

Social Housing



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Social Housing newsletter

Welcome to our latest edition of the Social Housing newsletter, with articles from members of the team.

We are pleased to share updates and commentary on a range of legislation and important topics from the sector.

In this edition we have articles covering:

- Tenant information requests
- The Landlord and Tenant Act 1985
- Managing rent arrears
- Disrepair claims
- Upcoming planning reforms
- Managing and mitigating anti-social behaviour
- Proposed update to the Civil Procedure Rules
- Safe and legal evictions

- Competence and conduct standards
- The Housing Health and Safety Rating System (HHSRS)

We hope you find the articles within this edition helpful, if you have any questions please do reach out to any member of the team for more information and guidance.

Coming up in October we also have our Asset and Housing Management Update, featuring expert guest speaker Nick Grundy KC.

Our expert panel of housing management specialists will discuss and shed light on key issues, including:

- The new Consumer Standards and Regulatory Regime
- Disrepair - tips, traps and best practice
- The Complaints Handling Code
- Asset and Housing Management case law update

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Featured articles



Understanding tenants' rights to information requests

[Norien Za](#) and [Marie Constantine](#) discuss why it's important to understand the rights your tenants have when it comes to information requests.

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The Landlord and Tenant Act 1985: a brief guide

[Andrew Harmer](#) and [Jennifer Banfield](#) provide a brief guide to the Landlord and Tenant Act 1985.

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Managing rent arrears: essential legal insights every landlord needs to know

[Raihan Khoystatee](#) and [Filip Bodnar](#) explain the legal landscape surrounding rent arrears and tenant rights.

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Disrepair claims: responsibilities and defences of a social housing landlord

[Katrina Robinson MBE](#) discusses the legal duty social housing landlords have to maintain their properties in a state of good repair.

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Government proposes major planning reforms

[Jonathan Hulley](#) and [Thaine Wilson](#) explore the significant reforms to the UK's planning system announced by the new Labour Government.

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Managing and mitigating anti-social behaviour: a guide for social housing landlords

[Katrina Robinson MBE](#) shares important advice to help you navigate the complex set of laws and regulations to manage and mitigate anti-social behaviour.

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Proposed update to the Civil Procedure Rules governing alternative dispute resolution

[Zach Plunkett](#) explores how the Civil Procedure Rule Committee is considering amendments to the Civil Procedure Rules concerning the Court's power to order litigants to engage in alternative dispute resolution.

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A guide to safe and legal evictions

[Priya Joshi](#) and [Simal Govindia](#) provide advice on how to execute evictions safely and legally.

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Competence and conduct standards for social housing landlords explained

[Elizabeth Smith](#) and [Raihan Khoyratee](#) discuss how the introduction of the Competence and Conduct Standard might be a significant development in the social housing sector.

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How to bring your social housing portfolio into compliance with regulations

[Andrew Harmer](#) gives a review of the new consumer standards that are now being enforced under the Social Housing Regulation Act 2023.

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Your guide to complying with the Housing Health and Safety Rating System (HHSRS)

[Jonathan Hulley](#) shares what rights and duties social housing landlords have under the Housing Health and Safety Rating System.

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Asset and Housing Management Update

Join us for a discussion with our expert panel of housing management specialists, including Nick Grundy KC.

Discussion will be followed by a Q&A session and networking.



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