

## Response ID BHLF-52PE-EF2D-W

Submitted to **Rough Sleeping: Homelessness Strategy Consultation**

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### Rough Sleeping: Homelessness Prevention Strategy Consultation

#### 1 What is your name?

**Name:**

Ireneusz Piwowarczyk

#### 2 What is your email address?

**Email:**

#### 3 What best describes your interest in this consultation?

Someone with experience of homelessness/rough sleeping

**Please state:**

#### 4 Do you agree the our overall approach of the strategy?

Yes

**If you selected no or not sure to this question please tell us why?:**

From my experience I have to say, I have been worked in the UK for many years, and I just lost my job because of Covid-19 and I received support at SIFA and BCC provided me accommodation. I am also preparing new documents so I will be able to work, apply for Settled Status etc.

#### 5 Do you agree with our universal level approach and actions for preventing rough sleeping?

Yes

**If you selected no or not sure to this question please tell us why? :**

I see more help on the street, it's much easier to receive food or some advice from people. Sometimes you can receive even clothes. Because SIFA works with Embassies and other agencies it was much easier for me to apply for a passport. Also, BCC is based at SIFA too, so I received accommodation in the same day and because of it, I wasn't rough sleeping.

#### 6 Do you agree with our targeted actions and approach to preventing rough sleeping?

Yes

**If you selected no or not sure to this question, please tell us why?:**

I really appreciate the support workers and full of help they provided. Especially at SIFA, when they have bilingual ones.

#### 7 Do you agree with our rough sleeping crisis response approach and actions?

Yes

**If you selected no or not sure, please tell us why?:**

I remember during the March and April all homeless people disappeared from the City Centre. All of them were in some accommodation. I was so impressed. Also, the people who were no access to public funds.

#### 8 Do you agree with the approach to rough sleeping recovery and additional actions?

Yes

**If you selected no or not sure, please tell us why?:**

I received a lot of questions during my accommodation process about my GP, dentist, and additional support that I required. I was really grateful but didn't need other different services.

#### 9 Do you agree with the approach and priority actions for helping people to move-on from rough sleeping?

Yes

**If you selected no or not sure, please tell us why?:**

Honestly, I think if somebody wants to change his life he should come to SIFA because it's the easiest way to receive support. You have to remember that all depends on people as well. The client has to be responsible and motivate to change the circumstances that they are.

#### 10 Any further comments?

**Please use box below if you would like to make any further comments:**

Please keep going, don't change anything or change it for the better.

**11 About You: Please state your age group.**

**Age group:**

25 to 34

**12 About you: What is your gender?**

**Gender:**

Male

**13 About You: What best describes your ethnicity?**

**Ethnicity:**

White: European (including mixed European)

**14 About you: What is your sexual orientation?**

**Sexual Orientation:**

Heterosexual

**15 About you: What best describes your religion or belief?**

**Religious Belief:**

Christian (all churches & denominations)