

# CHAIN Bi-Monthly Report



## WESTMINSTER

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

This bi-monthly report presents information about people seen rough sleeping by outreach teams in Westminster in September - October 2013. Information is from the 'Combined Homelessness and Information Network' (CHAIN), a database commissioned and funded by the Greater London Authority (GLA) and managed by Broadway. For more information see [www.broadwaylondon.org](http://www.broadwaylondon.org).

In the rough sleeping figures in this report people are grouped into three categories:

New rough sleepers	Those who had not been contacted by outreach teams rough sleeping before the period
Living on the streets	Those who have had a high number of contacts over 3 weeks or more which suggests they are living on the streets
Intermittent rough sleepers	People who were seen rough sleeping before the period began at some point, and contacted in the period - but not regularly enough to be 'living on the streets'

For the purposes of the bi-monthly reports each person seen rough sleeping is assigned to a borough – for new people this is the first borough they were seen in, for others it is the last borough. 'RS205+' refers to people who have been identified as particularly hard to help because of the long period and / or frequency of rough sleeping. For more information about the methods used to derive statistics for this report and definitions of different groups please see the Methodology section.

## 2. ROUGH SLEEPER POPULATION ANALYSIS

### Westminster: Headlines

Volumes	No. Rough Sleepers	Change from last period	Change on same period last year
<b>New Rough Sleepers (All)</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>-56</b>	<b>-23</b>
New RS with no second night out	124	-58	-15
New RS with a second night out but not living on the streets	65	-6	-5
New RS joining living on the streets population*	17	+8	-3
<b>Living on the Streets (All)</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>-64</b>
LOS - Transferred from new RS*	17	+8	-3
LOS - Known	127	-5	-64
LOS - RS205+	47	-5	+3
<b>Intermittent Rough Sleepers</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>+22</b>	<b>-42</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>632</b>	<b>-44</b>	<b>-126</b>

\*This cohort is listed under both new RS and living on the streets headings, but is only counted once towards the overall total

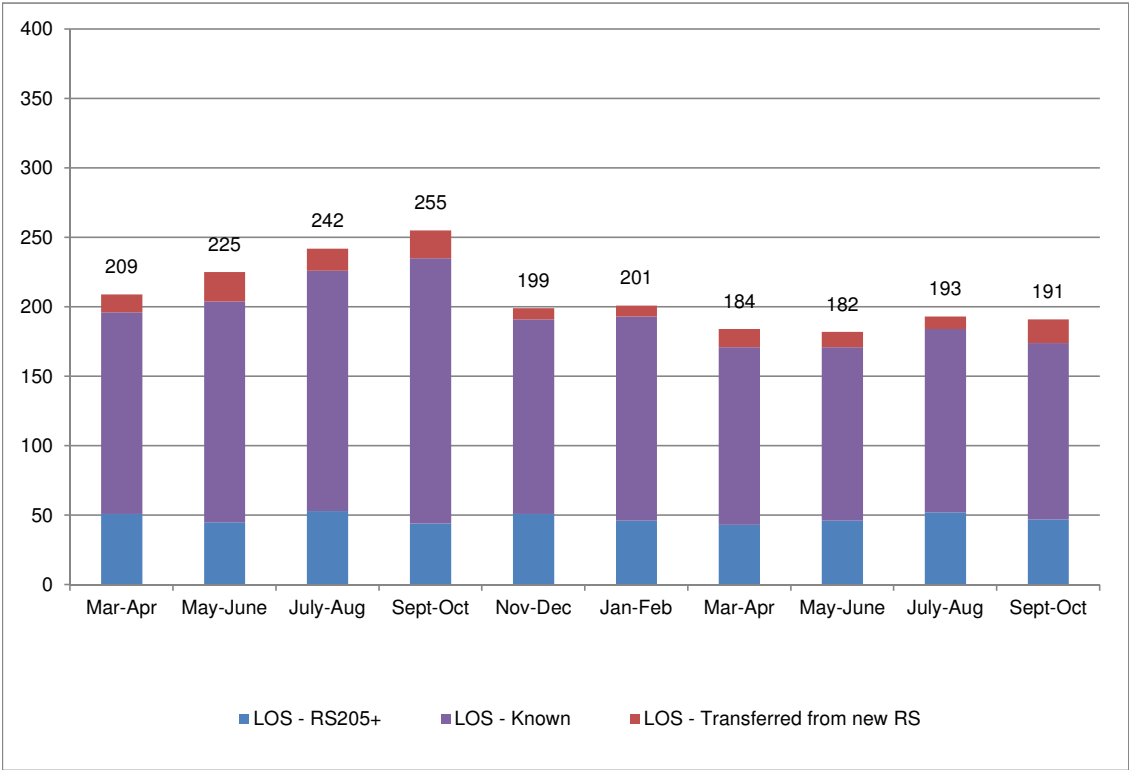
## Westminster: Achieving No Second Night Out



