

A Bed Every Night

Nobody should have to sleep rough in Greater Manchester.

A Bed Every Night provides a comfy bed, warm welcome, and personal support for anyone sleeping on the streets of our city-region who cannot access other accommodation.

The scheme is part of an innovative and holistic approach to end the need for rough sleeping. It brings together a range of organisations, working together in a joined-up way, including the GMCA and the Mayor, 10 local authorities, GM Health and Social Care Partnership, Greater Manchester and other Criminal Justice Agencies and the Homelessness Action Network, to make sure the individual needs of people who are homeless are being met. It's one of a number of options available to people experiencing or at risk of sleeping rough.

Over the last year, A Bed Every Night has evolved and improved into provision for everyone who needs it, no matter the weather.

The people of Greater Manchester, along with our sports stars, high-profile musicians, businesses, charities, public sector, faith and community groups have all come together in a massive collective show of support.

So many people are keen to help us tackle homelessness and rough sleeping. This leaflet explains how to do that.



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GMCA	BOLTON	MANCHESTER	ROCHDALE	STOCKPORT	TRAFFORD
	BURY	OLDHAM	SALFORD	TAMESIDE	WIGAN



Want to help?

You can make a real difference. Below you can find different ways you can help.

Are you worried about someone you've seen on the street?

There are lots of different ways people on the streets can access help. Not everyone on the streets is homeless or sleeping rough, but they are all likely to be vulnerable. Each of Greater Manchester's 10 boroughs has a team which can help. If you are concerned about someone over the age of 18 that you have seen sleeping rough, get in touch with StreetLink who will contact the relevant local authority or outreach service for the area – streetlink.org.uk.

Want to donate goods to help?

Any donations are always welcome, particularly food, clothing and bathroom products. The Street Support Network can help you to find and give help to support homeless people in Greater Manchester. Go to streetsupport.net/manchester# to find out how you can help in your local area.

Want to donate money to help?

However you want to donate, your generosity makes a difference. Go to streetsupport.net/gm to see how you can donate to:

People

Via Big Change MCR
or Real Change

Projects

Via the GM
Mayor's Charity

Organisations

Via streetsupport.net/give-help/donate

Want to fundraise or volunteer?

Please do! Any of the charities would welcome your contribution.

How it works

You may have questions about homelessness, rough sleeping and A Bed Every Night - hopefully the answers below should help:

Do people have to pay to stay in A Bed Every Night accommodation?

No. It's completely free.

Is this just for people from Greater Manchester?

Yes it is and our aim is to have provision in place to ensure no-one has to sleep rough. However, we do know there are people from outside our city-region who also need help. We won't turn them away in an immediate emergency, but later will help them to reconnect with their local community.

Are A Bed Every Night provisions for anyone who's sleeping rough?

Yes. There is provision for men, women, couples, and people with dogs. There is provision for those who have complex or multiple needs and may require a higher level of support. We are also able to accommodate destitute migrants.

What's the difference between homelessness and rough sleeping?

The term 'rough sleeping' is used when someone is sleeping outdoors, often on the streets, or inside, for example, in a derelict building or car park. Homelessness refers to anyone who is living without safe or settled accommodation, and includes the experience of rough sleeping.

Are people who are begging also rough sleeping?

Sometimes but not always. Some people who ask for money on the streets do have a home or accommodation. Others do not have a home to go to. If you are concerned about someone asking for money on the street you can contact the police. GMP and partners take a stepped approach which always includes the offer of support, recognising that people are vulnerable but also that any criminal behaviour will be dealt with appropriately.

Should I give money or food to people who are begging or on the streets?

We want to help people get off the streets, and the best way to do this is to donate, volunteer or fundraise which will have long-lasting effects and provide ongoing support.

If you are concerned about someone asking for money on the street you can contact the police.

Partners

A Bed Every Night is part of an integrated system and is one of a number of options available to people in Greater Manchester experiencing or at risk of rough sleeping.

There are many organisations and sectors involved in making sure A Bed Every Night, and Greater Manchester's approach to tackling rough sleeping, works every single day. These include:



Greater Manchester Combined Authority

All 10 of Greater Manchester's local councils are united in delivering A Bed Every Night, and other essential housing and homelessness services.



Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Partnership

The GMHSCP has agreed £2m of funding to support A Bed Every Night. This is believed to be the largest ever NHS investment in the prevention of homelessness and rough sleeping to date.



Ministry
of Justice

Ministry of Justice - HM Prison & Probation Service

HMPPS via Cheshire and Greater Manchester Community Rehabilitation Company is investing in A Bed Every Night to reduce the risk of ex-offenders rough sleeping.



Greater Manchester Police

Frontline police officers across the city-region engage, support and educate people sleeping rough, helping them to access the best support by referring them to the most appropriate service.

GREATER MANCHESTER

MAYOR'S
CHARITY

Greater Manchester Mayor's Charity

A new, independent charity, endorsed and supported by the Mayor, Andy Burnham, with the aim of making a positive difference to major social issues facing Greater Manchester including homelessness and rough sleeping.



Raise The Roof

A special mix of the biggest and most influential bands and artists from across the city-region come together to tackle homelessness and raise money for A Bed Every Night.

Tackle4MCR

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Vincent Kompany's Tackle4MCR was set up by the Manchester City legend during his Testimonial year to help address the issues of rough sleeping and homelessness across Greater Manchester.



Greater Manchester Homelessness Action Network

The Homelessness Action Network is a collection of organisations, stakeholders and individuals, including charities, faith groups, and public and private sectors, working together to help end the need for rough sleeping. Further information on major homelessness charities operating across Greater Manchester can be found on streetsupport.net/manchester