



HOUSE OF COMMONS

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Dear Constituent,

Thank you for contacting me about homelessness.

I believe that, in a civilized society, it is unacceptable that people should be faced with the fear of homelessness. It is vitally important to help the most vulnerable in society get their lives back on track.

Since 2010 Government funding has helped local authorities prevent more than a million households from becoming homeless, but I know that more can be done. That is why I am glad that the Government is investing £500 million to prevent, relieve and reduce homeless. This includes £315 million of homelessness prevention funding for councils and a £20 million fund to help local authorities develop new approaches to prevent homelessness.

Central government funding for homelessness programmes is also increasing to £139 million over the next four years. A £10 million Social Impact Bond will support the most entrenched rough sleepers and a further £10 million will help those new to the streets or at risk of sleeping rough. This will build on the success of the No Second Night Out initiative, which in the previous Parliament meant that over two-thirds of rough sleepers in 20 key areas outside London did not spend a second night out on the streets.

Earlier this year, the Government also announced that it would invest £100 million to deliver low-cost "second stage" accommodation. At least 2,000 places will be available to domestic abuse victims moving on from refuges and rough sleepers leaving hostel accommodation. A £5 million fund will also help the 25 councils which are facing the greatest pressure in moving people out of temporary accommodation and into a home.



A total of £40 million will refurbish hostels to provide low-cost accommodation for young and single people. This will help to prevent the tragic cycle of homelessness which traps too many people, and enable the most vulnerable to access housing, training and education.

Once again, many thanks for taking the time to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chris'.

CHRIS HEATON-HARRIS MP
MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR DAVENTRY