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With the sub-zero temperatures we are currently experiencing, many will be concerned about people out rough sleeping. Peterborough City Council's rough sleeper outreach team is out in Peterborough talking to these people and making sure they are safe and talking to them about the options for shelter available.

Our Winter Night Shelter, in partnership with the Light Project Peterborough, is open and being used by people every night.

In addition to the winter night shelter, we are offering Severe Weather Emergency Provision, which is triggered by much colder weather. This is for further provision at Fair View Court, in Oundle Road, and, should the need require for more availability, Children of Adam, a charity based in Lincoln Road.

We have not yet got to a position where there is insufficient provision to meet night-time demand, but are reviewing the need on a day by day basis.

Temperatures are also very cold during the day, and this afternoon (February 28) we opened a day-time provision for rough sleepers open from 9am until 6pm at St Mark's Church, in Lincoln Road. This, a partnership with Light Project Peterborough, will be for the next 10 days with the situation reviewed daily.

Outreach officers are engaging with the shelters in the mornings and rough sleeper hot spots are being visited regularly to offer support and encourage people to use this day-time service.