

Ending Rough Sleeping Plans

Ending Rough Sleeping Plan 2024/25

You are reporting on behalf of:

Barking and Dagenham London Borough

What is the Purpose of the Ending Rough Sleeping Plan?

As we enter the third year of the RSI 2022-25 programme, we are asking local authorities to reflect on their progress towards ending rough sleeping. This form provides an opportunity to review your progress and identify your area's top priorities for the upcoming year of RSI delivery. The plan:

- Provides an opportunity for local authorities to consider your delivery priorities and identify the key actions for 2024/25 to enable you to have the greatest impact in reducing the number of individuals sleeping rough in your area. We recommend that your Ending Rough Sleeping Plans should complement and reflect what you have set out in your local area's current Homeless Prevention and Ending Rough Sleeping Strategy, as published on your local authority's website.
- Is intended to be a live document, that you can use regularly throughout the year (and at least quarterly) to review progress against your planned delivery with your DLUHC Rough Sleeping adviser.
- Is a grant condition of your Rough Sleeping Initiative 2022-25 funding, as found in Annex D of the Programme management overview and payment schedule. This was first sent to you in May 2022, and is also included in your grant determination letter on receipt of all RSI payments.
- In addition to supporting your work locally, completion of the plan helps DLUHC to better understand and hold record of the challenges and successes of delivery to end rough sleeping in your local area.

What is in the Ending Rough Sleeping Plan?

To reduce the administrative burden on local areas as much as possible, we have streamlined the Ending Rough Sleeping plan structure for 2024/25, to contain only the priority information required and removing any duplication with existing reporting already provided by local areas on Delta.

Within the Ending Rough Sleeping Plan 2024/25, we ask you to:

1. Review the individuals currently within your Target Priority Group / T1000 and provide an update on the number in this group for 2024/25
2. Review the number of beds and staff you will be delivering through RSI funding in 2024/25.
3. Consider what has worked well in the last 12 months of the programme (2023/24).
4. Consider what are the biggest challenges you will face over the next 12 months (2024/25) and what actions you can take during the year to address these challenges and deliver a reduction in rough sleeping.
5. Provide information on how you are progressing on embedding long-term services into wider funding streams in your area, in preparation for the end of the RSI 2022-25 funding period.

How to approach the Delivery Plan 24/25

You should consider:

The main obstacles to reducing rough sleeping in your area over the next 12 months.

The actions you can take to address these obstacles.

For areas who have joint bids

If you are unsure which local authority should be completing this Ending Rough Sleeping plan for your local area, please contact your advisers to confirm the approach.

When is this due?

Please submit your completed Ending Rough Sleeping Plan by clicking "save" on the final page of this form, by end of day on 30th April 2024.

After this date, all questions will become 'read-only' apart from the comments boxes, which you and you adviser can add to throughout the year

Guidance on using Delta to complete your Ending Rough Sleeping Plan 2024/25 return

You can save the changes you make to this form and come back to continue it at a later date by clicking the "save" button at the bottom of the page.

Two people cannot edit the form at the same time. If you make changes to the form but do not click "save", these changes will not be saved.

You may find it easier to complete the content for this form offline and copy text into the relevant boxes once it is finalised. You will be able to do this on each section of the form. You can print this form to PDF by clicking the "PDF" button at the bottom of the page. Please note, this printable version is being shared for reference only, to support you in completing the form and for future offline reference. Hard copies of the Ending Rough Sleeping Plan will not be accepted.

What if I need further help?

Please contact your DLUHC Rough Sleeping Adviser, who will be happy to support you to complete the document.

Section 1: Local Authority Details

Are you submitting a joint Ending Rough Sleeping Plan?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Section 2: Target Priority / T1000 Group 2024/45

Please review the individuals currently within your Target Priority Group / T1000 and provide an update on the number in this group. This number will be used as a baseline for the next 12 months and you will be asked to report on outcomes for this group via your monthly rough sleeping data return.

