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| **Company / Organisation Name:** | West Midlands Combined Authority |
| **Team / Department**: | Research, Intelligence and Inclusive Growth |
| **Address:** | 16 Summer Lane, Birmingham, B19 3SD |

**Provisional title for project:**

**Addressing Homelessness Among Non-UK Nationals:   
Developing Insights from the West Midlands Migrant Rough Sleeping Census**

**Short description of the problem that would be addressed by the project:**

People who are non-UK nationals are significantly overrepresented in local authority housing and rough sleeping services. This indicates that this is a population group with a heightened risk of homelessness. People with unsettled or restricted immigration status face a high risk of experiencing homelessness as their immigration status prevents them from accessing the safety nets and support that are available to UK nationals.

Estimating the likely impact of changes in the migrant population on homelessness is challenging, because there is a lack of comprehensive, high-quality evidence available. To address this, the West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) is collaborating with its constituent local authorities and voluntary, community, faith and social enterprise (VCFSE) partners to conduct a **Migrant Rough Sleeping Census (MRSC) – a ‘census’ of migrant rough sleeping across the WMCA area**. This work will be done in partnership with Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) for comparability across regions; and builds on the learning from the *Women’s Rough Sleeping Census* so that the ‘census’ is done in a sensitive and inclusive way.

As part of this project, you will:

1. **Analyse Data**: Utilise primary data collected by the Migrant Rough Sleeping Census to gather insights on non-UK nationals and rough sleeping**.**

2. **Develop Key Findings:** Identifying key patterns and trends, analysing demographic data and highlight key challenges faced by non-UK nationals who are rough sleeping, in formats accessible to non-data experts.

3. **Develop Recommendations**: Provide actionable recommendations to the WMCA Homelessness Taskforce, Rough Sleeping partners across the VCFSE sector, and the WMCA No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF) task group.

This project offers an exciting opportunity to enhance our understanding of rough sleeping among non-UK nationals, a topic that is new in the West Midlands, and has the potential to transform the lives of some of the most vulnerable in society.

**Short description of the data sources that would be used in the project, and how they would be used**

Primary data collected via a Non-UK national rough sleeping census

**Would any work by the student need to be carried out on site at the Company (with the exception of supervisory**

**Meetings)?**

No

**Any issues of data confidentiality and IPR that would need to be resolved**

Sharing of data with a third party

**Essential skills**

Data Analysis

**Desirable skills**

Communication skills

**Preferred degree programmes (if any)**

N/A

**Preferred selection method**

Online interview (Microsoft Teams)

**Support and training offered by the company**

The successful student will receive support from the Senior Analyst who has led WMCA’s contribution to the development of the non-UK national rough sleeping census.

**Financial assistance offered by the company**

WMCA will pay the honorarium (£500)

**Any other comments**

If there are any questions about the 2025 programme, please contact Richard Arnold at [richard.arnold@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:richard.arnold@ucl.ac.uk). The completed form should also be returned to this address.