



Homelessness Advice

The homelessness and rough sleeping team at MHCLG have put out an urgent communication to LAs, the homelessness sector, and hotel chains to clarify that hotels, hostels and B&B can stay open for homeless people.

On 23rd March 2020, the Government stepped up measures to prevent the spread of coronavirus. As part of these measures all non-essential premises must close. Guidance issued stated that hotels, hostels and B&Bs are amongst the services which must now close.

However, we would like to make absolutely clear that where hotels, hostels, and B&BS are providing rooms to support homeless people, through arrangements with Local Authorities and other public bodies, they should remain open. Apologies for any confusion that this guidance may have caused. The guidance will be amended to reflect this.

Kind regards

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