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‘Decrease in sleeping rough is not down to Mayor but to decrease in EU migration’

- The Mayor has released new figures showing a reduction in rough sleeping
- Andrew Boff AM claims that the decrease in rough sleeping is down to the decrease in EU migration and not to the ‘Mayor’s Handy work’
- GLA stats highlighted by the Mayor show this

A press release sent by the Mayor this morning has stated an overall decrease in rough sleeping. ([link](#))

Andrew Boff AM has claims that this is not the ‘Handy work of the Mayor’ but the collateral from a decrease in migration since 2016 and the hard work of charities.

The Mayor’s data shows that there has been a decrease in overall in rough sleeping, especially from Central and Eastern European origin from 2337 to 1677, a reduction of 660 or 28.2%.

This correlates to the reduction in immigration in EU citizens of Eastern European origin. Romanian migration down by 19% in December 2017 and a reduction of polish migration of 34% compared with previous year.

Data also showed an increase of rough sleeping of UK nationals in London of 5%

Commenting Andrew Boff AM said:

“The Mayor is taking credit for something which is a direct consequence in a reduction of EU migration.

Though I am happy to see that there are less people suffering by living out on the streets, I expect rough sleeping should be even lower across the board. It is not clear how the Mayor has affected this decrease.”

Likewise, if the Mayor intends to decrease rough sleeping across the board, he should use up the 4.82bn the Government has given him to build affordable accommodation and stop cooking the books on affordable housing figures that give homeless people false hopes of having a roof over their heads.

ENDS.

Notes:

Decrease in Rough sleeping ([Link](#))

Decrease in Migration ([Link](#))
Affordable Housing Figures ([Link](#))

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