

# Influencing change

**One year on from the General Election, St Mungo's Policy team has continued to influence the Government's approach to ending homelessness in the following ways:**

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- Our CEO, Emma Haddad, was chosen to be part of The Government's Homelessness and Rough Sleepers Expert Working group. As well as attending meetings chaired by the Homelessness Minister, we also contributed recommendations for their upcoming strategy, on how we think we can collectively end homelessness for good.
- Emma hosted the Deputy Prime Minister (DPM), Angela Rayner MP and Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan at our No Second Night Out service in London Bridge. We used this opportunity to brief the DPM on our views on how to end homelessness.
- Our Executive Director, Sean Palmer, spoke to the Minister for Social Security and Disability, Stephen Timms MP, about the barriers and disincentives faced by our clients when trying to get back into work. The Minister visited our Endsleigh Gardens service to participate in a construction skills workshop alongside our clients.
- As a direct result of collaborative campaigning over the last year, we welcomed the long overdue repeal of the Vagrancy Act – an inhumane law that criminalised people for sleeping rough. The Government is now amending legislation to ensure the Act is fully repealed by spring next year.
- We continue to shape Government policy through expert advice, influenced and evidenced by our clients' experiences. Most recently, we've submitted responses to consultations on the new supported housing regulations and pathways to work, advocating for fairer and more inclusive systems.

