

**RICHARD JONES SERVICE MANAGER AND JAMES ELLISON OF THE  
ROUGH SLEEPERS OUTREACH TEAM OF JULIAN HOUSE**

- JH had been operational for about 9 years and was not unique to Exeter;
- JH worked closely with the Council on a contract basis with 7 directly funded projects, some of the team working on the projects having been formerly homeless;
- for many of its clients, interacting with JH was their first contact with a formal service;
- another team worked with clients within the supported housing units;
- some 200 rough sleepers a year were supported, some more than once having suffered further evictions after being re-housed. At one time, about 20-30 are sleeping rough as identified in hot-spot counts. It was a “bottom of the pyramid” service;
- utilise capital/revenue funding from the Department of Housing, Levelling Up and Communities for supported housing for those with a history of rough sleeping; and
- funded also by Cornerstone who want to provide direct social support other than traditional tenants;

Projects include:-

- working with Peter Murphy at the Council on the Rough Sleepers Initiative;
- Prison release scheme;
- Next Steps Accommodation Programme (NSAP). The Rough Sleeper Accommodation Programme had succeeded NSAP;
- JE patrols the Catacombs and the River area;
- a team works with clients within supported housing units;
- Bay 6 was a NHS funded scheme to provide housing for those discharged from the wards - £200,000 at present which saves the costs of hospital beds;
- 8 units for the Trainer Tenancies Project for young people between the ages of 18-24 who have come out of the formal care service; and
- life expectancy was 46 for men, 42 for women.