*NOTE: This is a template you can use to write to Felicity Buchan, Minister for Housing and Homelessness or Mike Amesbury, Shadow Minister for Building Safety and Homelessness, or both separately. Please edit the sections in red to read appropriately and personalise the letter if you would like to.*

*Letters can be* ***emailed*** *to either* *felicity.buchan.mp@parliament.uk* *or* *mike.amesbury.mp@parliament.uk* *as appropriate. Or* ***via post*** *to House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA.*

{YOUR FULL ADDRESS}

{DATE}

Dear Felicity Buchan/ Mike Amesbury [delete one as appropriate]

As we approach a General Election, I am writing to you to share a matter of concern.

A report from Oasis Community Housing and the University of Northumbria, shows that [94 per cent of those facing homelessness had experienced trauma.](https://www.oasiscommunityhousing.org/trauma-homelessness/)

I can imagine that homelessness itself is a traumatic experience. Yet, more than half of those surveyed in the report had never received trauma-informed support.

This can be simple, ensuring that all staff know how to work alongside those who’ve experienced trauma, and reduce their experiences of it.

The report shows that, without trauma-informed support, people are far more likely to end up homeless again. A national trauma-informed approach to all work among those experiencing homelessness would stop the revolving door of homelessness, change lives, and ensure that any experience of homelessness is brief and not-repeated.

I am writing to you, as the Minister for Housing and Homelessness/ Shadow Minister for Building Safety and Homelessness [delete one as appropriate], to ask you to do everything you can to ensure that the next government fully commits to implementing a trauma-informed approach to addressing homelessness in the United Kingdom.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Many thanks for all you do.

Yours faithfully,

[YOUR NAME]