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## **Funding for Supported housing (St Mungo's Campaign)**

Thank you for contacting me about supported housing and homelessness.

I would like to pay tribute to the excellent work that St Mungo's do and the importance of their campaigns in highlighting the issues around homelessness.

Last year, the Prime Minister unveiled plans for new homelessness prevention schemes, including targeted support for those at risk of sleeping rough. The Government is spending over £950 million to reduce homelessness and rough sleeping in England by 2020 following the 2015 Spending Review. The Government is also committed to full implementation of the Homelessness Reduction Act, and aims to halve rough sleeping over the course of the Parliament and eliminate it altogether by 2027. This will be done through setting up a new homelessness reduction taskforce to focus on prevention and affordable housing, and piloting a Housing First approach to tackle rough sleeping.

Supported housing supports some of the most vulnerable people across the country and the Government's priority is to safeguard its future. The Prime Minister has announced that the local housing allowance will not be applied to supported housing nor will it be implemented for the rest of the social rented sector. The Government published its proposals on its future model to support and sustain supported housing on 31 October – more information can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/funding-for-supported-housing>.

Thank you again for taking the time to contact me.

Kind regards,

Craig Whittaker MP