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Member of Parliament for Horsham



**HOUSE OF COMMONS**  
LONDON SW1A 0AA

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*Dear Constituent,*

**RE: HOMELESSNESS AND HEALTH**

Thank you for contacting me about homelessness and health care.

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.

In the last Parliament, significant progress was made in tackling homelessness across the country. £500 million was provided to councils and charities to deal with homelessness and help the most vulnerable in society get their life back on track. This helped to prevent nearly 1 million people from becoming homeless.

Homelessness is rarely the result of a personal housing crisis alone. As I have learned from voluntary work in the field entrenched rough sleepers can often, sadly, have complex needs that can include mental health difficulties or addiction.

At the Budget, the Government announced that funding for the Rough Sleeping Social Impact Bond would be doubled to £10 million to find ways to tackle entrenched rough sleeping, often including those facing complex mental health. A further £10 million will support innovative ways to prevent and reduce rough sleeping over two years, particularly in London. 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.

The Department of Health is also providing £40 million for the Homeless Change and Platform for Life programmes.

This will help address mental health issues by providing decent accommodation and health support for homeless people, and highlights the importance of services coming together to help those on the street with complex needs. The Government has also put in place £1 billion a year to help alleviate mental health problems more generally.

Thank you again for taking the time to contact me.

*Yours sincerely,*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeremy Quin'.