Category	No. this period
New RS with no second night out	124
New RS with a second night out but not living on the streets	65
New RS joining living on the streets population	17
<b>Total</b>	<b>206</b>

Note: New RS = New rough sleepers

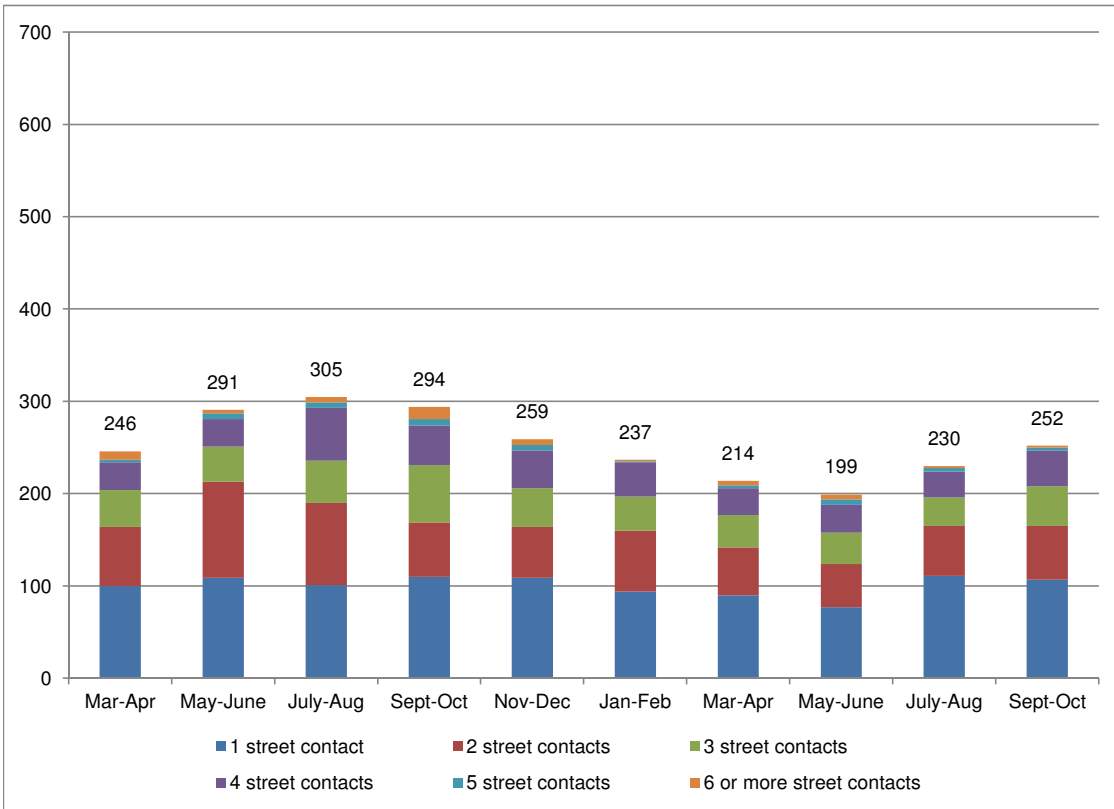
**Westminster: No One Living on the Streets<sup>†</sup>**



†Note: Scale on these graphs is 10x greater than other boroughs

Category	No. this period
LOS - Transferred from new RS	17
LOS - Known	127
LOS - RS205+	47
<b>Total</b>	<b>191</b>

## Westminster: Intermittent Rough Sleepers<sup>†</sup>



†Note: Scale on these graphs is 10x greater than other boroughs

No. bedded down street contacts during this period	No. intermittent rough sleepers
1 street contact	107
2 street contacts	58
3 street contacts	43
4 street contacts	39
5 street contacts	3
6 or more street contacts	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>252</b>

### 3. NATIONALITY

#### Nationality: Rolling Figures

Nationality of people seen rough sleeping by outreach or BBS services.

