Typology of new rough sleepers

This typology of new rough sleepers in Tower Hamlets and Hackney is an extract from the NFNO research project conducted in 2015. It is used to target people at risk of rough sleeping for the NFNO project.

	Description	Key features of group

1	**Primary need is for accommodation**	• Medium to high levels of resilience
		• Low or very low support needs
		• Low or reduced social networks
		• Some common features from the research:
		   o Several from refugee background
		   o Often one off/ unusual life event major contributor to homelessness (e.g. bereaved)

1b	**Primary need for accommodation with complicating factor/s arising partly due to housing situation**	• Similar profile to 1 but with notably deteriorating and or / poor mental health

2	**Homelessness is linked to support needs including drug use, offending, often combined with mental health**	• Medium to high support needs
		• Medium to low support networks, low levels of resilience
		• Problematic drug use and offending prevalent in this group
		• Problems both socially (friends and family) and personally (support needs, drugs, offending, mental health)
		• Some common features from the research
		   o Nearly always in 20s and 30s
		   o Most are Bangladeshi men others spread across ethic groups.
		   o Generally never had independent accommodation - family home/ prison/ hidden homeless
		   o People often described sense of shame, being ostracized.

2b	**Homelessness is linked to mental health and family problems (but not substance misuse)**	• Same profile as 2 but without drug use.
		• Mental health problems, deterioration of mental health and problems in the home
		• Some common features from the research
		   o Included victims of domestic abuse
		   o People showed feelings of hopelessness and isolation.

3	**Capacity and motivational issues are key issue, often more isolated and older age groups**	• People in 40s/ 50s/ 60s
		• Range of support needs
		• Low levels of motivation and / or capacity due to a range of issues.
		• Some common features from the research
		   o All were White or Black Caribbean in the research
		   o Often had transient backgrounds, people who just about 'hang in there' until something happens and they then have nowhere to go.

4	**Not possible to group in above**	A small number of people did not fit into the groups above.

Please note: to be eligible for the project clients must also have a local connection to one of the three boroughs, have recourse to public funds and not already be rough sleeping.