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(by email)

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Dear Ed,

RE: MANAGEMENT INFORMATION ON ROUGH SLEEPERS

Thank you for your letter of 2 June 2020 where you make reference to the use of management information by MHCLG ministers and officials.

I can confirm that the management information that supports the statement that nearly 15,000 people have been provided emergency accommodation by local authorities in response to this crisis has been published online today, as agreed with your officials. The publication can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/coronavirus-covid-19-rough-sleeper-accommodation-survey-data-may-2020>.

You will see that in the publication we have noted the comments you make around the definition of the terms used and given a clear explanation of them throughout.

I have further noted the principles you have outlined, and I will remind officials of the importance of publication of figures to which public statements refer.

I trust this addresses your concerns, and have copied this response to William Wragg MP, Chair of the House of Commons Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Select Committee.

Yours Sincerely,

JEREMY POCKLINGTON