APPENDIX

Research instruments used in the study

Daphne III Women Rough Sleepers Research

Interview Schedule A

Key Informants (Service Organisations/Agencies/Providers)

Preamble

Our organisation [identify] has been funded to carry out research in several European countries into the problem of women who sleep rough and have experienced domestic violence [or insert your preferred definition]. As part of this research, we are interested in hearing about the experiences of key stakeholders regarding their work or other contact with women who sleep, or have slept rough in relation to a range of issues.

You have been identified as someone whose views would be of value in this work, so we would like to invite you to take part in an interview. We are interested in your views on the complexity of the issue, the solutions to this problem and on the relevance of social policy, health and welfare policies in all the jurisdictions which are taking part in this study.

Everything you tell us can be said in complete confidence. Your views will not be passed on to any third party and any comments you make will be completely anonymised in the final report and under no circumstances could be attributed to you.

Do you agree for the interview to be tape-recorded?

Yes ☐ No ☐
For the purposes of this research, we have agreed the following definitions for the concepts that are crucial to this study. These are as follows:

**HOUSELESSNESS/HOMELESSNESS**
- Women in refuges, shelters or other ad hoc or temporary accommodation
- Women who remain in accommodation but are in an abusive situation
- Women who do not have a private/safe place for social relations
- Women who do not have legal title/exclusive possession to a safe home whether temporary or not
- Women who are excluded socially or legally but not necessarily physically
- Women in ‘roving’ accommodation.

**ROOFLESSNESS**
- Sleeping or bedded down in the open air (streets, doorways, parks, bus shelters etc)
- Staying or sleeping in a place not designed for regular sleeping accommodation for human beings/human habitation
- Not having a registered address
- European ETHOS typology ‘triple exclusion’ ie: social/legal/physical
- Women in ‘roving’ accommodation

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE/ABUSE; INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE/ABUSE; GENDER BASED VIOLENCE/ABUSE**
- Partners may decide to use whatever terminology they feel is most appropriate

**VIOLENCE/ABUSE**
- Physical, social, psychological, honour related, sexual, economic, financial.

**INTIMATE PARTNER/GENDER BASED**
- Occurring within a family
- Inter familial – that is, occurring within a group of peers or within a family type situation
- Within an intimate partner context
A. Background Information

Name of interviewee ..............................................................................

Job title ..............................................................................................

Name of agency represented .............................................................

Name of interviewer ..........................................................................

Date and time of interview ...............................................................  

B. Key Informant Research Questions

1. What is the role of your agency in relation to women who sleep rough and what is your role within that agency? (Prompt: terms of reference, point of contact with clients)

2. What are the characteristics of your service users (ie: the WRS)?

3. Does your agency collect and/or collate any data in relation to rough sleeping and/or domestic violence cases? (Prompt: Do you think this is sufficient or should other data be gathered?)

4. Do you think there is adequate knowledge currently about the problem of rough sleeping for women? If not, how can levels of knowledge be improved?

5. Do you know what the extent of the problem of rough sleeping for women is in the location in which you operate? (Prompt: any information on numbers and fluctuations in numbers)

6. What services are currently provided for women who sleep rough and are exposed to violence in your location? What, if any, are the gaps in this service provision? Do these services offer protection from violence?

7. Are you aware of any existing legislation or other policies specific to women rough sleepers? Are these adequate in dealing with the needs of this group?

8. What local strategies are currently employed in relation to WRS? Are these strategies helpful/unhelpful? Are there common strategies across your area or do they tend to be disparate?

9. Do you work to any professional guidelines?

10. a) Have you received any training in relation to the issue of rough sleeping or domestic violence issues? (Prompt: you can refer to your preferred definitions of concepts here if you wish)
b) Was it sufficient or not?
   c) If not, what other training do you believe is appropriate?

11. What sort of multi-agency working goes on in relation to WRS – if any?

12. Are you aware of any proposed actions for preventive measures in relation to WRS?

13. Can you highlight any examples of ‘good practice’ in terms of working with WRS?

14. What operational changes would you like to see in relation to the problem of dealing with WRS?

15. What policy changes would you like to see in relation to the issue of dealing with WRS?

16. Do you think that women are falling through the social safety net? If so, how and why is this happening?

17. What factors do you think are crucial in the success of bringing WRS back into mainstream society?

18. Are there any other issues you would like to raise which might help us with this research?

Thank you very much for your time.
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Interview Schedule B

Women Rough Sleepers

Preamble

Our organisation [identify] has been funded to carry out research in several European countries into the problem of women who sleep rough. As part of this research, we are interested in hearing about the experiences of women who sleep, or have slept rough in relation to a range of issues.

