



Gloucester Street Aware

Supplementary report

The below figures relate to those seen committing anti-social behaviour (ASB), mainly begging (actively or passively), within the 'gated' streets of the city of Gloucester. Those who are purely rough sleeping are not recorded by Solace, however, our experience shows that the majority of rough sleepers have addictions and associated criminality and ASB.

It has not been possible to compare figures with other time frames because we are unaware of any similar work that has taken place in the city in recent history.

Numbers relate to the period of July 2016 until February 2017.

42 individuals have been engaged with since July 2016.

- 'Engaged with' means as a minimum – spoken to, details verified, warned in writing about behaviour and their situations discussed with partners

Of these 42 people, 24 (57%) are no longer discussed at multi-agency meetings (MAM's). This is because of a variety of reasons:

- they have been housed, imprisoned, engaged with support, moved away or simply disrupted by being persistently challenged and consequently no longer come to the attention of Solace

Of the remaining 18 people who are discussed at the most recent MAM's only 7 are now being seen regularly in the city centre. These people are known as entrenched rough sleepers, occasionally accommodated but all have issues with addictions. At face value this is an 83% reduction in numbers begging since work began in July 2016. However, this is too simplistic as the numbers of people present in the city can vary day to day and rise markedly on Friday and Saturday evenings. Operations take place to address these spikes in negative behaviour. What is important to emphasize is that there is now a co-ordinated process in place that identifies individuals and intervenes in a proportionate appropriate way within the available legislation.