

## **Young People's Rough Sleeping Census Pilot 2024**

Online survey link:[TO BE INSERTED ONCE SURVEY IS FINALISED]

### **What is the survey for?**

We're conducting some research into young people's experiences of rough sleeping. If we understand more about young people's experiences of having nowhere to stay, we'll be able to help improve the support and services that are available.

The survey usually takes no more than 10 mins to complete and is entirely voluntary. You are welcome to answer all or just some of the questions if you prefer.

### **Do you want to take part?**

The survey is for young people aged 18-25 who have experience of rough sleeping within the last three months.

In this survey, rough sleeping means that sometimes you have **nowhere safe to go at night, or nowhere to go at all**. When that happens, you might sleep outside or in a stairwell or somewhere hidden, or you might walk around all night, or sit on transport, in a station or in an all-night restaurant like McDonald's. You might move between different places and circumstances, perhaps sometimes staying in accommodation and sometimes staying outside or on transport.

Is this something you've experienced within the last three months? If so, would you like to complete the survey?

### **How will we use your data?**

You can complete this survey anonymously if you'd like to.

For analysis purposes, we'll ask you some questions about you at the end of the survey. You don't need to answer these questions if you don't want to. In one question, we will ask for your name and date of birth, but we will **ONLY** use this to check whether you're already on CHAIN, which is a multi-agency database for recording information about people rough sleeping in London. If you're not on CHAIN, we won't add you, and we won't use your personal information for any other purpose.

After the census week (1<sup>st</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> July 2024) researchers will collect the results and write a report about the number of young people who have completed the survey and their answers. This will be completely anonymous with no individual identified.

We have a leaflet about how we will use your data which I can read out and give to you.

**Thanks so much for your time.**

### **About your recent experience of homelessness**

In this section, we will ask about your recent experiences of housing and homelessness. This is to help us understand patterns of rough sleeping and how young people can be better supported. We won't be able to identify where you are rough sleeping from your answers.

#### **1. When did you last sleep rough?**

*By sleeping rough we mean having nowhere safe to go at night. You might not do this every night, and sleeping rough might not mean sleeping outside. (Worker: refer to definition to help give examples.)*

Select one option.

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Last night       | <input type="checkbox"/> In the last month    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> In the last week | <input type="checkbox"/> In the last 3 months |

#### **2. Approximately how many nights have you slept rough in the last 3 months?**

*This doesn't have to be an exact number. Select one option.*

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|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 night | <input type="checkbox"/> 2-5 nights |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 6-10 nights         | <input type="checkbox"/> More than 60 nights     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 11-20 nights        | <input type="checkbox"/> Every night             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 21- 30 nights       | <input type="checkbox"/> Questioned not answered |
| <input type="checkbox"/> More than 30 nights | <input type="checkbox"/> Question not asked      |

**3. Where have you stayed or slept in the last three months? Select all that apply.**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Slept outside on the street                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Stayed at a party all night because you had nowhere else to go |
| <input type="checkbox"/> At a bus or train station                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Hostel (for all ages)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> On a bus or a train                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Hostel (for young people only)                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Walked around all night                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Bed and breakfast/hotel  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> McDonald's or similar                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Nightstop or other hosting scheme                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A&E waiting room                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Night shelter  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other parts of a hospital, e.g. toilets        | <input type="checkbox"/> Refuge accommodation   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Police station                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Asylum accommodation   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> In a car                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Other type of unstable accommodation (please describe)         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> In a squat                                     | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 'Sofa surfed' with a friend/family member      | <input type="checkbox"/> Question not answered  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 'Sofa surfed' with a stranger/new acquaintance | <input type="checkbox"/> Question not asked   |

**4. In the last three months, have you slept rough in or outside of London?**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Only in London                | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Only outside of London        | <input type="checkbox"/> Question not answered |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Both in and outside of London | <input type="checkbox"/> Question not asked    |

**5. How old were you when you first slept rough? Remember this means having nowhere safe to go at night. Sleeping rough might not mean sleeping outside.**

\_\_\_\_\_ years old

**6. Which of the following best describes where you left before sleeping rough for the first time?**

Please tick one box only.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Your family home  | <input type="checkbox"/> Short-term supported accommodation (less than 6 months) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> With friends or family on a long-term basis                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Hostel (for all ages)                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 'Sofa surfing' with a friend/family member                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Hostel (young people only)                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 'Sofa surfing' with a stranger/new acquaintance                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Bed and breakfast/hotel                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Foster care or other accommodation for children provided by the council | <input type="checkbox"/> Nightstop or other hosting scheme                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Private-rented accommodation  | <input type="checkbox"/> Night shelter   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Accommodation rented through the council                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Prison or a young offenders institution                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Accommodation that you owned  | <input type="checkbox"/> Asylum accommodation                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Long-term supported accommodation (6 months or longer)                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Refuge accommodation                                    |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Question not answered                                   |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Question not asked                                      |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe)                                 |
|  | _____  |

