

TOM PURSGLOVE MP
CORBY & EAST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE



HOUSE OF COMMONS

LONDON SW1A 0AA

21st March 2018

Dear Constituent,

RE: END ROUGH SLEEPING.

Thank you for your recent correspondence in respect of homelessness and rough sleeping.

I firmly believe that just one person without a roof over their head is one too many. It is vitally important that homeless people, and rough sleepers, are helped to get their lives back on track, and that they are able to access mental health services, should they need to. The Government has a strong record of preventing and relieving homelessness. Across England, since 2010, there have been over 1.5 million cases of homelessness prevention and relief.

While this is welcome progress, much more needs to be done. Over £1 billion has been allocated through to 2020, towards tackling homelessness and rough sleeping, including £28 million for three Housing First pilots which will get some of the most entrenched rough sleepers off the streets. From April, the *Homelessness Reduction Act*, which I actively supported in Parliament, will also be implemented, which will require councils to act earlier to support people at risk of homelessness.

Sleeping rough is rarely the result of a housing crisis alone, and many rough sleepers have complex needs, including mental health difficulties. That is why I am encouraged that the Department of Health and Social Care has made £40 million available through the Homeless Change and Platform for Life programme.

The Government has also encouraged local areas to develop and improve hospital discharge arrangements for people who are homeless through the £10 million Homeless Hospital Discharge Fund, including by more effective multi-agency working. I am confident that the implementation of the Government's radical reforms will help to achieve the aim of halving rough sleeping by 2022 and eliminating it altogether by 2027.

Once again, thank you for having taken the time to contact me and if I can ever be of any further assistance to you then please do not hesitate to contact me again.

With best wishes,

Tom

TOM PURSGLOVE MP
MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT
CORBY & EAST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

LISTENING TO YOU - CAMPAIGNING FOR YOU

Email: pursglovet@parliament.uk - Telephone: 0207 219 8043

I also recognise and actively support the remarkable efforts of the charitable sector, such as Carry Night 4/4!