Nationality	May-Jun 13		Jul-Aug 13		Sep-Oct 13	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
UK	252	48%	299	45%	324	52%
Ireland (Republic of)	25	5%	22	3%	19	3%
France	8	2%	9	1%	10	2%
Germany	3	1%	6	1%	6	1%
Italy	12	2%	15	2%	8	1%
Portugal	7	1%	6	1%	7	1%
Spain	6	1%	7	1%	4	1%
Bulgaria	7	1%	5	1%	16	3%
Czech Republic	13	3%	8	1%	14	2%
Estonia	0	0%	2	0%	2	0%
Hungary	6	1%	19	3%	17	3%
Latvia	12	2%	7	1%	4	1%
Lithuania	13	3%	16	2%	24	4%
Poland	41	8%	41	6%	31	5%
Romania	49	9%	118	18%	53	9%
Slovakia	9	2%	8	1%	10	2%
Slovenia	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
<i>Central and East Europe Subtotal</i>	<i>150</i>	<i>29%</i>	<i>224</i>	<i>34%</i>	<i>171</i>	<i>28%</i>
Other Europe	11	2%	11	2%	9	1%
Africa	22	4%	29	4%	26	4%
Asia	18	3%	30	5%	26	4%
Americas	4	1%	4	1%	8	1%
Australasia	2	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Missing	3		2		3	
Not known	8		12		11	
<i>Total (incl. Missing/Not known)</i>	<i>531</i>		<i>676</i>		<i>632</i>	
<b>Total (excl. Missing/Not known)</b>	<b>520</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>662</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>618</b>	<b>100%</b>

Note: Percentages are calculated from total excluding clients whose nationality was not known or not recorded.

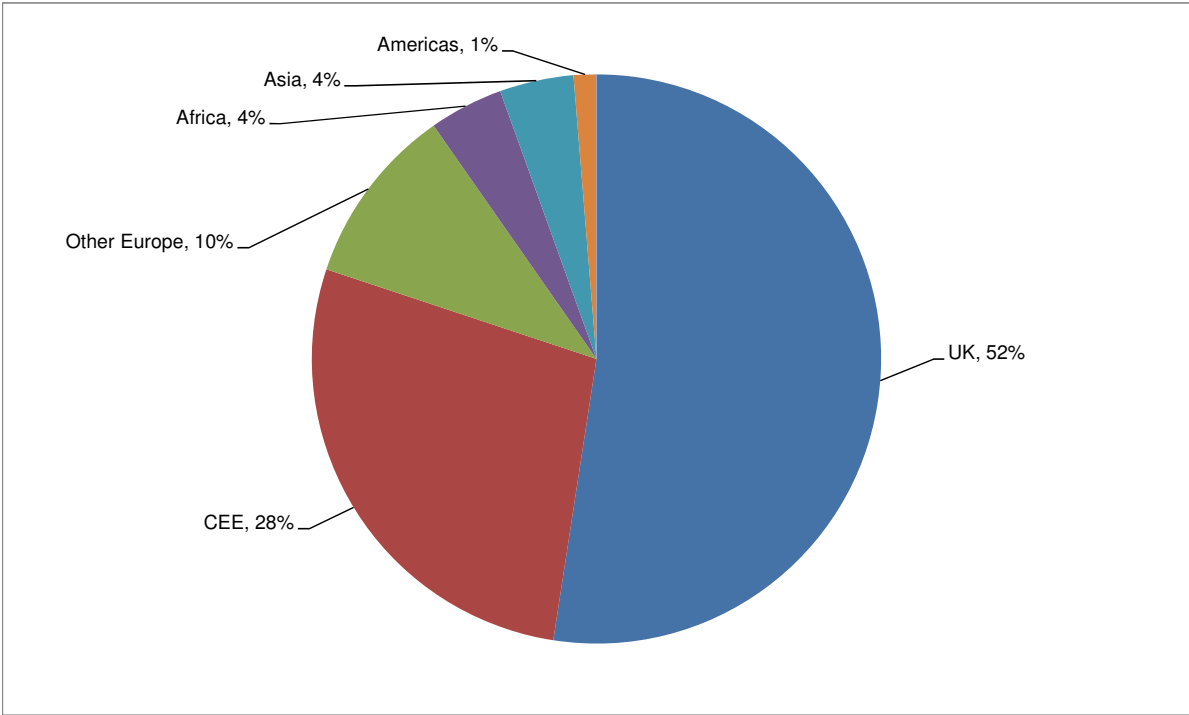
In individual borough reports some nationalities included in the table above may have '0' clients recorded against them – these nationalities are included in this standardised table as they represent a significant number of clients across London as a whole.



