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## What is homelessness?

The definition of homelessness means not having a home. You don't have to be living on the street to be homeless - even if you have a roof over your head you can still be without a home. This may be because you don't have any rights to stay where you live, or your home is unsuitable for you.

There are many reasons for homelessness - rent arrears, eviction by family or partner and issues with disrepair to name just a few.

## What are we doing?

This is a question we are often asked. And the answer is a lot. We work hard with multi-agency partners and charities not only to prevent people becoming homeless in the first instance, but also to offer a support-led approach to those currently homeless or at risk of homelessness.

### Early intervention

We work alongside partner agencies to offer a range of interventions to aid the prevention of homelessness. This includes

- Negotiating with landlords
- Advising people of their rights and responsibilities
- Mediation and money advise
- Support maintaining tenancies and accessing other services

### Outreach

Most days, members from our multi agency outreach team visit those who are rough sleeping to offer support, advice and options to improve their current conditions. Information they share includes times for soup kitchens, offers of programmes to access accommodation, drugs and alcohol support, mental/physical health referrals and general conversation. Location and times the outreach team work throughout the time vary, to ensure they reach and offer support to as many people as possible.

### Homeless partnership board

The homeless partnership brings together a wide range of voluntary sector and statutory organisations from across Blackpool who aim to develop and improve homelessness services in line with the council's homelessness strategy.

Learn more about the [work happening here in Blackpool to prevent and change homelessness.](#)

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