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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 1059

I write further to your email dated 03 January 2020.

Your request has been dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, explained on our [freedom of information](#) page.

Our response:

1. How many individual rough sleepers have been identified in your area during the calendar year 2019 (January to December)?  
*There were 9 incidents of rough sleeping reported to/identified by the Council. Of those where we were able to verify any detail one of these related to a couple.*
2. If known, how many individual rough sleepers have been identified in your area during the calendar years 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018? Please provide an answer for any of those years for which you have data.
  - *2018: 11 incidents as per the above, one related to a possible encampment of unknown number.*
  - *2017: 3 incidents as per above, one related to a possible encampment of unknown number.*
  - *We do not hold data prior to 2017.*
3. If available, how many of the rough sleepers identified during 2019 were found accommodation?  
*Information not available.*
4. Please could you explain or link to what your authority does to identify rough sleepers and assist them to come off the streets.
  - *We provide information in the community of how to report rough sleepers to the council.*
  - *All reports are investigated by either the council or voluntary sector partners.*
  - *All rough sleepers are encouraged to work with the council through the council's homelessness duties where eligible.*
  - *Referrals are also made to relevant voluntary sector projects.*

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