

**To: The Scrutiny Housing Panel**

**Date: 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2014**

**Report of: Head of Housing and Property**

**Title of Report: Rough Sleeping and No Second Night Out Statistics**

## **Summary and Recommendations**

**Purpose of report:** To provide members with additional detail on rough sleeping numbers, especially in relation to No Second Night Out

**Scrutiny Lead Member: Councillor Mark Mills**

**Executive Lead Member: Councillor Seamons**

**Recommendation(s) or major points for consideration:**  
For information only.

### **Introduction**

This report contains information to supplement the performance statistic relating to rough sleeping and No Second Night Out.

### **A breakdown of the official rough sleeping count in November**

November's official street count in Oxford was 19. An actual count was carried out according to government guidelines, rather than an estimate.

The breakdown of the 19 people found, in terms of **length of time out on the streets** is as follows:-

|                                     |      |
|-------------------------------------|------|
| New to rough sleeping               | - 4  |
| Second night or more rough sleeping | - 9  |
| Entrenched rough sleepers           | - 6  |
| Total                               | - 19 |

### **Gender**

Male – 15  
Female – 4

### **Age**

18 to 25 – 1  
26 to 35 – 4  
36 to 49 – 5  
50 to 59 – 4  
60+ - 5

### Nationality

1 A8 national  
1 North Africa  
17 UK

### Local connection status

8 had no local connection to the city or county. This remains in line with normal trends for Oxford which fluctuate around 50% with no LC. Our reconnection policy remains in line with guidelines and is strictly implemented.

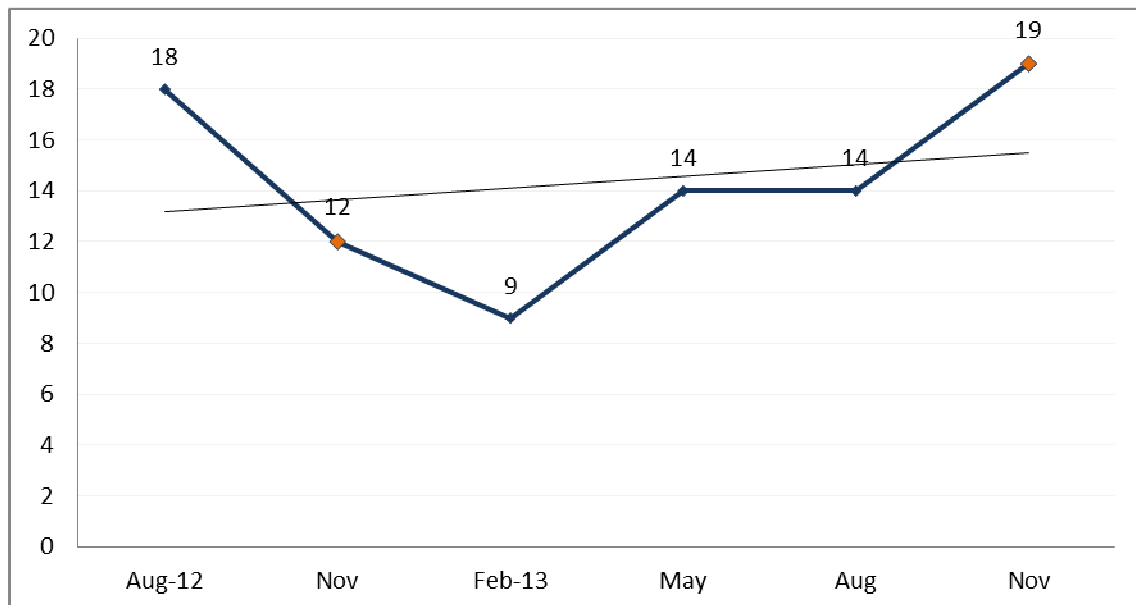
### Broader Statistics for Background Information

#### Number of people helped by NSNO since it started

252 unique clients accessed a NSNO bed between 31<sup>st</sup> July 2012 and 30<sup>th</sup> November 2013.

### Breakdown showing the trend for new rough sleepers

The first graph below shows street count trends. Rough sleeping trends have remained flat over the last year or so, however following the street count in November it has started to show a slight increase.