Guidance: The TPG /T1000 should be made up of all people sleeping rough in an area who are furthest from having their rough sleeping resolved, have been in this position for some time and will remain so without a bespoke multi-agency intervention. The TPG / T1000 can include people currently sleeping rough, or those currently in off the street settings who are most likely to return to rough sleeping.

The criteria to identify this target group is: people who have been seen sleeping rough in two or more years out of the last three and in two or more months out of the last 12.

Local authorities may discuss variations on the criteria with their DLUHC adviser, as appropriate. This number will be used as baseline for the next 12 months to report on this group.

Please note: for London boroughs only, you will be asked to review your T1000 cohort later in the 24/25 financial year. For this submission of your 24/25 Ending Rough Sleeping Plan, please enter the current T1000 figure, as agreed in 2023.

How many people are in your Target Priority Group / Target 1000 in 2024/25?

5

(optional) If you would like to provide any further information on your 2024/25 TPG /T1000 group, please enter this here.

2 of 5 T1000 are currently rough sleeping and 3 others in medium to long-term accommodation

Section 3: Number of Beds and Staff Provided through RSI funding in 2024/25

We would like you to review the number of beds you are reporting to deliver through your RSI funding in 24/25.

Please include the number of beds and not the number of nights or individuals placed throughout the year.

For example, if you requested 6 emergency bed spaces via RSI 2022-25 funding across the 3 fiscal years, to be used to provide off-the-street accommodation for people for up to 7 days until move-on accommodation can be sourced, and you estimated around 50 people would access this service across each year for the full three years, for 24/25 you should write:

"6"

Number of beds provided through RSI funding in 2024/25:

0

We would like you to review the number of staff being funded through RSI in 24/25.

This should be provided in Full Time Equivalent (FTE) figures.

Number of staff (FTE) provided through RSI funding in 2024/25:

4.5

(optional) please add any comments below you feel would be relevant on bedspaces or staffing

Section 4: What worked well in 2023/24

Thinking about your work to end rough sleeping, what has worked well this year? Highlight a maximum of 6 key points.

1) Title

Outreach

1) Comments

Outreach officer has good partnerships with statutory and voluntary agencies and knows rough sleepers and engages quickly with focus on resolution of rough sleeping

2) Title

Immigration Advice, support and escalation

2) Comments

Establishing mechanisms for greater co-operation between North East London councils allows us to work more effectively together. Escalation routes with the Home Office are also working well to get issues resolved as quickly as possible

3) Title

Local health care service engagement

3) Comments

Bed management meeting twice weekly with NHS. These help provide earlier intervention and relief of client homelessness on discharge from hospital, enabling better planning for these customers

4) Title

Community Hubs and early intervention

4) Comments

Community advice workers are established in Community Hubs and providing support and early intervention to prevent homelessness which has had impacts on keeping approaches at 22/23 levels

5) Title

Day Centre

5) Comments

Being provided by a CVS organisation has meant that support continues to be offered on a wide range of issues, including housing advice, benefits and pensions, work and employment, health and drugs and alcohol support. People can receive this support without having to prove their level of need or eligibility, so through this service we can identify and help those who might be at risk of rough sleeping. This offer is linked to our warm spaces and community food clubs, which provides further opportunities for identification of need and opportunities for support.

6) Title

6) Comments

Section 5: Delivery plans

2023/4

Thinking about the primary challenges to ending rough sleeping and what you are addressing or anticipate addressing in 2024/25, please review the challenges you submitted in 2023/24 Ending Rough Sleeping Plans, pre-populated below, and consider whether these continue into 2024/25.

Once you have reviewed your 2023/24 challenges, **please update the Delivery Plans 2024/25** section below, copying over and providing any updates to challenges that are continuing on from 2023/24, or entering new challenges that have been identified for 2024/25.

1.

NRPF clients / Clients with uncertain eligibility -

2.

