

## **Women's Rough Sleeping Census Motion to Council**

Women are under-represented in rough sleeping statistics and provision, yet research, lived experience and the experiences of services tell us that women are some of the most vulnerable within the rough sleeping population. The Women's Rough Sleeping Census aims to collect more comprehensive data on women experiencing rough sleeping and trial a different method of data collection.

- Gender bias in existing Government counts, means that women are likely to be significantly underrepresented in rough sleeping data.
- Women reported sleeping and sheltering in 'hidden' locations including A&E waiting rooms, on buses or trains, in squats, walking around all night, and staying with strangers.
- 1014 women were counted in 88 local authorities in the 2024 census, compared to just 680 women counted in the whole of England (296 districts) by the Government snapshot count

The census gathers data through a survey conducted across a week in September with women who experience rough sleeping, and borough-wide data and discussion meetings.

Committing to participation in the women's Homeless census would mean that this council is standing by its commitment to/standing by its values to/ *[add something personal to your Local Authority]* thus further building on the positive work *[something positive the council have done in this area]* to eliminate gender inequality when it comes to women's homelessness.

**One of the recommendations in the report, to ensure the effective delivery of the census is to have local authority or senior representatives from statutory partners lead on the census.**

We call upon this council to take the lead and/or actively support voluntary organisations who can lead in the implementation of a partnership to deliver an annual women's homelessness census. We call upon this council to explore funding methods as part of this active support.

Here is the report from 2024 along side some more information. [WRSC 2024 Women's Rough Sleeping Census - Single Homeless Project](#)

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