

## Paper 2 - Data Collection & Publication Timetable for 2019/20

### Current areas of discussion:

#### HL2/HL3:

- Our original intention was that the HL2 data collection could be stopped once the HL3 data was of a sufficient quality to start publishing.
- Analysis done last year showed that there was still clear value in collecting the HL2 for at least the following year (2018/19). Due to staff turnover we have been unable to do the further analysis required to determine whether we can produce like for like analysis using HL3. In addition the quality of the HL3 data in the most recent publication has declined in some local authorities.
- Therefore, our current assessment is that while the HL3 provides valuable supplementary information to the HL2, it cannot currently replace all the existing HL2 publication material and trends over time on a like for like basis. So we propose to continue collecting HL2 data throughout 2019/2020, with the hope of dropping it at the end of that year.
- What views would authorities have on continuing to provide the HL2 for the period 2019/20?

If agreed, the data collection and publication timetable for 2019/20 would therefore look like this:

	Data collection	Publications
<b>Apr-19</b>	Data collection HL1, HL2, HL3, PREVENT1	
<b>May-19</b>		
<b>Jun-19</b>		Annual Homelessness ( <i>including HL2 &amp; HL3 data</i> ) + PREVENT1 (2018/19)
<b>Jul-19</b>	Data collection HL1, HL2, HL3, PREVENT1	
<b>Aug-19</b>		
<b>Sep-19</b>		
<b>Oct-19</b>	Data collection HL1, HL2, HL3, PREVENT1	
<b>Nov-19</b>		
<b>Dec-19</b>		
<b>Jan-20</b>	Data collection HL1, HL2, HL3, PREVENT1	Bi-annual Homelessness ( <i>including HL2(?) &amp; HL3 data</i> ) (to Sept 2018)
<b>Feb-20</b>		
<b>Mar-20</b>		
<b>Apr-20</b>	Data collection HL1, HL2, HL3, PREVENT1	
<b>May-20</b>		
<b>Jun-20</b>		Annual Homelessness ( <i>including HL2(?) &amp; HL3 data</i> ) + PREVENT1 (2019/20)

### Method of Data Collection

- Currently HL1, HL2 and HL3 data submissions are sent to the homelessness inbox, they are usually submitted in either .csv, .txt or .dat. format. Prevent1 data is submitted via ProcXed in XML format.
- We will be considering whether there is a more efficient way of collecting HL1 and HL3 data, with ProcXed being the most obvious way to do this.
- We will not change the method of collecting HL2 as we are hoping to drop this soon anyway.
- Any initial thoughts from LA's? For anyone that currently uses ProcXed to upload Prevent1 (or other) data, how do you find it?

### PREVENT1

- Have now moved to an annual publication, but quarterly data submissions
- We appreciate that the data collection has value, but as it stands it does not have a strong statistical value
- consider options for replacing the current Prevent1 data collection with a more effective and less burdensome way of monitoring local authority prevention activities
- ensure changes to this collection fit in with wider changes to the homelessness data landscape
- LA views?

### Future Developments

#### Rough Sleeper Count

- HARSAG recommendation
- CHI Options Appraisal

#### Homeless Deaths

- In December ONS published experimental statistics on Homeless Deaths in England and Wales (<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/birthsdeathsandmarriages/deaths/bulletins/deathsofhomelesspeopleinenglandandwales/2013to2017>)
- NRS are working closely with ONS to determine whether the methodology used for their experimental statistics can be applied to Scottish data. If possible, Scottish estimates will be produced.
- The ONS methodology relied upon a register of temporary accommodation, which as far as we are aware does not exist in Scotland. Do LA's keep a list of temporary accommodation in their area? NRS would require address and postcode information.
- NRS have managed to identify some accommodation by searching for the words 'hostel', 'shelter' etc. but believe they are missing a lot and that this will lead to them having a proportionately lower estimate than ONS.