

Factsheet

Lewes District Rough Sleeper Services

HOMES FIRST

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This leaflet gives details of services for people sleeping rough in Lewes District. For advice on finding accommodation see the leaflet '*Looking for Somewhere to Live*'.

Lewes and Eastbourne Councils Rough Sleeper Specialist Advisor

If you are rough sleeping you can make an appointment with our Specialist Advisor for Rough Sleepers at Lewes District Council.

Lewes District Council has a duty to provide advice and assistance to anyone who is homeless or threatened with homelessness in the area.

To make an appointment to discuss your housing needs call 01273 471600 or drop in to Southover House, Lewes between 8.30am – 5pm or Saxon House, Newhaven 10am – 2pm.

Lewes Open Door

Support for rough sleepers in Lewes, services include meals, bedding, clothing and washing facilities.

Drop in 1-3pm, 7 days a week to Westgate Chapel, 92a High Street, Lewes, BN7 1XH.

Lewes Winter Night Shelter

Lewes Open Door operates a night shelter during the winter months, 5 nights per week. To access the shelter, drop in to Westgate Chapel between 1-3pm for assessment.

Severe Weather Emergency Protocol (SWEP)

When the 'feels like' temperature is forecast to be 0°C or less the Council will ensure that anyone who is sleeping rough is given accommodation. This may be in the night shelter, or in emergency accommodation.

BHT Housing Advice

Provides free and confidential specialist housing advice for rough sleepers or those at risk of rough sleeping.

Open Monday – Thursday 9am – 5pm, Friday 9am – 4.30pm.

For an appointment with a housing advisor, Email eastbourneadvice@bht.org.uk or phone 01323 642615 or drop into Eastbourne Advice Centre, Unit 6 Highlight House, 8 St Leonard's Road, Eastbourne, BN21 3UH.

Fulfilling Lives

Specialist support service provided by BHT for people with multiple and complex needs.

This service is accessed via referral from another service or agency. We can make this referral following a housing assessment with us.

Housing First Navigators

Provide intensive assessment and support work to break the cycle of rough sleeping. Navigators attend Lewes Open Door and conducts outreach on a regular basis.

Referrals to this service are via the council's Housing Needs team and via other rough sleeper services.

Homework's & Rapid Rehousing Pathway (RRP)

Provides a floating support service to rough sleepers and for those who are at risk of rough sleeping.

Referrals must be made through the councils Housing Needs team – we can make this referral following a housing assessment with us.

STEPS

Phone 01323 436 414, or email referrals@stepswest.co.uk

Provides housing and advice for those over 60 to retain or regain independent living skills to live independently.