

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

August 2019 eBulletin

NHAS AUTUMN ROADSHOW

Working Together:
Breaking Down Barriers
to Accessing a Home



Liverpool
17th September

Newcastle
24th September

London
3rd October



FREE EVENT

LEGAL UPDATE:
JOHN GALLAGHER,
SHELTER'S PRINCIPAL
SOLICITOR

WORKSHOPS FROM
LOCAL AUTHORITIES

NHAS WORKSHOP:
TENANT FEES ACT

EXPERT PANEL

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[NHAS/Pathway Health roadshow report Homeless Hospital Discharge Work – Supporting Best Practice](#)

[6 Things We Learned at The NHAS & Pathway Homeless Hospital Discharge Event](#)

Service Updates

Information

- [Tenant Fees Factsheet](#)



Focus on: NHAS training

New for local authorities - scheduled training across the country and an [Introduction to homeless inquiries briefing!](#)

We're introducing a programme of scheduled courses in quarter 3 to complement our existing in-house training offer. The courses will take place in venues across England, and will cover a range of courses from our existing programme, along with our newly developed Introduction to homeless inquiries briefing. [Take a look at our Q3 LA schedule](#) for details of the topics, dates and locations. You can find out more about the course objectives, and book places via our website. Login to www.nhas.org.uk and click on the calendar.

Free housing courses for advice agencies – September 2019

September is packed with lots of free training sessions across England for our advice agency colleagues, [our September training flyer](#) highlights what's taking place near you. You can find out more about the objectives from our [agency training programme](#)

[September 2019 webinars](#)

News, updates and statistics

- [Minister of State for Housing](#) The Rt Hon Esther McVey MP was appointed Minister of State at the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government on 24 July 2019
- **Blog post** [Supporting the development of Grassroots Night Shelters by Hadrian Holloway, Housing Justice](#)
- [Youth Homelessness Scoping Report published](#) Informed by conversations with professionals and organisations working with young people, the report explores why young people become homeless and the impact this experience has on them
- [People experiencing homelessness set to benefit from new jobcentre support](#) Dedicated training on homelessness is being delivered to hundreds of jobcentre managers in a crucial move to improve support for vulnerable benefit claimants
- [Proposed changes to the Public Health Outcomes framework from 2019/2020: a consultation](#) and the [Government Response on Health Outcomes for 2019/2020](#)
- [Homelessness: applying All Our Health](#) This guide is part of 'All Our Health', a resource which helps health professionals prevent ill health and promote wellbeing as part of their everyday practice. The information will help front-line health and care staff use their trusted relationships with patients, families and communities to take action on homelessness.
- [Legal help: where to go and how to pay](#) This Commons Library briefing paper provides information about where to seek legal help and advice
- [Living in asylum accommodation](#) A guide (in several languages) for asylum seekers staying in temporary accommodation while their claim for asylum is assessed

[Housing Matters](#)



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Specialist support
on housing advice

In this issue:

- Amy Murtagh provides a practical guide on how to support families with no recourse to public funds (NRPF). Amy Murtagh is the Interim Director of the charity Project 17.
- Richard Harmer, a Senior Solicitor at Shelter, outlines what duties under Part 7 of the Housing Act 1996 are owed to homeless applicants in priority need who have become homeless intentionally.
- Jo Underwood provides a case brief of the Supreme Court judgment in *Samuels v Birmingham*. Jo Underwood is a Managing Solicitor at Shelter.
- The back-page factsheet '[Tenant fees](#)' explains what the new legislation (Tenant Fees Act 2019) means for renters.
- The 'What's new' page brings you up to date with various items of news related to housing and homelessness, including [new case law](#) and ongoing government consultations.

[Shelter Legal](#)

- Tenant fees: overview
- Right to rent immigration checks
- Local connection
- Wales: eligibility for help
- Obligation to pay for services
- Public sector equality duty
- Right to reside
- Support from UK Visas and Immigration
- Five years' residence
- Discretionary grounds plus suitable accommodation: Secure tenancies
- Migration and transitional protection

Specialist Debt Advice Service

[Specialist Debt Advice Team: TV Licence Case Study](#)

We help millions of people every year struggling with bad housing or homelessness through our advice, support and legal services. And we campaign to make sure that one day, no one will have to turn to us for help.

Web enquiries can be made 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Click on [this link](#) to submit a web enquiry

Our telephone service is open 9am – 5pm Monday to Friday. Call us now on **03300 580 404**.

Find us at www.shelter.org.uk/debtadvice

Open consultation

[A new deal for renting: resetting the balance of rights and responsibilities between landlords and tenants.](#)

Summary

This consultation seeks views on implementing the government's decision to remove Section 21 of the Housing Act 1988 and improving section 8 eviction grounds. This consultation closes 12 October 2019

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

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

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

NHAS is funded by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government. We support the prevention of homelessness by enabling frontline providers to deliver good quality housing and homelessness advice.