**Nationality: Breakdown by Area**

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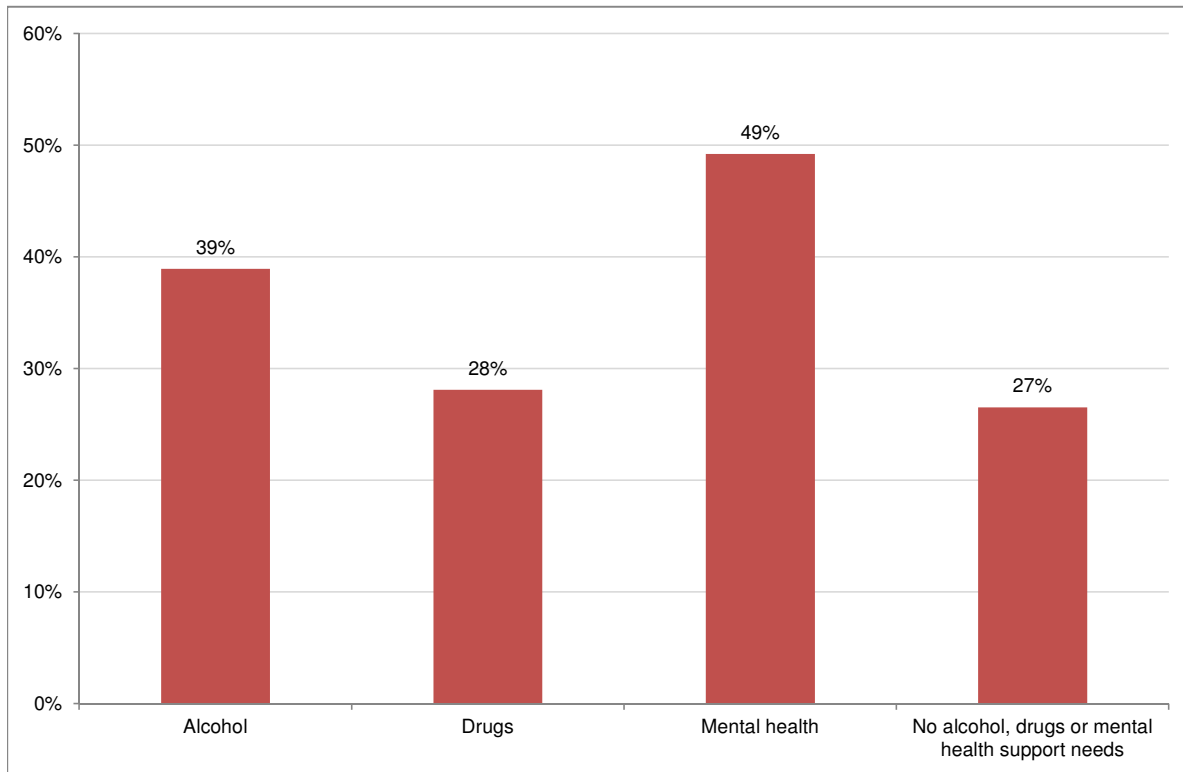
Nationality of people seen rough sleeping by outreach or BBS services, grouped by area.



Base: 618. Note that the base figure for this chart excludes clients whose nationality is not known or recorded.

## 4. SUPPORT NEEDS

Support needs of people seen rough sleeping by outreach or BBS services.

