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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)**

**Request ID: FOI508462920**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Reconnections.

You have requested the following information:

**Please can you send me Information on accommodating rough sleepers, and your policy of 'reconnecting' EU Nationals. For the purposes of this request 'reconnection' is defined as the process of supporting EU Citizens to return, in a planned way, to an area where they have family and social networks and/or where they can access accommodation if someone does not have access to benefits/public funds, has no or very limited employment prospects, cannot access private rented accommodation and is homeless/ in unsuitable accommodation.**

**Can you send me information on:**

**1. How many rough sleepers in your local authority area were accommodated in total between (a) 01 October 2020-30 June 2021 and then (b) 01 July 2021-01 April 2023?**

For the period 1/10/20-30/06/21: 183 individuals.

For the period 1/07/21-1/04/23: The Council does not have records for this period that clearly capture how many people were accommodated during this period, however to assist we can provide information on the number of individuals accommodated during the SWEP (Severe Weather Emergency Protocol) periods between 01/11/22 and 31/03/23 which was 250 individuals.

**2. How many of the rough sleepers accommodated at any time during these periods (a) 01 October 2020-30 June 2021 and (b) 01 July 2021-01 April 2023?) are/were considered to be**

## **No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF)?**

We do not hold this information and are advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act. To clarify further, we would not definitive figures because an individual's status can change (many individuals who had no recourse to public funds have been supported by the Rough Sleeper Outreach Team and partner agencies to gain recourse during the period they worked with us).

### **3. How many of the rough sleepers accommodated at any time during these periods (a) 01 October 2020-30 June 2021 and then (b) 01 July 2021-01 April 2023 are/were EU nationals?**

01/10/20-30/06/21: 21 were EEA nationals

01/07/21/01-04-23: We do not hold this information and are advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act. This information was not accurately recorded for the nationality of rough sleepers accommodated under SWEP.

### **4. Have any rough sleepers placed in accommodation during this time ((a) 01 October 2020-30 June 2021 and then (b) 01 July 2021-01 April 2023) been supported through a reconnection service to another part of the UK or to return to country of origin as well as information on the age, gender, nationality and marital status of those who have subsequently accessed a reconnection service.**

The Rough Sleeper Outreach services has supported seven individuals but not through a specific reconnection service. This comprises six men (three to Eastern Europe, one Ireland, one Scotland) and one woman (return to France).

### **5. Information (if any) more broadly on the number of people (excluding rough sleepers- as asked above) who have been supported through a reconnection service to another part of the UK or to return to country of origin as well as information on the age, gender, nationality and marital status of those who have accessed a reconnection service.**

The Council's Housing & Homelessness Team has not supported any other individuals through a reconnection service/

### **6. Information on the source of funding for reconnecting/ supporting people to another part of the UK/ return to their country of origin?**

The funding for the seven individuals detailed in Question 4 was from the Rough Sleeper Initiative (RSI) fund and other funding received from DLUHC.

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Yours faithfully

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