

## MP's praise for charity during visit

Iain Duncan Smith has praised the work of a Canning Town homelessness charity.

The secretary of state for work and pensions heard from staff and residents at Caritas Anchor House during a visit.

He said: "Caritas Anchor House is more comprehensive than other homeless charities I have seen.

"They do more than just offer someone a stable base – they address the reasons why they are there, which is very important, and their service provision covers the majority of elements that can lead to homelessness.

"Caritas Anchor House is intent on positively changing lives, not just sustaining them as they are."

Keith Fernet, the charity's chief executive, welcomed the Mr Duncan Smith's comments.

He said: "We were delighted to have the opportunity to show the secretary of state how Caritas Anchor House transforms the lives of the people who live here, supporting them into employment and to become active members of society.

"It is a real credit that Mr Duncan Smith saw us in such a positive light, and recognised the benefits we provide to our residents and society as a whole."

