What’s happening about Rough Sleeping in Watford?

Overview & Scrutiny Committee
23 July 2019
Covering

Rough sleeping numbers

What’s being done about rough sleeping in Watford?
Watford’s Rough sleeping numbers

Rough sleeping counts in Watford 2014-2018

- 2014: 22
- 2015: 12
- 2016: 13
- 2017: 6
- 2018: 14
Rough sleeping counts - Watford compared with other Hertfordshire LAs over 2014-2018
Count compared with actual numbers

Known/self-defining rough sleepers as at November 2018 and June 2019

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<th>November 2018</th>
<th>Count: 14</th>
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<td>Actual number of rough sleepers usually 3-4 times the number found on counts</td>
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- Verified:
  - Nov-18: 46
  - Jun-19: 39

- Self-defining (not yet verified):
  - Nov-18: 26
  - Jun-19: 29
Government funding

- Intervention Team received £205,571
- Outreach Team received £108,212
- Winter night shelter £10,800

- Move-on Fund - applying for just under £1m
- Social rented and supported housing schemes
Complex Needs Housing Project

• Complex needs – what are they
• Why we need a complex needs scheme - who is the scheme for
  – People in temporary accommodation
  – Rough sleepers
• Working with GROW to deliver
• Aiming to start during 2019/20
Rough Sleeper Pathway

Outreach → Intervention → Complex Needs Housing Project/New Hope

Independent Living → Move-On
Best practice guidelines – rough sleepers

- Published **May 2019**
  - aimed at all who are working with or want to work with rough sleepers in Watford
- Covers:
  - What is a rough sleeper
  - Services in Watford for rough sleepers
  - Best practice on supporting rough sleepers
  - Practical responses to begging
  - Three best things you could do to help rough sleepers in Watford
    - Refer, Volunteer, Donate
New Hope’s services for rough sleepers

- 24/7 emergency phone line
  - 0300 012 0168

- The Haven Support Centre, 4 Whippendell Road, Watford
  - Outreach
    - Multi-disciplinary, multi-agency
  - Rough Sleeper Prevention Service
  - Rough Sleeper Navigator/Intervention Team
    - Multi-disciplinary, multi-agency

- The Sanctuary
  - Assessment and emergency beds

- Emergency/Winter Night Shelters
Over to you