

4. *How many people took up any of these offers? Please provide any information you hold relating to responses from offerees.*

No one accepted the offer on 15 March. However, as to whether people took up the local offer from Westminster or if people were subsequently brought to NSNO after this date would need to be confirmed with Westminster City Council (or their commissioned outreach team).

5. *Please describe the form these offers took (e.g. email, phone, letter) and provide copies of such offers and any related correspondence.*

See above.

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

Yours sincerely

**David Eastwood**

Services & Commissioning Manager

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