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Ymateb gan Gwasanaeth Eiriolaeth Ieuenctid Cenedlaethol From National Youth Advocacy Services NYAS

NYAS Cymru does not agree that the priority needs test should be abolished for care leavers as proposed within the White Paper Proposal on Ending Homelessness in Wales.

Although Welsh Government's proposal to abolish priority need would in part ensure equality for all homeless people, there is a real risk that care-experienced young people would be placed in vulnerable situations because of the chronic lack of affordable and suitable housing in Wales. With 1 in 3 care leavers become homeless in the first two years of leaving care, the priority need category can be an extremely beneficial status for care leavers, given their very high risks of being homeless.

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(All-Party Parliamentary Group for Ending Homelessness, Homelessness prevention for care leavers, prison leavers and survivors of domestic violence, 2017). – England and Wales