



Metropolitan Borough of Rotherham

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Councillor Carter.

Dear Councillor Carter,

Council – 27th June, 2018

As I was unable to attend the meeting on the 27th June, 2018 it was agreed to send you a response to your question in writing.

You asked how often did wardens patrol the borough checking for homelessness?

I can confirm wardens patrol areas across the borough focusing on a range of environmental and anti-social behavior issues. While they carry out this work they will identify and help to signpost homeless people to the correct support services which includes the Council's Homelessness Team who will complete a full homelessness application.

During the early hours of Tuesday, 28th November, 2017, a number of Wardens and the Homelessness Team took part in a Rough Sleeper Count to establish the number of rough sleepers in Rotherham. Two people were found to be sleeping rough.

The Wardens will also take enforcement action regarding environmental issues (littering, street drinking and other breaches of the Council's town centre Public Space Protection Order).

The Homelessness Team receives reports of people who are believed to be homeless or sleeping rough, through a variety of methods. These include reports from members of the public, from the Police and through "Streetlink" which is a national rough sleeper reporting service.

When reports are received, the Council's Homelessness Team visit the site where it is believed someone may have been sleeping. If the person is there, the team offer advice and assistance immediately, or they leave details of who to contact for support, including an out of hours telephone number.

I trust this answers your question, but if I can help further in any way please let me know.

Yours sincerely,

D. Beck

Councillor Dominic Beck,
Cabinet Member for Housing.