You have been identified as someone whose views would be of value in this work, so we would like to invite you to take part in an interview. We are interested in your experience of sleeping rough and the reasons for it. Your views will help people to understand this problem better and may help to improve the way it is dealt with and the help that is available.

Everything you tell us can be said in complete confidence. Your views will not be passed on to any third party and any comments you make will be completely anonymised in the final report and under no circumstances could be attributed to you.

Do you agree for the interview to be tape-recorded?

Yes  □  No  □

For the purposes of this research, we have agreed the following definitions for the concepts that are crucial to this study. These are as follows:

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Women rough sleepers in Europe

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**A. Background Information**

Name of interviewee .................................................................

Name of interviewer .................................................................

Date and time of interview .........................................................
B. Research Questions

About You:

1. How old are you?
2. How would you describe your ethnicity?
3. Do you have any children? How old are they and are they with you?
4. Are you/have you been married or lived with a partner?
5. When did you leave school and do you have any qualifications?
6. How are you supporting yourself currently? (Prompt: benefits/how much/how long)
7. Do you ever run out of money? If so, what do you do?
8. Are you looking for work/training at the moment?
9. Would you like to work? What kind of job would you like?

Your Situation:

10. What is your current situation (Prompt: where are you staying now/where have you stayed in the past?)
11. When did you sleep rough and for how long?
12. Why did you sleep rough?
13. What was your life like before you slept rough? (Prompt: rented/owned accommodation/job/relationship/children)
14. Have you ever run away from home or been in care? (Prompt: reasons)
15. Were you in a relationship? What was it like?
16. Did your partner use drugs or alcohol?
17. Were you subject to domestic violence of any sort from your partner? (Prompt: physical/psychological/controlling behaviour/isolation/abuse of children)
18. Who was the person who did this to you? (Prompt: partner/authority figure)
19. How did this make you feel? (Prompt: afraid/insecure/angry)
20. Why do you think this happened?
21. Did you report this to anyone (the authorities) or did you have anyone you could talk to about it – such as a friend, family member? Would talking to someone about this have helped you?
22. How long did the abuse go on for?
23. Was the abuse the reason you became homeless, or was it for other reasons?
24. Have you ever been to prison?
25. Have you ever been in trouble with the police?
Life on the Street:
26. Where did you sleep when you were homeless (roofless)?
27. If you have children, what happened to them?
28. What were the worst things about sleeping rough? (Prompt: fear/sexual vulnerability/loneliness/abuse/the cold/health issues)
29. Since sleeping rough, have you been drinking too much alcohol or taken drugs?
30. While sleeping rough, was the issue of sex work relevant to you?
   Have you encountered that or any other form of sexual threat?
31. For how long did you sleep rough and how did it come to an end?
   (Prompt: what sort of help/assistance did you access, if any?)

Your Health:
32. Would you say your health is poor, average or good? (Prompt: expand)
33. Are you currently receiving any treatment for health issues?
34. Are your health issues linked to your rough sleeping?
35. Have you been in hospital or visited A&E at any time and if so, for what?
36. Do you, or have you ever suffered from mental health issues?
37. Have you had intervention from health services in relation to any of these problems? What was your experience of this like?
38. Is drug or alcohol use an issue for you now or has it been in the past?
39. Are you working with a drug agency currently or receiving any medication for drug problems?

Access to Services:
40. Do you have any support from parents/other family or friends?
41. Have you received any help directly connected to your homelessness?
42. Did you have to seek out help, or was help offered to you?
43. What sort of agencies/organisations have you had contact with?
   Have they been helpful?
44. Have you directly accessed services for rough sleepers? What type was this and how did they help you?
45. Have your problems been treated seriously by the agencies you have had contact with? (Prompt: any good or bad examples?)
46. Do you think there should be women only services for WRS?
47. Do you think your homelessness was treated seriously/have you been treated seriously?
48. What sort of accommodation have you been offered?
49. Have you been able to stay with your children?
**General Issues:**

50. What are your hopes for the future?
51. What could be done to stop women sleeping rough?
52. Is there anything else you would like to add?

Thank you very much for your time.