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Dear Colleague

ROUGH SLEEPING INITIATIVE

I am very pleased to let you know that I am today announcing a provisional allocation of the further funding for the Rough Sleeping Initiative.

I have already allocated a targeted £30 million Rough Sleeping Initiative fund for 2018-19 to support those sleeping rough and those at risk in 83 local authorities with the highest need. Today's announcement of provisional further funding for next year supports the good work that local authorities are already doing with the funding for this year.

Over the last few months, our team of expert practitioners has been working closely with local authorities and the Greater London Authority (GLA) to identify service gaps and create tailored packages to tackle rough sleeping in their area this year. Together they have co-produced bespoke plans to tackle rough sleeping based on local government and third sector knowledge of what works. The new Rough Sleeping Initiative team will continue to work closely with local areas to implement the plans and to monitor their progress.

These provisional allocations represent another significant step in our plans to reduce and end rough sleeping following on from the publication of our Rough Sleeping Strategy last month.

You can find a full list of the individual amounts provisionally allocated to the 83 local authorities and the GLA in the annex to this letter. Alongside the £34 million provisionally allocated today, the Government has set aside a further £11 million for spending on additional areas and projects to those currently supported by the Rough Sleeping Initiative and will announce further details in due course.

I am confident this package will achieve substantial results in these areas of high need. It will also build upon the work we have already undertaken in order to meet our manifesto

commitment. This work includes, piloting the internationally proven Housing First approach in three areas of England, allocating over £1.2 billion in order to prevent homelessness and rough sleeping, including more upfront funding so local authorities can proactively tackle homelessness pressures in their areas, and also the recent changes made under the Homelessness Reduction Act which mean that more people will get the help they need and at an earlier stage to prevent homelessness from occurring in the first place.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'James Brokenshire', is centered on the page. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial 'J'.

RT HON JAMES BROKESHIRE MP