



## News Release

<b>Date:</b>	Monday 30 January 2017
<b>Subject:</b>	Rise in rough sleeping illustrates importance of rented accommodation, says The DPS

Bristol, Monday 30 January 2017 – Reacting to figures published by the Department for Communities and Local Government showing that there has been a 16% increase in the number of people sleeping rough in England, Julian Foster, Managing Director at The Deposit Protection Services (The DPS), said:

“Everyone should have the right to a safe, warm, secure home, and the rise in rough sleeping is sad news for communities across the country.”

“A healthy rental sector plays a vital role in combatting homelessness by providing housing options that suit individual circumstances, particularly when house prices are so high.

“Whether it’s because they are saving for their own property or wanting greater choice over the length of their occupancy, tenants need the diversity of housing choices that renting provides, and it’s vital we continue to work with government to ensure renters have affordable, flexible and financially secure options when they select a home.”

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### Notes

1. For high resolution images of spokespeople, visit <http://cpu.vg/spokespeople>.

### About The DPS

The Deposit Protection Service’s custodial tenancy deposit protection scheme is accredited by the Government. It is provided free of charge, and funded entirely by the interest earned from deposits held in the scheme. The DPS was approved by the UK government to run an insured TDP scheme in September 2012 in addition to the

approval it has already been granted by the UK government in respect of the custodial scheme. The DPS is run by [Computershare Investor Services PLC](#). Online self-service allows landlords to register and make deposit payments, transfers and repayments 24 hours a day. Help and advice is available through a dedicated call centre during office hours. An impartial Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) service, helps to resolve any disputes quickly and without the need for court action.

For more information, visit [www.depositprotection.com](http://www.depositprotection.com).

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