

Annex 1.4



Buckinghamshire
Council

Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2027-2032

Glossary

Accessible Housing	Construction or modification of housing to enable independent living for persons with disabilities
Affordable Housing	Social rent, affordable rent and intermediate housing (e.g. shared ownership; below market rent) provided to specified eligible households whose needs are not met by the market. Defined in the National Planning Policy Framework.
Assured Shorthold Tenancy (AST)	It defines the terms of a rental between a private tenant and a landlord
Benefit Cap	Is a government limit on the total amount of welfare benefits a working-age household can claim
Bucks Employment Support Tool (BEST)	Empowering career journeys, an online tool to support those seeking new job opportunities or looking to grow in current roles
Broad Rental Market Areas (BRMAs)	A Broad Market Rental Area is a geographical boundary defined by the government. It is used to determine Local Housing Allowance (LHA) rates, which dictate the maximum financial support for private renters claiming Housing Benefit or Universal Credit
Care Leaver	a young adult (usually aged 16 to 25) who was previously looked after by a local authority
Department for Work and Pensions - DWP	It is the government department responsible for welfare, child maintenance, and the state pension system, managing benefits like Universal Credit and Personal Independence Payment (PIP)
DFG - Disabled Facilities Grant	Council managed grant programme to help towards the cost of adapting homes for people with disabilities
Domestic Abuse	Any incident or pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive or threatening behaviour, violence or abuse between a victim and their perpetrator regardless of gender or sexuality. This can encompass, but is not limited to, psychological, physical, sexual, financial, and emotional abuse.

	Domestic abuse can be perpetrated by a partner or ex-partner, family member, or carer
Duty to Refer (DtR)	A legal requirement mandating specific public authorities (such as hospitals, prisons, and social services) in England to notify a local housing authority of any service user they believe is homeless or at risk of losing their accommodation within 56 days
Emergency Beds (E-Beds)	Refers to immediate, short-term sleeping accommodations provided to individuals who are sleeping rough or experiencing sudden homelessness. These are designed as a crisis-response to get people off the streets, offering protection from the weather while housing needs are assessed
Helping Hands	A support service operated by Buckinghamshire Council for residents struggling with the cost of living or facing financial hardship. The team acts as a central point of contact, directing individuals and families in crisis to local welfare projects, charities, and council resources
Homelessness Reduction Act 2017 – HRA	An English law that fundamentally transforms statutory homelessness services. It requires local councils to intervene earlier and provide meaningful, personalized housing support to all eligible people, regardless of whether they are considered intentionally homeless or in priority need
House in Multiple Occupation – HMO	Is a residential property rented out to at least three people, who are not from the same household but share facilities like a kitchen, bathroom, or toilet
Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA)	is a statutory, collaborative process used by local authorities, the NHS, and public sector partners in the UK to assess the current and future health, care, and wellbeing needs of their local population
Local Authority Housing Fund (LAHF)	Is an innovative capital fund that supports local authorities in England to obtain housing to use as good quality temporary accommodation for those owed a homelessness duty and to provide safe and suitable accommodation to support families on resettlement schemes.
LGBTQ+	An inclusive acronym used to describe individuals whose sexual orientation or gender identity differs from heterosexual and cisgender norms. The letters stand for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer, with the plus sign recognising all other non-straight and non-cisgender identities

Local Housing Allowance (LHA)	Used to calculate the maximum amount people renting from a private landlord can claim in Housing Benefit or Universal Credit. This maximum allowance is based on where they live, the number of bedrooms they need and the rent they pay.
Making Every Adult Matter (MEAM)	A coalition of national charities and an evidence-based framework designed to help local areas support adults facing multiple disadvantages. It aims to prevent vulnerable individuals from falling through the cracks of traditional, siloed support systems
Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG)	The UK Government's ministerial department responsible for housing, urban planning, local government finance, and regional devolution in England
Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA)	Statutory framework in the UK used to assess and manage the risks posed by sexual and violent offenders in the community. It unifies agencies like the police, probation, and prison services to share information and protect the public
Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC)	It is a local, victim-focused meeting where professionals from various statutory and voluntary services, such as police, health, housing, and domestic abuse specialists—share information to create a coordinated safety plan for individuals at the highest risk of harm from domestic abuse
Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)	Is a central team where professionals from different services (like the police, local councils, and healthcare) work together. They share information securely to quickly identify, assess, and support vulnerable children or adults at risk of harm
Multi-Agency Tasking and Coordination (MATAC)	It is a coordinated, multi-agency initiative typically led by police, which targets serial and high-risk perpetrators of domestic abuse.
No recourse to public Funds (NRPF)	A mandatory visa condition and statutory restriction applied to migrants subject to UK immigration control. It means individuals cannot claim most state-funded welfare benefits, tax credits, or access social housing unless a specific legal exception applies.
Opportunity Bucks	A place-based partnership programme led by Buckinghamshire Council targeting areas of the county experiencing significant hardship
Private Rented Sector (PRS)	Housing that is owned by private landlord and rented to tenants under a tenancy agreement

Public Sector Equality Duty	Legal requirement under the Equality Act 2010 that ensures public authorities and organizations carrying out public functions consider how their day-to-day work affects people with protected characteristics
Registered Providers (RPs)	Housing Associations are not for profit organisations providing affordable housing and which are regulated by the Regulator of Social Housing. In addition to Housing Associations, there are also Private Registered Providers which are for profit organisations.
Rough Sleeping	Defined as people sleeping, about to bed down (sitting on/in or standing next to their bedding) or actually bedded down in the open air (such as on the streets, in tents, doorways, parks, bus shelters or encampments. It also includes people in buildings or other places not designed for habitation such as stairwells, barns, sheds, cars or car parks, derelict boats, stations or bashes.
Rough Sleepers initiative (RSI)	A central government-funded programme that provides targeted resources needed to deliver frontline outreach, emergency accommodation, and essential multi-agency support services to help individuals transition safely off the streets
Severe Weather Protocols (SWEP)	A humanitarian emergency response activated by local councils and authorities to provide temporary emergency shelter for people sleeping rough. It is triggered during extreme weather, such as sub-freezing temperatures, heavy snow, severe flooding, or dangerous heatwaves to prevent loss of life
Social Rented Homes	Social rent properties have rents set in accordance with a formula prescribed by central government which, for Buckinghamshire are typically 50%-60% of the local market rents (although social rent is not directly linked to market rents).
Supported Accommodation	Housing provided alongside care, supervision, or support services.
The Renters Rights Act 2025 (RRA)	A landmark piece of housing legislation in England that overhauls the private rented sector, significantly strengthening tenant security and establishing fairer renting standards
Violence against women and girls (VAWG)	Any act of gender-based violence that is perpetrated predominantly by men against women and girls and encompasses a wide range of physical, sexual, economic, and psychological abuse