## New Stacey Dooley documentary to explore teen homelessness for Children in Need

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The documentary will air on BBC One in November and sees Stacey visiting Manchester

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Stacey Dooley MBE (Image: BBC/Joseph McAuley)

Stacey Dooley MBE has stepped away from the Strictly floor for her new Investigates documentary.

The broadcaster, who is currently impressing viewers on the current series of Strictly Come Dancing, is best known for her hard-hitting and insightful series.

Her new film, Stacey Dooley: The Young And Homeless, will air on BBC One on November 13 at 10.45pm as part of the channels week of special BBC Children in Need programmes.

The documentary will see Stacey uncover stories from the UK's homeless teenagers - including here in Manchester.

Stacey Dooley MBE is best known for her investigative films (Image: Ian West/PA Wire)

Speaking of the film, Stacey says: "Our film for BBC Children in Need, shares stories from some incredible teenagers from across the UK facing the struggles of finding a stable roof

over their heads.

"I am so grateful to all of the brave young people involved and hope that their honesty will go on to start a really important conversation about today's homeless young people."

Last year more than 100,000 young people presented themselves as <u>homeless</u> in the UK according to Centrepoint.

However, the charity believes that the number is much high as thousands of teenagers slip under the radar.

In the programme, Stacey will be seen talking to 18-year-old Shelby who became homeless after leaving the care system.

Stacey speaks with 18-year-old Shelby in Manchester for Stacey Dooley: The Young and Homeless (Image: BBC/True Vision)

She talks openly of her thoughts on the dangers of being on the streets of Manchester and how she would rather walk the streets all night than fall asleep for fear of being robbed.

The film will also highlight how BBC Children in Need supported projects and organisations are dedicated to supporting young people through difficult times become a life-line to the young people they meet, giving them the hope they need to overcome their adverse situations.

Stacey adds: "I hope the British public are encouraged to tune in and donate to BBC Children in Need to enable the charity to continue to support children and young people who need it most."

Stacey Dooley: The Young and Homeless will air on  $\underline{BBC}$  One during BBC Children in Need Appeal Week on BBC One on 13 November at 10.45pm.