

NO YOUNG PERSON LEFT OUT

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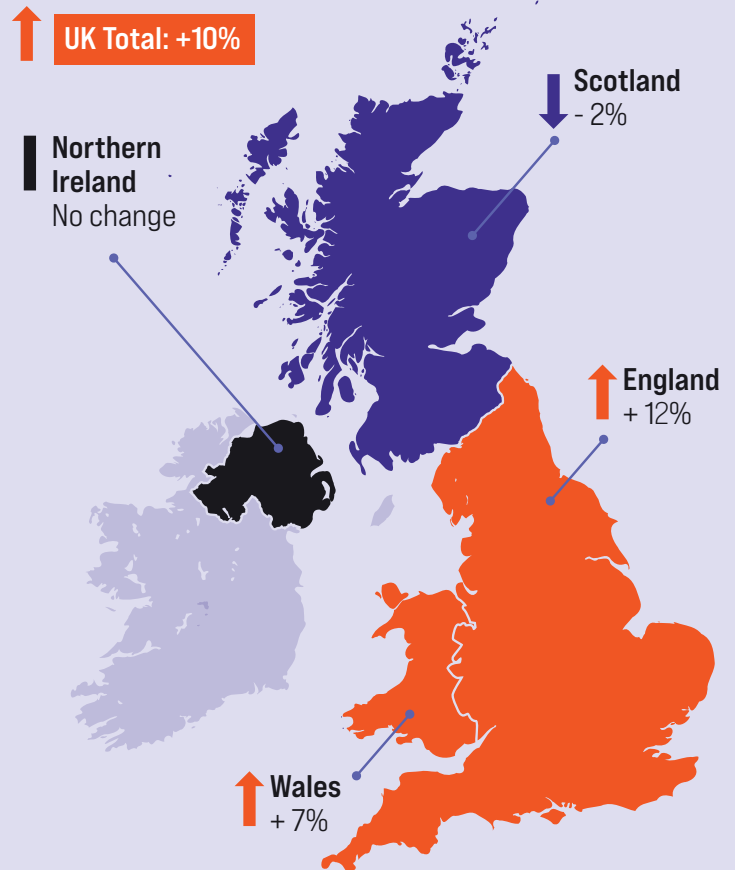
**ENDING YOUTH
HOMELESSNESS**

Centrepont's campaign to ensure no young person is left out from receiving the support they need when approaching their local authority



Youth homelessness is higher than ever

Over **118,000** young people in the UK were facing homelessness between April 2023 and March 2024. This is an increase of 10 per cent on the previous year in the UK and means 1 in 62 young people in the United Kingdom faced homelessness in the last year.



Young people presenting as homeless nationwide

Nation	Number of young people presenting as homeless in 2022/23	Number of young people presenting as homeless in 2023/24	Percentage change from 2022/23 to 2023/24
England	90,620	101,460	12% increase
Scotland	7,500	7,358	2% decrease
Wales	6,000	6,420	7% increase
Northern Ireland	2,900	2,896	No change
UK	107,020	118,134	10% increase

Nations in the UK have different homelessness data collection and publication approaches. This means that data was collected differently for each of the nations.

What happens when young people approach their local authority

- **67,714** of these were assessed for prevention or relief duty. **This means 67% of young people who presented to their local authority for homelessness support were assessed.**
- **25,946** were issued a prevention duty.
- **34,393** were issued a relief duty.
- **12,516** had their prevention duty ended after securing accommodation.
- **11,844** had their relief duty ended after securing accommodation.
- **16,984** were assessed for a statutory main housing duty under Part 7 of the Housing Act.
- **12,233** were accepted as statutorily homeless and were owed a statutory housing duty under Part 6 of the Housing Act.

What does the legislation say?

The Housing Act 1996 provided the framework for councils to prevent homelessness and support those at risk. Through devolution, Wales and Scotland adapted the provisions to meet distinct local needs. The legislation has been adapted following devolution. In England, the Homelessness Reduction Act 2018 (HRA) reformed the 1996 Act, focusing on early intervention and added statutory duties for prevention and relief, regardless of whether applicants were intentionally homeless or met priority-need criteria. If unsuccessful, applicants could be assessed under the full housing duty. Under the HRA, individuals at risk of homelessness must now receive up to 56 days of support to secure housing, even before reaching a crisis point.

What is Centrepoint calling for?

There are actions the Government could take right now that would improve outcomes for young people facing homelessness. We're asking the Government to:

- **Add protections for Young People in the Homelessness Code of Guidance;**
- **Create a Youth Chapter in the Government's Homelessness Strategy;**
- **Publish a framework for improving homelessness practices in councils nationwide.**

Contact our Public Affairs Team

For further information or support get in touch with publicaffairs@centrepoint.org

No young person should be left without support when facing homelessness. Join our campaign to ensure we see No Young Person Left Out

Youth homelessness in England

According to Freedom of Information requests sent by Centrepoint to English local authorities, in the financial year 2023-24, a total of 101,460 young people (16-24 years old) in England presented to their local authority because they were facing homelessness¹.

Youth homelessness in England has worsened over recent years. This reflects broader societal challenges including the housing crisis, historically low social security levels and struggling support systems.

What does this mean for young people?

Last year, one third of young people facing homelessness in England did not receive the council assessment they were entitled to - let alone the support they needed.

That means almost 34,000 young people were left out by councils and could have been forced to face homelessness alone.

Here's three ways you can support the campaign

1. Show public support by posting on your social media channels:

I'm proud to support @CentrepointUK's #NoYoungPersonLeftOut campaign. The Government must act now to improve outcomes for young people facing homelessness by:

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2. Lodge a Written or Oral Question in response to our findings – get in touch with us via the contact details below.

3. Issue a local press release highlighting homelessness data in your local area.



¹ The dataset captures main applicants only.