**7. Why did you leave?** Select all that apply.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Relationship breakdown/arguments with who you were staying with | <input type="checkbox"/> You had mental health issues that affected your living arrangements         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> To escape violent abuse   | <input type="checkbox"/> Your use of drugs or alcohol affected your living arrangements              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> To escape sexual abuse or exploitation                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Someone else's use of drugs or alcohol affected your living arrangements    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> To escape emotional or mental abuse                             | <input type="checkbox"/> You were discriminated against because of your sexuality or gender identity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> To start a new life somewhere else                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> You were asked to leave   | <input type="checkbox"/> Question not answered   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Where you were living was overcrowded                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Question not asked  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> You were evicted  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe) -   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bereavement (the loss of someone close to you)                  | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> You lost your job or couldn't find a job                        |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Your benefits were reduced or cancelled                         |  |

**8. Are you currently working with/accessing support from any of the following services?**

*(Prompt for worker: If respondent is uncertain which category their service falls into, try to establish this with them and select the most relevant option/s). Select all that apply.*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Rough sleeping outreach team  | <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic abuse or sexual violence support service |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Homelessness organisation, e.g. Depaul, Crisis, Centrepont (not outreach) | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth service, e.g. youth club                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing officer or council housing department                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Food bank   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Social Services/Child Protection                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Job Centre  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing association   | <input type="checkbox"/> Citizen's Advice                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social worker/Social Services (Adult)                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Police  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leaving Care Team   | <input type="checkbox"/> Probation   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Services for neurodivergence  | <input type="checkbox"/> Prison service                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mental health service   | <input type="checkbox"/> None  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drug or alcohol support service   | <input type="checkbox"/> Question not answered                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Physical health service   | <input type="checkbox"/> Question not asked                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LGBTQ+ support service  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe)                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Women's centre/service  | _____  |
|  | _____  |
|  | _____  |

**About you**

Thank you for the information you've shared. To help us understand who is responding to this survey, and how different people experience rough sleeping, we'd like to ask some questions about you. This includes questions about your age, ethnicity, and gender. Each question has an option not to answer, or you can give an answer other than the options provided.

**9. How old were you on your last birthday?** \_\_\_\_\_

*If you prefer not to answer, please leave this question blank..*

**10. How would you describe your ethnicity?**

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian or Asian British – Bangladeshi | <input type="checkbox"/> Asian or Asian British – Pakistani |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian or Asian British – Chinese     | <input type="checkbox"/> Asian or Asian British – other     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian or Asian British – Indian      | <input type="checkbox"/> Black or Black British – African   |

- Black or Black British – Caribbean
- Black or Black British – other
- Mixed White and Asian
- Mixed White and Black – African
- Mixed White and Black – Caribbean
- Mixed – other
- White – British
- White – Irish
- White – Other
- White – Gypsy Irish Traveller

- White – Roma
- Gypsy Romany Irish Traveller
- Arab
- Prefer not to say
- Question not answered
- Question not asked
- I would prefer to self-describe here:

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**11. Is your gender different or does it have more components to the one assumed at birth?**

- Yes
- No
- Not sure/Questioning
- Prefer not to say
- Question not answered
- Question not asked

**12. What is your gender identity/identities? You can choose more than one.**

- Agender
- Demigirl
- Demiboy
- Female
- Gender-expansive
- Genderfluid
- Genderqueer
- Intersex
- Male
- Nonbinary
- Polygender
- Trans man
- Trans woman
- Other (please describe)

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- Question not answered
- Question not asked

**13. What is your sexual orientation?**

- Bisexual
- Gay
- Heterosexual
- Pansexual
- Asexual
- Queer
- Other (please describe)

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- Not sure/questioning
- Prefer not to say
- Question not answered
- Question not asked

**14. So we can see if you're on CHAIN (the database for recording information about people rough sleeping in London), please could you tell us your name and date of birth? We'll use this to check if there's anyone on CHAIN with the same information. Remember, you don't have to answer this question. If you do, we won't use your information for any other purpose and won't add you to the database. We ask for this information so we can assess the accuracy of the information we already have about young people rough sleeping in London.**

**Full name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of birth:** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**15. Finally, has someone at this service or another service already asked you these same questions this week or in the last few days?**

*We ask this question to make sure our research is as accurate as possible. It's ok if you've already answered this survey this week, but it's important for us to record it.*

- Yes
- No
- Don't know
- Question not answered
- Question not asked

**This is the last question on the form, thank you very much for your time.**

**Questions for people conducting the census (staff and volunteers)**

This section is only for the worker filling in the form - the respondent does not need to answer questions in this section.

**1. From which organisation/team are you submitting this survey? We ask this so we know which services have taken part in our pilot.**

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**2. What type of service do you deliver?**

- Local authority outreach service
- Other outreach service
- Local authority housing options
- Homelessness service
- Youth club or similar
- Completed by research team
- Other service (please specify)

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**3. Which borough is your service in?**

- Camden
- Lambeth
- Bromley

**4. Date survey was conducted**

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**5. How did you conduct the survey?**

- At your service (in person or on the phone)
- On a regular outreach shift
- On an outreach shift organised specifically for the census pilot
- Other (please describe)

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**6. Is there anything else you would like to tell us? (for staff/volunteers)**

*Do not include identifying or personal information here. Please only include information which is relevant to this survey.*

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**Note for worker:** *For security of data, a paper version of the survey should only be used if you are not able to use the online survey (for example, no access to internet or device). Please transfer answers to the online survey platform as soon as possible if using the paper form, and shred or delete any information recorded outside the online survey platform.*

*Surveys dated after 7<sup>th</sup> July 2024 or submitted online later than 14<sup>th</sup> July 2024 will not be included in the final report.*