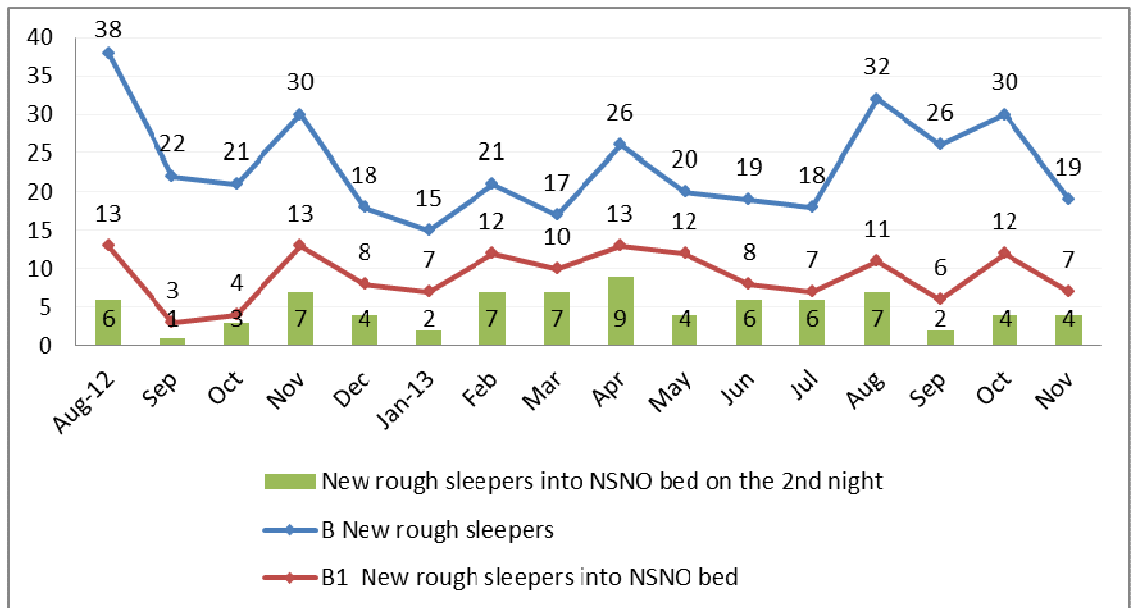


Note - Street Counts

- A street count provides a snap shot of the number of individuals who are sleeping rough on one night. The street counts are carried out quarterly in Oxford and conducted according to strict government guidelines. They are carried out by Oxford City Council, Oxford City Outreach, Thames Valley Police and volunteers from other services providers. We report the total number of rough sleepers and the number of rough sleepers identified in a street count who have been sleeping rough for a 2<sup>nd</sup> night or more. Official Street Counts are identified above in amber.

Source: Oxford City Council

The graph below shows the number of new rough sleepers coming onto the streets as well as the numbers who were accommodated in NSNO, and further the numbers accommodated in NSNO on the second night.