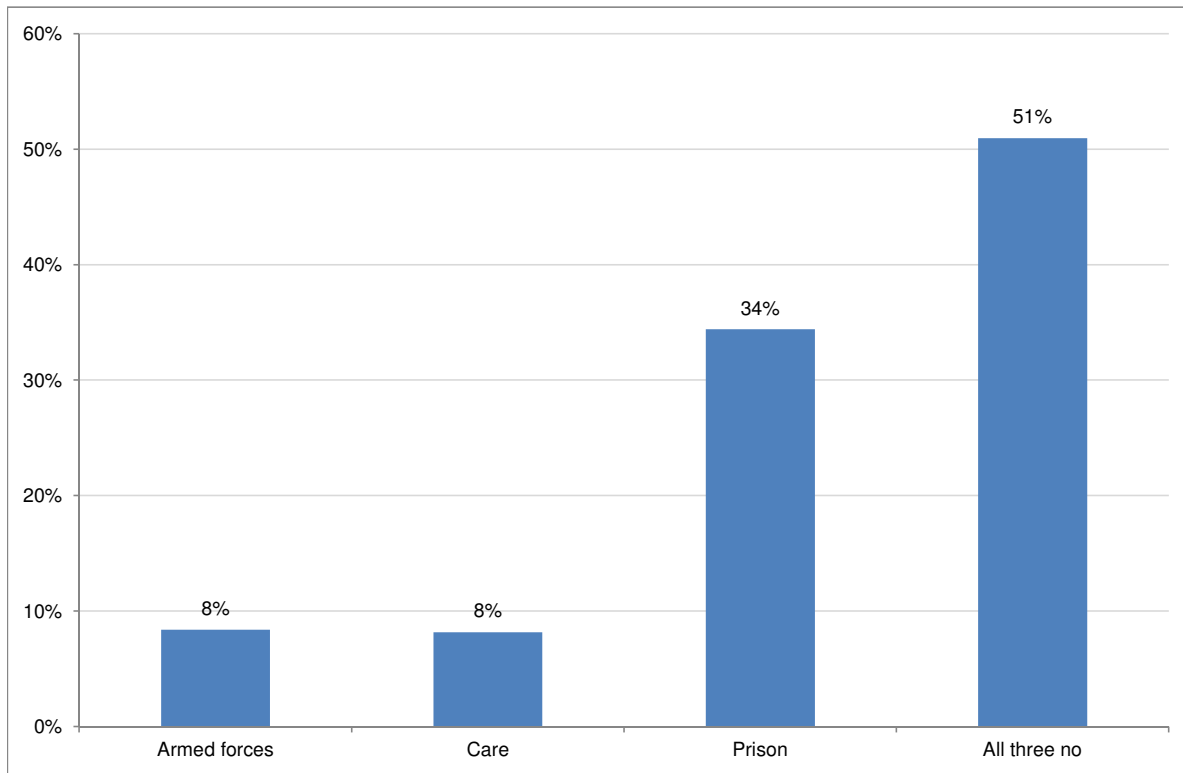


Base: 516. Note that the base figure for this chart excludes clients where all three support needs are not known or not recorded (116)

Support Needs	No. people	% of people seen rough sleeping
Alcohol only	56	9%
Drugs only	27	4%
Mental health only	108	17%
Alcohol and drugs	29	5%
Alcohol and mental health	57	9%
Drugs and mental health	30	5%
Alcohol, drugs and mental health	59	9%
All three no	137	22%
All three not known or not assessed	116	18%
All three no, not known or not assessed	13	2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>632</b>	<b>100%</b>

## 5. INSTITUTIONAL & ARMED FORCES HISTORY

People seen rough sleeping by outreach or BBS services, by experience of armed forces, care or prison.



Base: 465. Note that the base figure for this chart excludes clients where all three institutional histories are not known or not recorded.

Nationality of rough sleepers with experience of armed forces:

Nationality	No. people	% of people seen rough sleeping
UK	17	4%
Non-UK	22	5%
Not known/recorded	0	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>8%</b>

## 6. ACCOMMODATION AND RECONNECTION OUTCOMES

Reconnections and bookings into accommodation achieved for verified rough sleepers by borough based services during the period.

Accommodation and reconnection outcomes by number of people:

Outcome	Jul-Aug 13	Sep-Oct 13
	No. people	No. people
Booked into accommodation or reconnected	116	162
Booked into accommodation*	85	120
Booked into long term accommodation	19	40
Booked into hostel accommodation	63	72
Booked into other accommodation	5	15
Reconnected	32	44
Booked into NSNO Assessment Hub**	92	66
Booked into NLOS Assessment Hub**	9	7

\*Some people may have been booked into more than one type of accommodation during the period.

\*\*People booked into NSNO or NLOS Assessment Hubs may also have been accommodated or reconnected during the period. The figure given includes referrals from the borough by London Street Rescue.

