

2016 Rough Sleepers Count

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We carried out an assessment of the level of rough sleepers in Bath and North East Somerset. On a night in November we walked the streets looking for rough sleepers and used intelligence information compiled by our Outreach Team to find out the level of rough sleeping. We estimated **twenty-five** rough sleepers in our district which is an increase of 3 on last year. Manvers Street Hostel has 29 beds and was fully occupied on the night of the count.

Our count has been verified by Homeless Link and is a reliable estimate of the level of rough sleeping in Bath and North East Somerset.

We found 25 rough sleepers

22 were known by name

19 were male and 6 were female

3 were under the age of 25

2 had a tenancy but decide to sleep rough

1 was ex-military

3 were known from last year's estimate

6 were not local to Bath and North East Somerset

24 were sleeping rough in Bath and 1 outside Bath

2 or 3 were from another EU country

0 were from outside the EU

23 had been offered services to help them off the street

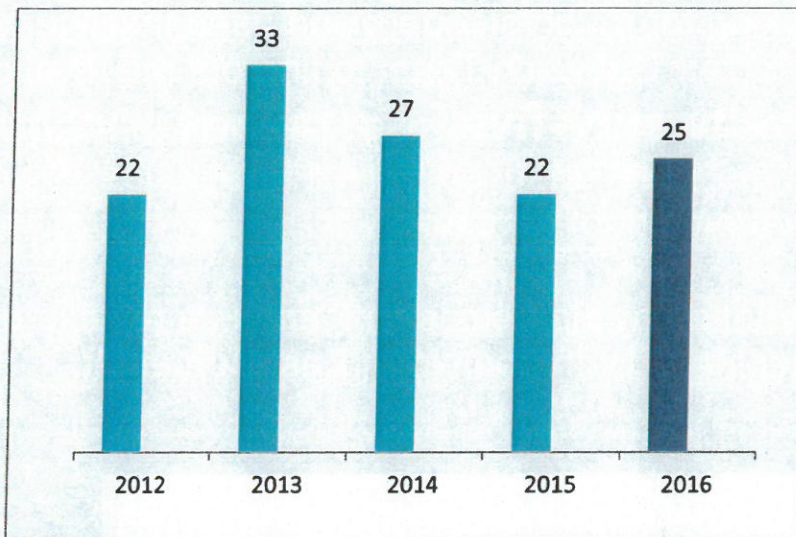
3 were helped into accommodation shortly after the count

1 was admitted to hospital to stay shortly after the count





How does this years count compare to previous years?



What are the key services in Bath and North East Somerset for rough sleepers?

Manvers Street Hostel has 20 direct access and 9 move-on units

Assertive Outreach Service has two full-time officers helping people leave the street

Report a Rough Sleeper Website for concerns from the public about rough sleeping
www.streetlink.org.uk

Day Centre every-day at Manvers Street with hot meals and meaningful activities

Supported Housing a single point of access to apply for housing schemes that specialise in helping people with support needs, such as drug, alcohol, mental health and offending behaviour

Social Housing (Homesearch) to help people leave supported housing and become independent

Private Rented Housing (Homefinder) to help people pay for advance rent and deposit

Emergency Accommodation in Severe Weather an overflow when Manvers Street is full at times of extreme cold or wet.

Case Management through a Multi-Agency Group called Task & Targeting to share information and identify solutions for entrenched rough sleepers

Strategic Homelessness Partnership of local providers, commissioners and other interested parties considering strategic priorities.