

Factsheet

Rough Sleepers- Lewes District

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If you are rough sleeping in Lewes District 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.

If you have been verified as a rough sleeper the Outreach team will contact the Specialist Advisor for Rough Sleepers.

You can also present to Lewes District Council and make a homeless application directly. If you have access to the internet, go to www.lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk/housing/homelessness or you can phone on 01273 471600. If you do not have a phone you can go to Southover House and use the phone there to speak to Lewes District Council and apply as homeless.

Lewes Open Door

Support for rough sleepers in Lewes, services include meals, bedding, clothing and washing facilities. Open 1.15pm to 2.30pm Tuesday to Friday at Christ Church, Prince Edward Road, Lewes, BN7 1BL

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. Or BHT Advice Brighton, email advice@bht.org.uk or call 01273 645455.

Newhaven Advice and Information Hub

Based at Denton Island Community Centre, they can help with benefits, debt and housing issues. They are open 9.30am – 2pm Monday – Friday by calling 01273 516032, and emailing enquiries.info@sussexcommunity.org.uk

Rough Sleepers initiative (RSI)

RSI works with the most complex rough sleepers across East Sussex. RSI provides intensive assessment and support work by a multi-disciplinary team and statutory services to break the cycle of rough sleeping. They help rough sleepers to access services, provides support and access into temporary accommodation. The RSI also helps people access longer – term housing. Rough Sleeper Outreach and Street Engagement sessions 4 – 7 on a Thursday morning, helps rough sleepers get in touch with local services and provides support. Referrals to this service are via the council's housing needs team and via other rough sleeper services. If you are rough sleeping, you can complete a Streetlink referral yourself, which will help the Outreach team verify your rough sleeping to access services.

Lewes Victoria Urgent Treatment Centre

They provide assessment and treatment for minor injuries or illnesses that are urgent but not life threatening. They are a walk-in centre but if you contact NHS 111 they will be able to give you an appointment to be seen by either a doctor or an urgent care practitioner. If you are in doubt as to whether the UTC is the right place for you to be seen, please call 111.

Address is UTC, Lewes Victoria Hospital, Nevill Road, Lewes, BN7 1PE. Tel 01273 666492 Open 8am to 8pm 7 days a week (no new appointments are booked in after 7.45pm)

Web: www.lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk

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