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Please find attached a recently released report (full report and summary) on Romanian migrant workers living in encampments in London which has been funded by Commonweal Housing and commissioned by homelessness charity Thames Reach.

As a submission to the Taylor review, this might be regarded as somewhat leftfield and I'm aware that the subject matter doesn't fit neatly with the themes of the discussion on the interactive website. Nonetheless, the report says a great deal about the security, pay and rights of this group of workers who are typically employed 'off the cards' and whose presence within the work-force in London and other parts of the country has an impact on the wider work-force and accepted employment practice. The report sets out in microcosm the experiences of a group of people vulnerable to exploitation in the modern economy, working on the fringes of construction and other industries to the benefit of employers who provide opportunities for casual labour.

The report is a response to concerns about the living situation of this group but the key fact is that this particular sub-set of the rough sleeping population, significant in number, is living in encampments with the primary intention of working whilst keeping living costs to a minimum in order to maximise the amount of money that can be sent to families in Romania. There are many concerning issues addressed in the research of which the exploitative risks attendant with casual work, which appears to be endemic, is one.

Do let me know if you need further information relating to this research or our work more generally.

Best wishes.


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