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Which groups will be disproportionately affected by measures taken by the Government to address the COVID-19 pandemic?

The primary measure adopted by the government to combat the COVID-19 pandemic is essentially a prolonged 'stay at home' policy for everyone.

The list of groups that will be disproportionately affected by measures taken by the Government to address the pandemic, by no means exhaustive, is as follows:

- 1.** Persons suffering from claustrophobia, which condition is compounded by small, uncomfortable sub-standard housing.
- 2.** Persons suffering from mental health problems, which mental health problems are also compounded by small, unsuitable sub-standard housing.
- 3.** Homeless persons
- 4.** Persons living in Victorian properties converted into multiple flats inside the same house who are forced to share one front door. The arrangement amounts to homes in multiple occupation. Such persons have no choice who is housed in the flats above or below by a landlord and are often forced to endure cohabitation in close proximity (inside the same building) with persons who are disagreeable, unreasonable or whose standard of hygiene is low, causing a noxious, toxic and antagonising enforced co-existence.
- 5.** Persons in abusive relationships who are vulnerable and/or susceptible to domestic violence,
- 6.** Persons escaping from psychological abuse and psychic torment.
- 7.** Disabled persons with physical mobility difficulties in unsuitable accommodation,
- 8.** Persons suffering from Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD)
- 9.** Persons suffering from Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)
- 10.** Prisoners released from long term spatial confinement

These persons will be disproportionately affected by 'stay at home' measures taken by the Government to address the COVID-19 pandemic as enforcement authorities will have little or no understanding of the modalities of underlying complexities.

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