

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

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	Report for Information
Title:	Rough Sleeping and Winter Preparedness
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Brief summary:	Statistically, the number of rough sleepers found during the monthly snapshot count on an average night has decreased over the past few months, following an all-time high of 55 in August 2019. The November 2019 count figure (30) is also lower than that recorded in November 2018 (34), November 2017 (43) and November 2016 (35). The successful award of government rough sleeper funding enabled us to continue delivery of many of the usual 'winter only' measures throughout 2019/20. Whilst this has been a positive addition to year-round provision, it has also meant that we have had to develop new plans for winter 2019/20 to ensure that we can adequately respond to ongoing need and the additional demand that we anticipate seeing.

Recommendation to the Health and Wellbeing Board:

The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to:

- a) recognise the roles and responsibilities of their organisations to address the support needs of citizens and help to prevent homelessness from happening in the first place.

Contribution to Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy:

Health and Wellbeing Strategy aims and outcomes	Summary of contribution to the Strategy
Aim: To increase healthy life expectancy in Nottingham and make us one of the healthiest big cities	As highlighted throughout the cities Homelessness Prevention Strategy, homelessness is far from simply a housing issue. The loss of accommodation is one of the symptoms or consequences of another support need that is not being met. Many rough sleepers refuse housing options and those that will accept shelter are at risk of quickly losing it if the additional support needs that caused the risk of homelessness in the first place, are not addressed. These support needs frequently and simultaneously include mental health conditions, dealing
Aim: To reduce inequalities in health by targeting the neighbourhoods with the lowest levels of healthy life expectancy	
Outcome 1: Children and adults in Nottingham adopt and maintain healthy lifestyles	
Outcome 2: Children and adults in Nottingham will have positive mental wellbeing and those with long-term mental health problems will have good physical	

health	with the impact of trauma, substance misuse, physical health diseases, conditions, illnesses and injuries and offending behaviours. Prevention of rough sleeping requires a system-wide, cross sector approach with commitment to adequate investment and flexible delivery of services that support people with multiple and complex needs.
Outcome 3: There will be a healthy culture in Nottingham in which citizens are supported and empowered to live healthy lives and manage ill health well	
Outcome 4: Nottingham's environment will be sustainable – supporting and enabling its citizens to have good health and wellbeing	

How mental health and wellbeing is being championed in line with the Board's aspiration to give equal value to mental and physical health

The Greater Nottingham Clinical Commissioning Partnership has been working closely with the strategic homelessness group to further understand what is required from the health sector to appropriately address the needs of people with multiple and complex needs to help prevent them from reaching homelessness, ensure that services are available and accessible to respond to people who are rough sleeping or with multiple and complex needs and temporarily housed in homeless accommodation, review the requirement for community beds following hospital discharge of people with multiple and complex needs at risk of rough sleeping, and access health-focussed government funding for rough sleepers

Background papers:

None