

Rough sleeping – alternatives to enforcement

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Practical guidance produced for policing

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The National Police Chiefs' Council (NPCC) has collaborated with Crisis, the UK's national homelessness charity, to produce practical guidance on preventing rough sleeping without the use of enforcement.

The [practical guide on preventing rough sleeping](#), which is available in full and short formats, includes a diverse range of actions.

- Humberside Police's dedicated community officer working alongside local homelessness service providers.
- Welsh homelessness charity The Wallich training 40 South Wales Police officers and police community support officers (PCSOs) to increase awareness and understanding of people sleeping rough.
- In Derby, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, Public Health England, Derby Homes and East Midlands Ambulance Service all working in partnership with Derby City Mission to provide a 'safe space' that enables people to access support day or night.
- Essex Police and Greater Manchester Police both developing multi-agency street engagement hubs.

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