**Suggested Reading List**

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| **No.** | **Document Title** | **Description**  |
| **National Guidance** |
| **1** | [The Homelessness Code of Guidance for Local Authorities](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/homelessness-code-of-guidance-for-local-authorities) | Guidance on how local authorities should exercise their homelessness functions. Chapter 10 focusses on the Local Connection.  |
| **2** | [Procedures for referrals of homeless applicants to another local authority](https://www.local.gov.uk/sites/default/files/documents/PROCEDURES%20FOR%20REFERRALS%20OF%20HOMELESS%20APPLICANTS%20TO%20ANOTHER%20LOCAL%20AUTHORITY_1.pdf) | Voluntary guidelines on local resolution without resorting to legal proceedings between local authorities concerning local connection matters. |
| **3** | [The Homelessness Reduction Act 2017](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2017/13/contents/enacted) | Defines homelessness and sets out duties to prevent, relieve and refer homelessness. A summary can be found [here](http://www.cih.org/resources/PDF/Policy%20free%20download%20pdfs/What%20you%20need%20to%20know%20Homelessness%20Reduction%20Act%202017.pdf). |
| **4** | [Counts and Estimates Toolkit](https://www.homeless.org.uk/sites/default/files/site-attachments/Count%20Process%202017.pdf) | Guidance followed by Oxford City Council on counting rough sleepers. |
| **Oxford City Documents** |
| **5** | [Oxford City Council’s Housing and Homelessness Strategy 2018-21](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5Csrobinson%5CDownloads%5CHousing_and_Homelessness_Strategy_2018_2021_FINAL%20%281%29.pdf) | The Council’s overarching strategy reaffirms the Council’s intention to apply a local connection approach to its commissioned services (p.56).  |
| **6** | [Evidence for the Housing and Homelessness Strategy 2018-21](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5Csrobinson%5CDownloads%5CAppendix_A_Evidence_Base_for_the_Housing_and_Homelessness_Strategy_2018_21_FINAL.pdf) | This evidence base provides a wealth of data on local homelessness, and wider housing matters |
| **7** | [Oxford Street Homelessness FAQs](https://www.oxford.gov.uk/download/downloads/id/2021/street_homelessness_information_sheet.pdf) | Key questions on rough sleeping answered |
| **8** | [Homelessness Survival Guide](https://www.oxford.gov.uk/directory/3/homelessness_survival_guide) | An A-Z directory to support anyone who is homeless or at risk of homelessness. |
| **9** | [Council awarded £500,000 in extra funding to help rough sleepers](https://www.oxford.gov.uk/news/article/786/council_awarded_500000_in_extra_funding_to_help_rough_sleepers) | New Government funding will be used to establish a multi-agency hub in the city centre |
| **Research Reports** |
| **10** | [How to end homelessness in Great Britain (Crisis)](https://www.crisis.org.uk/media/238959/everybody_in_how_to_end_homelessness_in_great_britain_2018.pdf) | p.194 features a section on ‘scrapping local connection criteria’ for rough sleepers. It also suggest ” local connection rules… should be suspended between local authorities in different regions.” P.389 also sets out proposals for revising the local connection approach – essential reading. |
| **11** | [Birmingham City Council: Scrutiny review of rough sleeping](https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/download/downloads/id/7194/rough_sleeping_and_prevention.pdf) | A 2017 scrutiny review into rough sleeping in Birmingham, with 11 recommendations.  |
| **12** | [The homelessness monitor: England 2018](https://www.crisis.org.uk/media/238700/homelessness_monitor_england_2018.pdf) | A longitudinal study analysing the homelessness impacts of recent economic and policy developments in England. |
| **13** | [The reconnection of rough sleepers within the UK 2015](https://www.crisis.org.uk/media/237144/the_reconnection_of_rough_sleepers_within_the_uk_an-_evaluation_2015.pdf) | The report suggests that some councils are tightening their local connection criteria, and provides a comprehensive overview of local connection and reconnection challenges.  |
| **14** | [The impact of economic downturns and budget cuts on homelessness claim rates](https://academic.oup.com/jpubhealth/article/38/3/417/2239829) | The study finds a strong link between reductions in spending on welfare by local and central government with increased homelessness.  |
| **15** | [National Audit Office report on homelessness 2017](https://www.nao.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/Homelessness.pdf) | Considers the causes and costs of homelessness, and the national response to rising homelessness.  |
| **16** | [House of Commons: Rough sleepers access to support services](http://researchbriefings.files.parliament.uk/documents/CBP-7698/CBP-7698.pdf) | Sets out the rights of rough sleepers to access services. |
| **17** | [Crisis: no one turned away 2016](https://www.crisis.org.uk/media/20603/crisis_no_one_turned_away_2016.pdf) | Recommends that the government create a prevention duty on councils for those threatened with homelessness; blind to priority need status, intentionality and local connection.  |
| **18** | [Parliamentary Research Briefing on Homelessness – July 2018](http://researchbriefings.files.parliament.uk/documents/SN01164/SN01164.pdf) | A comprehensive guide to local authority homelessness legislation, challenges & duties.  |
| **Media Reports** |
| **19** | [Deaths of UK Homeless people more than double in five years](https://www.theguardian.com/society/2018/apr/11/deaths-of-uk-homeless-people-more-than-double-in-five-years) | According to the Guardian’s figures, the average life expectancy of a rough sleeper was 43, with year on year increases in recorded deaths. |
| **20** | [Rough sleeper numbers in England rise for seventh year running](https://www.theguardian.com/society/2018/jan/25/rough-sleeper-numbers-in-england-rise-for-seventh-year-running) | Charts the national rise in rough sleeping, with an estimated 4,751 having slept rough in 2017. |
| **21** | [Rough Sleeping: Decline in Cherwell as homeless move to oxford](http://www.oxfordmail.co.uk/news/16325017.rough-sleeping-decline-in-cherwell-as-homeless-move-to-oxford/) | 2018 report concerning Cherwell funding bed spaces in Oxford. |