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Dear Bell Ribeiro-Addy, MP

Cascade route for overcrowded housing guidance

At the Women and Equalities Select Committee on 15 July 2020, I committed to follow up on the question regarding the cascade route of guidance on overcrowded housing. Please accept my sincere apologies for the delayed response.

MHCLG have issued guidance for landlords and tenants, for both social and private housing, in the context of COVID-19. The guidance was updated on 5 November and can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-and-renting-guidance-for-landlords-tenants-and-local-authorities>.

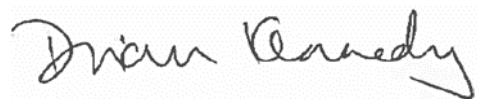
This guidance contains specific advice for people living in shared or overcrowded accommodation who are vulnerable or self-isolating. Alongside publication on gov.uk, MHCLG informs stakeholders when the guidance is updated including landlord groups, tenant groups and local authorities, in order to help with dissemination.

In addition, the Minister for Equalities announced new measures to tackle groups at greatest risk from COVID-19, including £25m for Community Champions in October. The announcement can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/minister-for-equalities-sets-out-government-action-to-tackle-covid-disparities>.

This will fund work with grassroots advocates from impacted communities and funding for voluntary and community groups who specialise in working with communities most at risk from COVID-19. We will utilise this project to cascade messages about overcrowding.

I hope this information is helpful.

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