



Preventing homelessness and improving housing through expert advice, training and support to those working at the frontline

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2018 Roadshow



Planning is underway to run Homelessness Prevention Good Practice Roadshows in Peterborough, Birmingham and London in March. We'll be focussing on HRA and Trailblazers, with an expert panel for a Q & A session.

More information will be circulated shortly. If you'd like to send an expression of interest to attend, email us at nhas@shelter.org.uk

Revised fact sheet [Private tenants: Smoke and carbon monoxide alarms](#) – the update confirms that 'landlords have a duty under the Equality Act 2010 to provide specialist alarms to deaf and hard of hearing people'.



Webchat Facility

Access to housing consultancy via Webchat is a popular way for members to get free advice. Webchat is accessed by going to www.nhas.org.uk and clicking on the 'live chat' button.

Consultancy Line Outcomes Report: a sample of 438 cases that were closed by the Consultancy Line in September 2017 were invited to complete a follow-up survey on their experience and, in particular, in relation to the actual outcome of their case. [Read the key findings from the outcomes report.](#)

Members Information Needs Analysis Survey: Thank you to all who completed this survey in September 2017, it will inform how we develop, deliver and disseminate information resources for professional organisations. [Read the Information Needs Analysis Summary Report.](#)

We have formed a consultation group, if you would like to be added to this group or would like more information about the group please contact Anne Limbert, Information Coordinator Anne.Limbert@shelter.org.uk

Homelessness Reduction Act

Training available:

- Local Authorities can get up to speed with the latest on the Homelessness Reduction Act through our face to face course. [Find out more about HRA training.](#)
- Local Authorities, Citizens Advice and Voluntary Agency members can join our 'Introduction to the Homelessness Reduction Act' webinar. The 90 minute session provides an overview of key points in the Act. Members can [log in and access the Training and Events calendar](#) from the welcome portal to view the webinar dates.

Stats/Updates/etc

- [Statutory homelessness and prevention and relief live tables](#)
- [Statutory homelessness and homelessness prevention and relief, England: July to September 2017](#)
- [MoJ announced that Victims of domestic violence will get more support in taking abusive former partners to court](#)
- [Grenfell to be examined by national equality body](#) Equality and Human Rights Commission launched [Following Grenfell](#), to look at the human rights and equality dimensions of the tragedy, and to determine if the State is fulfilling its duties under human rights and equality law

Recently published

- [Rogue landlords put on notice as government announces tough new powers](#) New measures to crack down on bad practices, stamp out overcrowding and improve standards for those renting in the private sector.
- [Houses in Multiple Occupation and residential property licensing reforms](#) – read about Government plans to legislate to extend compulsory licensing of HMOs. The outcome of the consultation has been published.
- [H-CLIC FAQ's](#) published - provides background information H-CLIC, and responses to commonly raised questions on what local authorities and IT specialists need to consider in preparing for the data collection.
- [Supply and diversity of housing for older people](#) - the House of Commons Select Committee for Communities and Local Government heard from Housing Minister Alok Sharma and Local Government Minister Marcus Jones as part of its housing for older people inquiry.

Case Law

- [R \(U and U, by their mother as litigation friend, BU\) v Milton Keynes Council \[2017\] EWHC 3050](#)
- [R \(on the application of Gureckis and others\) v Secretary of State for the Home Department \[2017\] EWHC 3298](#)
- [R \(on the application of J and L\) v London Borough of Hillingdon \[2017\]](#)

Consultations

- [Funding for supported housing](#) – two consultations have been launched, one on housing costs for sheltered and extra care accommodation, and one on housing costs for short-term supported accommodation. These consultations seek the views on the design of the

government's new supported housing funding models which relate to England only. Closing date: **23 January 2018**.

- [Rent a room relief](#) - the government wants to explore whether the design of rent a room relief provides the right incentives for the rental market as it exists today. Closing date: **23 February 2018**

If you'd like to be added to or removed from our distribution list, or have problems accessing any of the materials in the bulletin, please email nhas@shelter.org.uk.

Regards,
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