Processes around prevention for those in hospital or custody- there are gaps where individuals have complex needs or NRPF status, which provide challenges around placement and wrap around support. Relationships with health and probation can be challenged by a small number of complex cases.

3.

Increase of clients with serve MH -

4.

Positive working with landlord -

5.

Unaffordable rents, appropriate move-on accommodation

6.

Non engagement -

2024/5

Challenge 1

Please list the key challenges, in your current response to people sleeping rough, and your planned actions to respond to them over the coming year to reduce rough sleeping.

You can provide up to 6 top challenges, which may be a continuation from the challenges you outlined in your 2023/24 Ending Rough Sleeping Plans (as set out above) or may be new to 2024/25.

After writing a challenge, you can write multiple actions and their details.

You must write at least 1 challenge, action, action lead and action deadline.

If you enter more challenges, you must add at least one action, action lead and action deadline for each challenge

Under the actions, there is a comments section. Here, you will be able to provide updates to your actions. There is a comments box for DLUHC advisers and a box for authority representatives. Each party can only edit their respective box.

To add additional comments, click '**Add another line**'

NOTE: Please save your work regularly as any unsaved comments will be lost if you close the page. Only one person can edit the form at a time.

Challenge No.

Challenge

1

Increase number of rough sleepers with complex immigration status or NRPF

Action 1

Maintain positive relationship with Home Office through co-located officer in NRPF Team and monitor numbers of rough sleepers who have come through asylum route without housing duties being owed

Action 1 Lead

Paul Perry

Action 1 Deadline

30/03/2025

Action 2

Community Hubs to support those with the right to work in their employment journey to prevent homelessness

Action 2 Lead

Gill Wilson

Action 2 Deadline

31/07/2024

Action 3

Continue to work with Adult Social Care around NRPF customers with social care needs on a monthly basis to identify customers. Continue to use available bed spaces to provide option while immigration issues resolved for these customers

Action 3 Lead

Katherine Gilcreest

Action 3 Deadline

30/03/2025

Update 1: Authority representative

03-05-2024 comment below:

Update 1: DLUHC adviser

03-05-2024 comment below:

Challenge 2

Challenge No.

2

Challenge

Proactive support for ex-offenders, specifically those who do not qualify for Afeo support

Action 1

Colocation of Homeless Prevention and HARP Connect staff to provide specialist support to this cohort

Action 1 Lead

Alex Watkins-Morgan

Action 1 Deadline

31/05/2024

Action 2

Continue to identify landlords who will offer this cohort accommodation

Action 2 Lead

Angie Nicholson/Andrea Burke

Action 2 Deadline

30/03/2025

Action 3

Work with DLUHC around future funding for this area, due to overspending in this area in 23/24

Action 3 Lead

Angelo Cimelli

Action 3 Deadline

31/03/2025

Update 1: Authority representative

03-05-2024 comment below:

Update 1: DLUHC adviser

03-05-2024 comment below:

Challenge 3

Challenge No.

3

Challenge

Supporting customers with complex needs, particularly dual diagnosis and those with significant mental illness with limited treatment options

Action 1

Clarify supported housing pathway

Action 1 Lead

Angelo Cimelli/Steve Danqua-Kumar

Action 1 Deadline

31/08/2024

Action 2

Access to AMP for clients with complex needs/dual diagnosis

Action 2 Lead

Angelo Cimelli/Steve Danqua-Kumar

Action 2 Deadline

30/09/2024

Action 3

Better engagement with CGL and explore co-location to improve joint working

Action 3 Lead

Angelo Cimelli/Amolak Tatter

Action 3 Deadline

31/08/2024

Update 1: Authority representative

03-05-2024 comment below:

Action 4- continue the regular meetings with senior NELFT practitioners to plan around individuals with complex needs, either resolving or preventing homelessness. Meetings are on-going and lead officer is Angelo Cimelli

Update 1: DLUHC adviser

03-05-2024 comment below:

Update 2: Authority representative

03-05-2024 comment below:
Action 3- colocation needs reinstating following re-tender of contract due to be completed in June 24

Update 2: DLUHC adviser

03-05-2024 comment below:

Update 3: Authority representative

03-05-2024 comment below:

Update 3: DLUHC adviser

03-05-2024 comment below:

Challenge 4

Challenge No.