Accommodation and reconnection outcomes by number of events:

Accommodation type	Jul-Aug 13		Sep-Oct 13	
	No. events	%	No. events	%
Assessment centre	0	0%	1	1%
Bed & breakfast	0	0%	1	1%
Clinic/Detox/Rehab	0	0%	5	3%
Rolling shelter	0	0%	0	0%
Hostel	63	51%	78	43%
Other temporary accommodation	6	5%	10	5%
Second-stage accommodation	0	0%	0	0%
St Mungo's complex needs	0	0%	2	1%
St Mungo's semi-independent	2	2%	2	1%
Care home	0	0%	0	0%
Clearing House/RSI	0	0%	2	1%
LA tenancy (general needs)	1	1%	1	1%
Private rented sector - independent	14	11%	25	14%
Private rented sector - with some floating support	2	2%	6	3%
RSL tenancy (general needs)	0	0%	1	1%
Sheltered housing	1	1%	2	1%
Supported housing	1	1%	2	1%
Tied accommodation	0	0%	0	0%
Other long-term accommodation	0	0%	0	0%
<b>Bookings into accommodation total</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>76%</b>
<b>Reconnection type</b>				
Return to home area	23	19%	34	19%
Seeking work	1	1%	1	1%
Move to area for friends/family	11	9%	16	9%
Move to area with appropriate services	21	17%	17	9%
<b>Reconnections total</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>24%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>100%</b>

Note: An individual may have had more than one reconnection, or been booked into accommodation more than once, during the period.

## 7. TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION

Hostels, assessment centres, rolling shelters and second-stage accommodation based in the borough.

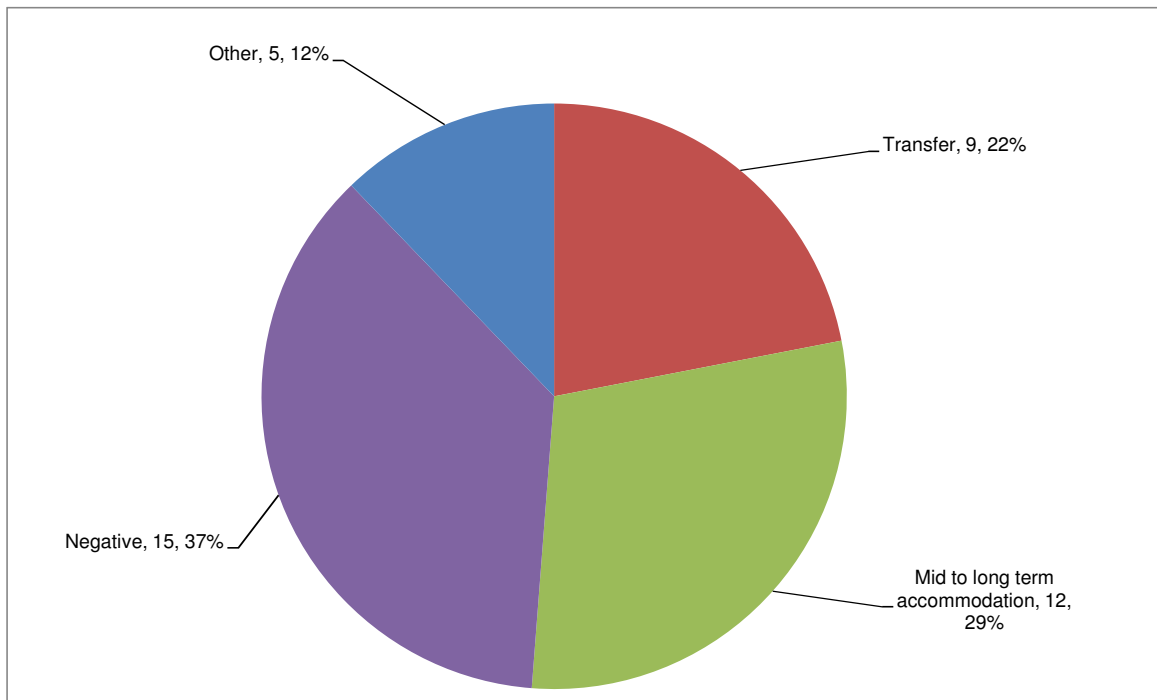
### Arrivals

A total of 56 individuals arrived at temporary accommodation during the period.

### Departures: Destination on Departure

A total of 38 individuals departed from temporary accommodation during the period.

