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Statement on Homelessness in Northern Ireland

Housing is a fundamental human right and social need

(Article 25.1 UDHR; Article 11.1 of ICESCR, UN OHCHR Fact Sheet 21)

Housing & Homelessness in Northern Ireland

- **44,400 applicants on the Social Housing waiting list**
- **Almost 24,000 Full Duty Applicants - passed all four statutory tests for homelessness and who has not yet been given a permanent social tenancy**
- **10,000 – 12,000 new Homeless Presenters each year**
- **6,800 Children officially registered as homeless**
- **Close to 9,000 people living in Temporary Accommodation**
- **Nearly 40,000 households in Rent Arrears**

Concerns

- **Acute Housing Shortage**
- **Almost one third of homeless people are Families**
- **Greater demand for Temporary Accommodation**
- **More people in Rent Arrears**
- **Increase in Private Rental costs**
- **Issues of Addiction & Mental Health**
- **100,000 'Hidden Homeless' (outside official figures)**
- **Impact of Covid-19**
- **Cost of Living Crisis**

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. The United Kingdom government addresses the issue of homelessness in Northern Ireland by ensuring the inclusion of a standalone housing and homelessness outcome in the Programme for Government for the NI Executive.**
- 2. The Northern Ireland Housing Executive increase the supply of safe, secure and affordable housing to meet current need.**

Thank You From The Members Of Our Coalition