4

Challenge

Those rough sleeping who do not engage with the accommodation or support offered

Action 1

Continue the weekly tasking meetings with enforcement and support services to jointly plan engagement strategies for these clients

Action 1 Lead

Carley Stubbins

Action 1 Deadline

31/03/2025

Action 2

Continue to explore housing options for singles in-borough, which are limited due to restrictions on HMOs

Action 2 Lead

Katherine Gilcreest

Action 2 Deadline

31/03/2025

Action 3

Action 3 Lead

Action 3 Deadline

Update 1: Authority representative

03-05-2024 comment below:
Action 2 to be explored as part of Housing Strategy work to be completed in 24/25

Update 1: DLUHC adviser

03-05-2024 comment below:

Challenge 5

Challenge No.

5

Challenge

Supply of affordable accommodation which meets the needs of customers

Action 1

Move-on officer continue to identify landlords able to provide affordable local housing which meets the needs of our clients

Action 1 Lead

Angie Nicholson

Action 1 Deadline

31/03/2025

Action 2

Continue the work with Beam to address affordability and offer tenancy sustainment service to those clients most at risk of repeated homelessness

Action 2 Lead

Wayne Samuel

Action 2 Deadline

31/03/2025

Action 3

Continue the cross Council work to make best use of affordable housing options to discharge homelessness duties, where this is appropriate. Also bring into use additional TA /emergency accommodation (Summerfield and 80 Gascoigne Rd) to enable sustainable pathways from homeless to emergency accommodation to permanent accommodation

Action 3 Lead

Wayne Samuel

Action 3 Deadline

31/03/2025

Update 1: Authority representative

03-05-2024 comment below:
Update on Action 3- self contained TA (Summerfield House- leased building) secured at end of 23/24 to provide 24 units in 24/25. Currently exploring additional hostel beds (12) as meanwhile use. Further Reside properties (100+) becoming available for discharge in 24/25

Update 1: DLUHC adviser

03-05-2024 comment below:

Challenge 6

Challenge No.

6

Challenge

Action 1

Action 1 Lead

Action 1 Deadline

Action 2

Action 2 Lead

Action 2 Deadline

Action 3

Action 3 Lead

Action 3 Deadline

Update 1: Authority representative

03-05-2024 comment below:

Update 1: DLUHC adviser

03-05-2024 comment below:

Section 6: Continuation of services in 2025/6

During the co-production of bids for the 3-year RSI 2022-25 fund, local authorities were encouraged to consider how they could secure funding from other sources to continue rough sleeping interventions, after the current RSI 2022-25 funding period. For example, by securing funding from Health, Adult Social Care or Housing Options for ongoing roles.

Have you identified any alternative funding commitments for any of your current RSI services from 31st March 2025?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

If yes, please provide some further information on what these interventions are and where you have secured funding from, from March 2025?

Final Text box

(optional) Is there anything else relating to your Ending Rough Sleeping Plan that you would like to tell your adviser?

You have now reached the end of the Ending Rough Sleeping Plan 2024/25. Please review your entries and once content, please click "save" below.

Please **DO NOT CLICK SUBMIT**. Submitting the form will mean you will be unable to provide quarterly updates in the Delivery Plan section. You should only click "submit" at the end of the 2024/25 financial year, once all quarterly updates have been entered in the Delivery Plan section and the form is ready to be closed.

Final Check: I have engaged with my DLUHC rough sleeping adviser in the creation of this Ending Rough Sleeping Plan and am now ready to save **(NOT SUBMIT)** in the final version of my entries, for review by DLUHC

☒ Yes