

Local Authority Training Only



Homelessness Reduction Act for Housing Options Staff

Who is the course for?

Local authority Housing Options staff including housing officers, homelessness officers and homeless prevention staff who are required to give advice on housing options

There is an expectation that attendees will have a good working knowledge of current local authority homelessness duties and decision making.

Course Aims:

This course is intended to provide local authority housing options staff with details of what is contained in the Homelessness Reduction Act.

Objectives

By the end of the course participants will have achieved the following:

- Be aware of the background to the new legislation and proposed Government assistance to implement this
- Recognise the difference between homelessness prevention and homelessness relief and identify local authority duties in relation to both of these
- Be familiar with two new general duties contained in the HRA – the extension of the current duty to provide advisory services and the duty of public authorities to refer
- Recognise what ‘threatened with homelessness’ means and compare the current legislation with amendments introduced by the HRA
- Identify what is involved in the duty to assess and provide a personalised plan
- Understand what is meant by non-cooperation and the procedure when an applicant has refused to co-operate
- Identify changes to local connection introduced by the HRA
- Produce a personal learning plan to meet gaps in knowledge or enhance knowledge on topics that are relevant to the HRA

NHAS training is free of charge to local authorities; if arranging in-house training, all we ask is that you provide a suitable venue.

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