

Press Release

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Survey highlights homelessness among students in the capital

An expert in housing is trying to raise awareness about the plight of students who find themselves homeless.

Patrick Mulrenan, Senior Lecturer at London Metropolitan University, carried out the research in the School of Social Professions. He found that homelessness is a hidden problem among students, with some students sleeping on floors, staying with friends and relatives or in council temporary accommodation.

Mulrenan worked alongside colleagues Simon Cox and Julia Atkins to carry out the survey in April 2016 and found that student homelessness affects a range of students at university.

Patrick said: "Student homelessness is a hidden problem among students, not just at London Met but across London.

"We need to find out how many students are affected by homelessness in London and encourage them to use the support that is available. We want to use this research to get the message out there that there is help available, and encourage students to tell us if they are homeless."

Many of the students surveyed indicated that they knew other students facing similar challenges at other universities, highlighting a student housing problem across London.

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