

Dear

Thank you for your email of 7 April asking for information on a Memorandum of Understanding between the Greater London Authority and the Home Office referred to in minutes from the meeting of the Mayor's Rough Sleeping Group that took place on 20 May 2015 and a report prepared for the meeting of that group on 19 August 2015.

I assume that the references you note in these documents are as follows:

- ◆ *In the minutes of the 20 May 2015 meeting: "GLA will work with CHAIN to supply aggregate, anonymous data on the location of non-UK rough sleepers, updated each month."*
- ◆ *In the paper for the 19 August 2015 meeting: "The mapped CHAIN data that GLA has arranged for the Home Office to start receiving on a monthly basis should help to ensure that ICE can focus on these areas in the future."*

If so, these refer to an arrangement whereby local authority commissioners of rough sleeping services, rough sleeping outreach teams and a number of other partners, including the Home Office, have access to an online tool developed by GLA that provides mapped CHAIN data. There is and has never been any written agreement between the GLA and partners relating to this tool. It is only accessible to identified individuals, who are supplied with a password by the GLA. Some Home Office officers were given access in summer 2016.

The most recent data available via the tool relates to the previous month and it can be filtered to show, for example, non-UK rough sleepers. The Home Office only have access to maps that capture data at ward level.

I attach a sample map showing data from February 2017. The Home Office can also, of course, access publicly available CHAIN reports published on the London Datastore (<https://data.london.gov.uk/dataset/chain-reports/resource/9bf4f205-271b-4602-a62f-f666e6f0ab49>) and earlier reports published on St Mungo's website ([http://www.mungos.org/chain/street\\_home\\_annual\\_reports](http://www.mungos.org/chain/street_home_annual_reports)). These include breakdowns of rough sleepers by nationality.

Kind regards,

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