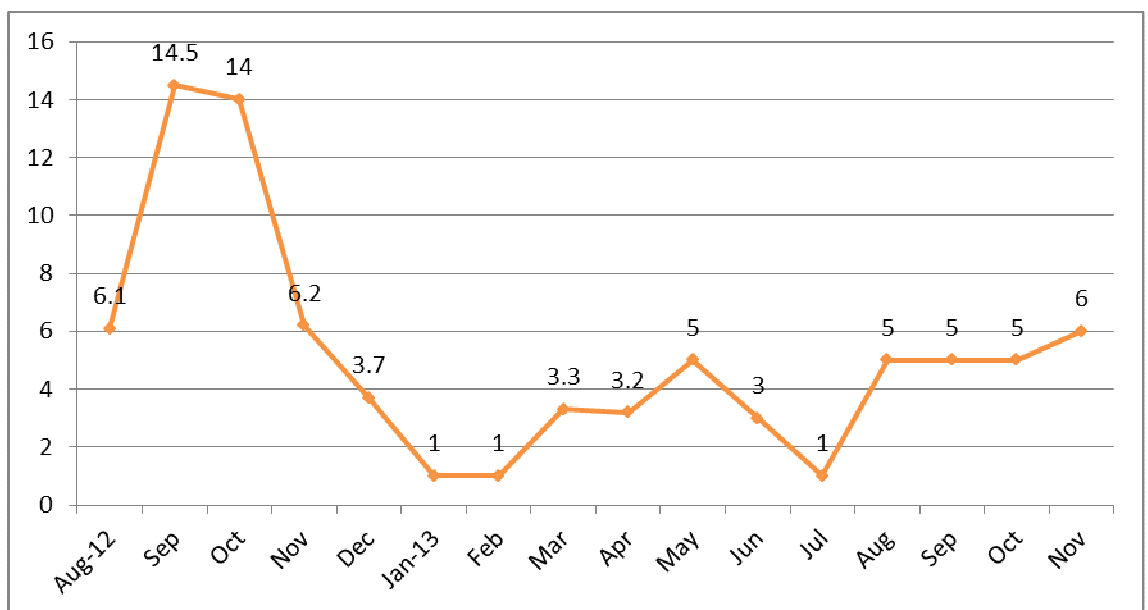


- Line B shows the number of individuals who were verified as rough sleeping for the first time in each month since the introduction of NSNO
  - Line B1 shows the number of newly verified rough sleepers (of Line B) who accessed a NSNO bed in each month
  - The columns show the number of newly verified rough sleepers (of Line B1) who accessed a NSNO bed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> night in each month
- Source: Oxford CHAIN

The current number of entrenched rough sleeping client is 39 – this is defined as having spent 6 months or more on the streets. Not all clients will be on the streets all of the time (e.g. they may be in prison or have short stays in hostels) but their profile is such that their behaviour is entrenched

**Current wait times to access NSNO/hostel (for those not accessing on the 2<sup>nd</sup> night)**

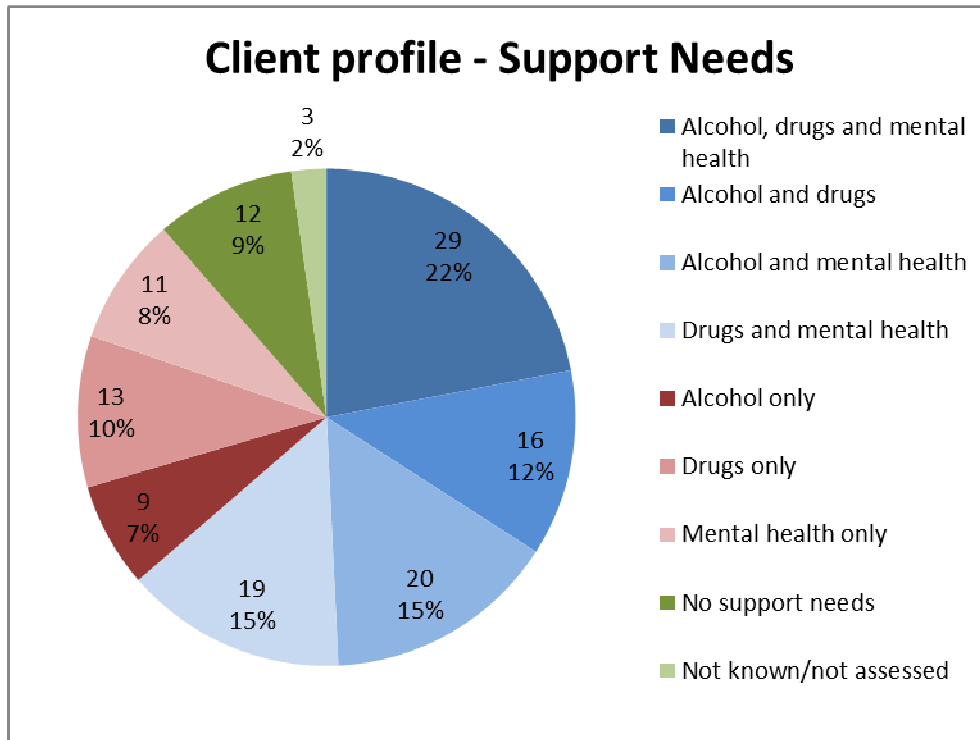
The number of nights a newly verified rough sleeper has to wait in order to access a NSNO bed has been reducing gradually over time. It remains a challenge due to the lack of movement through the pathway.



This graph shows the average number of nights between a person first being verified as a rough sleeper and being accommodated in NSNO (for those clients who did not access a NSNO bed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> night).  
 Source: Oxford CHAIN

**Profile of rough sleepers (support needs)**

Since the introduction of No Second Night Out, we are aware that the needs of our rough sleeping population are high and complex. Nearly a quarter (22%) have three support needs in addition to their homelessness. A further 41% have two or more needs in addition to their homelessness. These support needs refer to mental health, alcohol and drugs. Other issues such as worklessness, lack of literacy and numeracy skills, debt would be in addition.



Client Profile - Support Needs

- This chart shows the support needs of verified rough sleepers where Oxford City Outreach and/or the NSNO team have gathered this information (132) in the quarter.

Source: Oxford CHAIN

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