Departures from temporary accommodation, by destination on departure.



Base: 41

Destination on departure	Destination category	Chart colour
Assessment Centre, Bed & Breakfast, Detox clinic, Hospital - not long term/acute care, Hostel - another organisation, Hostel - within the organisation, Night shelter, NLOS Assessment Hub, NSNO Assessment Hub, Psychiatric hospital, Rehab clinic, Temporary accommodation (LA)	Transfer	
Accommodation where client is owner, Care home, Clearing House/RSI, Hospital - long term, LA tenancy (general needs), Long stay hospice, Private rented sector - independent, Private rented sector - with some floating support, Returned to home country (EEA), Returned to home country (non EEA), RSL tenancy (general needs), Sheltered Housing, Supported Housing, Tied accommodation with work	Mid to long term accommodation	
Committed suicide, Not known, Sleeping rough/Returned to streets, Taken into custody	Negative	
Died, Previous home, Staying with family, Staying with friends	Other	

Note: An individual may have had more than one accommodation departure during the period.

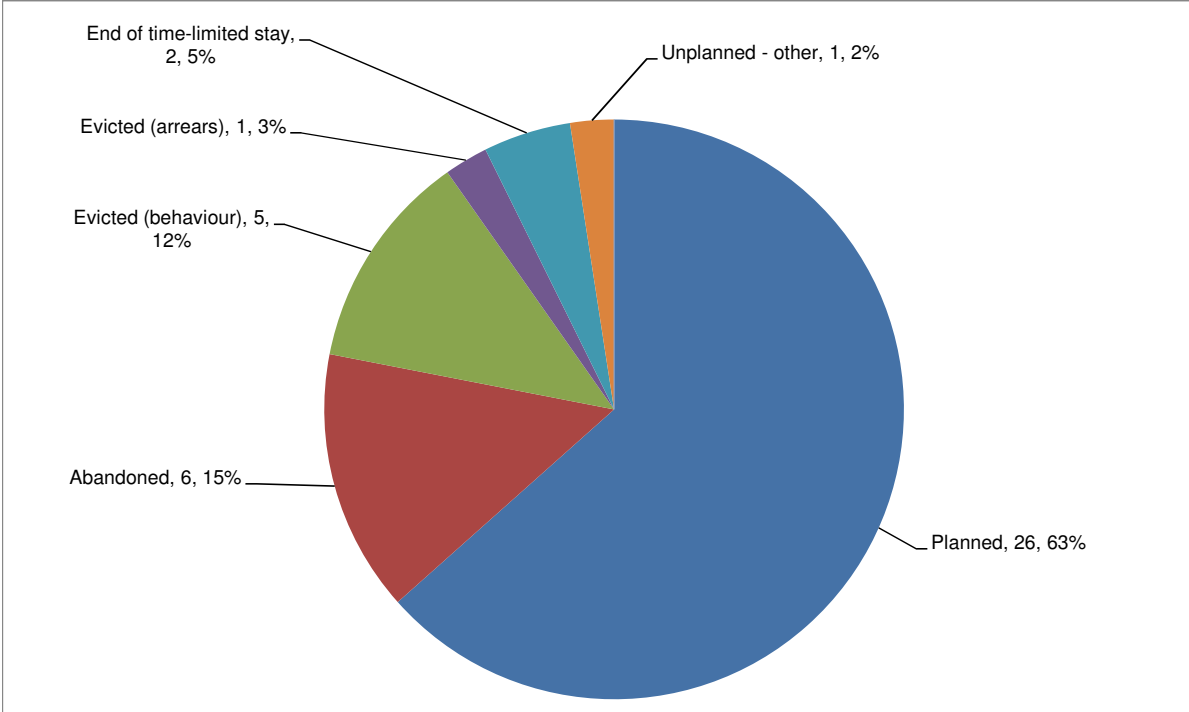
<b>Destination on departure</b>	<b>No. departures</b>	<b>%</b>
Accommodation where client is owner	0	0%
Assessment centre	0	0%
Bed & Breakfast	1	2%
Care home	0	0%
Clearing House/RSI	1	2%
Committed suicide	0	0%
Detox clinic	2	5%
Died	0	0%
Hospital - long term	1	2%
Hospital - NOT long term/acute care	0	0%
Hostel - another organisation	4	10%
Hostel - within the organisation	1	2%
LA tenancy (general needs)	0	0%
Long stay hospice	0	0%
Night shelter	0	0%
NLOS Assessment Hub	0	0%
Not known	6	15%
NSNO Assessment Hub	0	0%
Previous home	0	0%
Private rented sector - independent	1	2%
Private rented sector - with some floating support	0	0%
Psychiatric hospital	0	0%
Rehab clinic	1	2%
Returned to home country (EEA)	0	0%
Returned to home country (non EEA)	0	0%
RSL tenancy (general needs)	1	2%
Sheltered Housing	0	0%
Sleeping rough/Returned to streets	7	17%
Staying with family	2	5%
Staying with friends	3	7%
Supported Housing	8	20%
Taken into custody	2	5%
Temporary accommodation (LA)	0	0%
Tied accommodation with work	0	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>100%</b>

