**HOMELESSNESS**

*What is homelessness?*

Homelessness is the condition of individuals without a permanent dwelling, such as a house or apartment. Individuals who are homeless are most often unable to acquire and maintain regular, safe, secure and adequate housing.

The term homeless may also include people whose primary night-time residence is in a homeless shelter, a domestic violence shelter, long-term residence in a hotel, a vehicle, squatting or living on the streets. According to the UK homelessness charity Crisis, a home is not just a physical space: it also provides roots, identity, security, a sense of belonging and a place of emotional wellbeing.

*How to get help*

Speak to any member of College staff or speak to the College Safeguarding Team on 01226 216142 or via email at [safeguarding@barnsley.ac.uk](mailto:safeguarding@barnsley.ac.uk)

*Other support*

[england.shelter.org.uk/housing\_advice/homelessness](http://england.shelter.org.uk/housing_advice/homelessness) - 0808 800 4444

[www.crisis.org.uk](http://www.crisis.org.uk) - 0300 636 1967

nspcc.org.uk – 0808 800 5000

ChildLine – 0800 1111 (24 hours)