

Social Housing Update

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Introduction

Welcome to the Birketts Social Housing Team's first newsletter of 2023.

This bumper edition includes an article on Court of Appeal guidance covering the do's and don'ts of expert reports in the context of disrepair claims. We also offer insight into the latest Fire Safety Regulations (England) 2022 and write about the vexed issue of proportionality of legal costs payable by a party at the wrong end of a legal dispute.

This edition also includes an article on the Government's latest efforts to encourage more public landlords to tackle damp and mould, an article covering unfair dismissal in the aftermath of COVID-19, coverage of our legal opinion of the decision of *National Community Homes v the Regulator of Social Housing*, dealing with the de-registration process for housing providers, and a link to our very popular Autumn Social Housing Webinar, in case you missed the live event last November.

Happy reading!

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Featured articles

Admissibility and requirements of expert evidence

The themes which can be applied to housing disrepair.

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The new Fire Safety (England) Regulations 2022

What you need to know.

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Cleary v Marston (Holdings) Limited

A case concerning proportionality of legal costs in respect of modest claims, which may be of particular interest for landlords.

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Gove names and shames

Mr Gove MP, has now named and shamed social landlords for a variety of service failures.

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Our article on Lexis Nexis

Read our article reviewing the Regulator's decision to de-register Housing Association held not to be irrational.

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COVID-19: Unfair dismissal

[Liz Stevens](#), from Birketts' Employment Team reviews a Court of Appeal decision.

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Can a party place a penal notice on a court order?

A review of the recent case of *Edward Avery-Gee v Lesley Ann Coppen and Taray Brokering Limited* [2022] EWHC 2958 (Ch).

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Data Protection

[Sarah Burwood](#) reviews the High Court's decision to transfer Low Value Data Protection Claims to Small Claims Track.

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Webinar

Watch our Autumn Social Housing update.

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