

Breaking the Cycle: Housing Needs for Women Leaving Prison in London

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The **London Assembly Housing Committee** has published its report: *Breaking the Cycle: Housing Needs for Women Leaving Prison in London*. The report finds that while many of the issues facing women leaving prison are national, the scarcity of accommodation in the capital is leaving even more women without stable homes – and making it impossible to rebuild their lives.

The report makes **five recommendations** to the Mayor of London and the Government:

- Councils and housing associations should ringfence a proportion of their supported housing units for women released from prison.
- The Mayor should implement a standardised, pan-London training programme to improve housing support for women prison leavers.
- The Mayor's update to his Rough Sleeping Plan of Action should specifically address how it supports women leaving prison.
- The Government should conduct an immediate review of the Community Accommodation Service Tier-3 Accommodation scheme to ensure women are not placed in unsuitable accommodation, such as accommodation with men.
- The Mayor should hold an event with all London Councils to showcase examples of best practice in housing women leaving prison.

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