

# All children should have a home with a kitchen



All across London, thousands of children are living in hotels and BnBs relocating month to month without access to their own kitchen with only a kettle to cook a meal.

Will you ask your local MP candidates how they will ensure every child has access to a home with a kitchen?

## **Here's what we're asking you to do.**

If you attend a local hustings or speak to a canvasser who knocks on your door, can you use your influence as a voter to draw awareness to this issue by asking the questions we've prepared below?

**1. I've learned that over 85,000\* children in London are currently living in insecure, emergency or Temporary Accommodation – essentially one child in every classroom. Many of them will be going without a hot meal tonight. What do you think about that fact and what do you propose to do about it?**

**2. Do you think that children should ever be placed in a home without a kitchen?**

**3. Would you support legislation to enforce that?**

**4. How can we guarantee every child grows up in a secure home?**


**5. Will you champion this issue in Parliament?**

If you're able to speak with a political candidate, we'd appreciate just 2 minutes of your time to tell us how they responded by completing a short form.

You can access the form by scanning this QR code or going to <https://forms.office.com/e/dV1VZi8FYM>



\*Specific London borough level data if you want to share a more local figure

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	Total number of children in TA
<b>ENGLAND</b>	145,800
<b>London</b>	84,940
<b>Rest of England</b>	60,870
<b>Barking &amp; Dagenham</b>	2,092
<b>Barnet</b>	2,384
<b>Bexley</b>	1,027
<b>Brent</b>	2,804
<b>Bromley</b>	1,697
<b>Camden</b>	654
<b>Croydon</b>	..
<b>Ealing</b>	3,843
<b>Enfield</b>	4,540
<b>Greenwich</b>	2,836
<b>Hackney</b>	4,105
<b>Hammersmith &amp; Fulham</b>	1,815
<b>Haringey</b>	4,070
<b>Harrow</b>	1,914
<b>Havering</b>	1,515
<b>Hillingdon</b>	1,632
<b>Hounslow</b>	735
<b>Islington</b>	1,128
<b>Kensington &amp; Chelsea</b>	..
<b>Kingston upon Thames</b>	1,071
<b>Lambeth</b>	..
<b>Lewisham</b>	3,900
<b>Merton</b>	677
<b>Newham</b>	9,034
<b>Redbridge</b>	4,479
<b>Richmond upon Thames</b>	560
<b>Southwark</b>	3,258
<b>Sutton</b>	1,239
<b>Tower Hamlets</b>	4,094
<b>Waltham Forest</b>	1,776
<b>Wandsworth</b>	3,510
<b>Westminster</b>	3,241

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Next update: Summer 2024

Full data set available here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/live-tables-on-homelessness#statutory-homelessness-live-tables>

# **The Magpie Project's campaign Homes with kitchens for all our children**

Petition available by scanning this QR code



## **Now**

Resources from national government to support families right now with food vouchers, community kitchens and – where possible – rings, hobs or microwaves in their rooms.

## **This year**

Resources released to local authority housing departments to ensure that no family has to live in a hotel without a kitchen for more than the 6 week legal limit.

## **Ultimate goal**

To change legislation to ban the use of hotels with no kitchens to house families with children under five for any period of time.