

We're here to help you with your housing and homelessness queries.

## April 2019 eBulletin

### Service updates

#### Information

We have updated the following factsheets in light of the Homes (Fitness for Human Habitation) Act 2018.

- Responsibility for repairs
- Taking action on repairs
- Health & Safety at home
- Fire safety for tenants
- Gas safety
- Dealing with pests in your home
- 10 rights of private tenants

You can find the [fact sheets](#) on the NHAS website

#### Training

We have a number of free training sessions running in March, including:

Date and time	Course title and location	Suitable for staff working in
1st & 8th May 10:00– 16:00	Housing Foundation (2 days) - Derby	Eligible advice agencies and Local Citizens Advice
2nd May 10:30 – 12:00	Housing Duties to Young People – webinar	Local authorities & Public authorities
8th & 9th May 10:00 – 16:00	Housing Foundation (2 days) - Guildford	Eligible advice agencies and Local Citizens Advice

8th May 10:00 – 16:00	Homelessness Advice Next Steps – Cambridge	Eligible advice agencies and Local Citizens Advice
13th May 14:30 – 16:00	Suitability and Out of Area Placements - webinar	Eligible advice agencies and Local Citizens Advice
14th May 10:00 – 16:00	Private Rented Sector: Assured Shorthold Tenancies - Exeter	Eligible advice agencies and Local Citizens Advice
15th May 10:00 – 16:00	Housing Advice and Relationship Breakdown - London	Eligible advice agencies and Local Citizens Advice
15th & 16th May 10:00 – 16:00	Housing Foundation (2 days) – Haywards Heath	Eligible advice agencies and Local Citizens Advice
17th May 14:30 – 16:00	Tenants of Landlords Facing Mortgage Repossession – webinar	Local authorities

This is just a sample of what's on offer. Go to [nhas.org.uk/training](https://nhas.org.uk/training) for more information about the courses and when you can request training to be delivered in-house. Login and go to the training calendar to book a place online and to see if there is anything else available for you to book onto.

## Elearning

All of our NHAS Bitesize packages have been updated and refreshed. You can book yourself on to the elearning through our training booking system Accessplanit. The elearning packages are designed to be completed in your own time, but generally take around 30 minutes. Log in to the website and go to [Training / Elearning](#) to find out more.

## Consultancy Line

[CL Welfare Benefits case study April](#)

## Focus on:

### **NHAS spring roadshows HRA: One year on**

We held 3 roadshows in March in Blackpool, Leicester and Luton, we've received good feedback and we are taking on board the constructive feedback to deliver our roadshows in September.

Log in [to view the presentations](#) from the March 2019 roadshows

## News, updates and statistics

### [James Brokenshire confirms funding to help people off the streets](#)

Councils across the country will share over £46 million to help get people off the streets and into accommodation

### [Brokenshire announces funding boost for homeless veterans](#)

Veterans who have become homeless, or at risk of it, will be supported through an extra £1 million boost

### ['Rogue' private landlords must stop exploiting students](#)

Universities Minister Chris Skidmore has warned that landlords who fail to meet standards for student accommodation must face justice under new regulations.

### [Index of Private Housing Rental Prices, UK: February 2019](#)

An experimental price index tracking the prices paid for renting property from private landlords in the United Kingdom

### [National evaluation of the Troubled Families Programme 2015 to 2020: findings](#)

These reports outline findings from the evaluation of the Troubled Families Programme 2015 to 2020

### [Universal Credit and landlords](#)

These guides explain what Universal Credit means for landlords

### [Nursing Care for People Experiencing Homelessness](#)

A Survey of the QNI Homeless Health Network

Nursing Care for People Experiencing Homelessness gives a thematic analysis of comments from a survey of homeless health nurses (HHNs) about issues facing their area of practice

### [Guidance with Health Assessment Tool \(2015\)](#)

Assessing the health of people who are homeless

### [Homeless Health e newsletter](#)

A regular free newsletter for health professionals working with people experiencing homelessness or living in vulnerable housing

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## Case Law

### [Case list HOMAT 129 April 2019](#)

Recent homelessness and allocation cases, and cases from other areas of law which may have significance for homelessness decisions.

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# Housing Matters/good practice

[April 2019 Housing matters, Issue 129](#)

	<p>In this issue:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Nicola McEwen, a Professional Support Lawyer at Shelter, explores how the Homes (Fitness for Human Habitation) Act 2018 can help tenants tackle poor conditions in their homes</li><li>• Louis Farrington, Senior Housing Solutions Officer at Sheffield City Council, outlines the principles of co-operation between authorities when assisting those in housing need.</li><li>• Factsheet 'Is your home fit to live in?' explains landlords' duties under the Homes (Fitness for Human Habitation) Act 2018 and what tenants can do if the landlord does not comply</li><li>• What's new' page brings you up to date with various items of news related to housing and homelessness, including the Tenant Fees Act 2019, client money protection schemes, advice for EEA nationals and new case law on the 'right to rent' scheme</li></ul>
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## [Shelter Legal](#)

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### [Causation](#)

This content applies to England

An explanation of the causal link between the deliberate act or omission, and the loss of accommodation which must exist for an applicant to be found to be intentionally homeless.

### **Fitness for human habitation**

With effect from 20 March 2019, the Homes (Fitness for Human Habitation) Act 2018 amends the Landlord and Tenant Act 1985 to give tenants of residential property in England new rights to redress poor housing conditions in their dwellings.

Thank you for reading,

The team at NHAS

## Who we are

**We are here to help local authorities, local citizens advice, public authorities and advice agencies with their housing and homelessness queries. Working together with the aim of preventing homelessness, we give expert advice, training and support to those working at the frontline**

Our telephone consultancy service is open 9am – 6pm Monday to Friday, our trainers deliver training courses across the whole of England and our website holds a wealth of information, including past eBulletins, factsheets and guides to assist you with your housing and homelessness queries. You can find out more here: [www.nhas.org.uk](http://www.nhas.org.uk)

## You are on the NHAS mailing list

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](mailto:nhas@shelter.org.uk)

Please remember to add [nhas@shelter.org.uk](mailto:nhas@shelter.org.uk) to your email address book to ensure that our emails are not placed in your junk mailbox.

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