Note: An individual may have had more than one accommodation departure during the period.

**Departures: Reason for Leaving**

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Temporary accommodation departures by reason for leaving.



Base: 41

Note: An individual may have had more than one accommodation departure during the period.

## 8. METHODOLOGY

From January 2012 onwards CHAIN rough sleeping figures are reported on a bi-monthly basis, rather than on the previously used quarterly cycle.

Some important changes have also been made to how the borough figures are compiled. Firstly, people who have been seen rough sleeping in more than one borough during the reporting period are no longer counted towards the totals for all boroughs in which they were seen. Each person seen rough sleeping is now assigned to one borough only during the period, so that the totals for all boroughs combined equals the overall total for London.

Where people have been seen rough sleeping in multiple boroughs they are assigned to a single borough, based on the following method:

- New rough sleepers (i.e. people not seen rough sleeping prior to this period) are assigned to the first borough they were seen rough sleeping in during the period
- Rough sleepers who are not new are assigned to the borough they were last seen rough sleeping in during the period

Secondly, all people seen rough sleeping during the period are assigned to categories, based on the following factors:

- Whether they were new rough sleepers during the period
- How many times they were seen rough sleeping during the period
- Number of days elapsed between first and last time they were seen rough sleeping during the period

The various categories are presented in the “Rough sleeper population analysis” section of this report. A further explanation of the individual categories follows.

### **New rough sleepers**

New rough sleepers, who were seen for the first time during the period. The total number of new rough sleepers is broken down into those who were seen just once and did not have a second night out, those who were seen on several occasions, but as yet have not been on the streets long enough to count as ‘living on the streets’, and those new to the streets who have remained there long enough to fulfil the criteria for ‘living on the streets’ (outlined below).

### **Living on the streets (LOS)**

With the designation ‘living on the streets’ we refer to rough sleepers who have stayed on the streets after arriving, and are entrenched or at risk of becoming so. In determining who is counted as living on the streets we have used a combination of time on the streets (three or more weeks between the earliest and latest bedded down contact) and number of bedded down contacts (five or more contacts in the LDB boroughs and three or more contacts in the rest of London) during the period we are reporting on. If a person is seen bedded down six times, but only during one week, he or she does not count. If a person has four bedded down contacts, but spread over two months, he or she would also not count. To be counted a rough sleeper must have both elements.

The reporting period covers two months. However, to ensure that we do not miss those whose rough sleeping crosses over reporting periods we look back for the three weeks immediately before the start of the two month reporting period. For a rough sleeper in these circumstances, if they are not seen again, he or she will not be reported living on the streets in the next period.



The LOS total will include some who were new to the streets in the period, but whose stay extended beyond three weeks and who were seen bedded down at least five times - these are transferred from the flow figures (shown in red in both section one and two of the report). The LOS total will also include some who are no longer on the streets, having gone into accommodation (or disappeared). They will not appear in the subsequent LOS total. Rough sleepers will only count as LOS during the period where they meet the above definition.

RS205+ refers to people who have been identified as especially hard to help because of their prolific history of rough sleeping . This group appear in the LOS chart if they have any number of bedded down contacts within the two months being reported on.

### **Intermittent rough sleepers**

Intermittent rough sleepers are those who are not new in this period, and have not been seen rough sleeping enough to be deemed living on the streets. This group includes those who sleep rough periodically for very short periods (including some street drinkers and beggars). It also will include those whose return to the streets for a longer period (but in this period less than the 'living on the streets' definition). Those that go on to be living on the streets will appear in that category in the next period.