

All-Party Parliamentary Group for Ending Homelessness Annual Report 2024–2025

Overview

The All-Party Parliamentary Group for Ending Homelessness (APPGEH) brings together parliamentarians, sector leaders, academics, and people with lived experience to develop and champion the policies needed to end homelessness for good.

Over the past year, the APPG has undertaken an inquiry to inform the UK Government's forthcoming cross-departmental strategy on homelessness, culminating in the publication of a major report: Homes, Support, Prevention – Our Foundations for Ending Homelessness, launched in Parliament on 2nd September 2025.

The report draws on evidence gathered through a series of roundtables held throughout the reporting year, alongside written submissions. It identifies three essential pillars that must underpin a national approach to ending homelessness:

- Homes Rapidly rehousing people in safe, settled, and genuinely affordable homes.
- Support Improving support for people experiencing the most acute forms of homelessness.
- Prevention Preventing homelessness wherever possible across public services.

The Minister for Homelessness, Alison McGovern MP, <u>welcomed</u> the report in Parliament, describing it as "excellent food for thought" and committing to continued engagement with the APPG as the strategy is developed.

An overview of the meetings held over the year, with links to the detailed minutes, can be found below.

Meetings Held in 2024–25

11th September 2024 – Inaugural General Meeting (Minutes)

- Election of Officers and approval of the APPG's programme of work for the 2024-25 session.
- Members agreed to undertake an inquiry to inform the forthcoming cross-government strategy on ending homelessness.
- Discussion of priorities including social housing supply, prevention, and multi-agency working.

12th December 2024 – Roundtable 1: How to Get Britain Back on Track to Ending Homelessness (<u>Minutes</u>)

- Discussion of the overarching vision and objectives of a national strategy to end homelessness.
- Evidence from Crisis, Oasis, and Hastings Council, alongside individuals with lived experience.



• Key themes: prevention, cross-departmental coordination, and long-term targets.

26th February 2025 – Roundtable 2: What a new approach to ending homelessness should look like and how we get there (<u>Minutes</u>)

- Focused on embedding homelessness prevention across health, justice, welfare, and social care.
- Contributions from the Greater Manchester Combined Authority, Crisis, Riverside Housing, and Heriot-Watt University, as well as people with lived experience of homelessness.
- Key themes: Housing First, support to prevent repeat homelessness, data-driven responses to homelessness.

19th March 2025 – Roundtable 3: how to Implement a Cross-Government Strategy (Minutes)

- Examined funding streams and policies required to prevent homelessness across government.
- Evidence from the National Audit Office, Homeless Link, Crisis, Pathway and experts by experience.
- Key themes: current siloes in funding, discharge from hospitals into homelessness, need for better data on homelessness.

24th April 2025 – Roundtable 4: Ensuring an inclusive end to homelessness (Minutes)

- Focused on how the homelessness strategy can deliver for groups often excluded from mainstream services, including women, young people, LGBTQ+ people, and people from ethnic minority backgrounds.
- Evidence from specialist charities such as akt, Centrepoint, Single Homeless Project, and New Horizons Youth Centre, alongside people with lived experience.
- Key themes: inclusive, trauma-informed services; long-term funding for specialist provision; and stronger accountability to ensure no one is left behind.

Report Launch Reception - 2nd September 2025

(Report)

- 'Homes, Support, Prevention Our Foundations for Ending Homelessness' was launched at a parliamentary reception attended by MPs, Peers, sector leaders, and people with lived experience.
- Speakers included David Smith MP, Francesca Albanese, Executive Director of Policy & Social Change, Crisis, Lord Khan, then Minister for Communities and Resettlement at the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government, and an expert by experience.
- The report sets out a practical, evidence-based roadmap for achieving measurable outcomes: ending rough sleeping and halving the use of temporary accommodation by the end of this Parliament.