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Welcome to our Prayer Letter, which we issue at the same time as our quarterly Bridge Bulletins. If you would rather not receive this please do let us know.

Thank you all, as ever, for your continuing faithfulness in prayer

Lovely as the warm dry spell was for many of us; it presents a health risk to a homeless person. Please pray for anyone who has nowhere to seek shelter; any kind of weather can be dangerous if someone has to be out in it all day or night.

The Bridge Trust continues to receive a steady stream of applications, even in the summer months, and waiting lists are almost permanently in operation for providers in this area. One of the most difficult conversations we have with anyone is that there are no immediate beds available. Please pray for our staff when we have those conversations and for something to change to create more “direct access” accommodation.

As the shake-up of homeless provider contracts begins in earnest, please pray for all involved. This brings with it an increased workload as organisations put forward their bids, along with uncertainty about who will fund these services in the future. Please pray that whatever is decided over the next few months, the result is for the maximum benefit of homeless people.

The Government has recently pledged to invest more money in a bid to end rough sleeping, unfortunately this will be too late for some who literally die waiting. They have acknowledged that it is a complex problem and we see the cause-effect cycle people experience. Please pray for those disseminating the funds, that it does begin to tackle some of the problems facing homeless people and is not just a quick fix for now.

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”. Jeremiah 29:11