

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

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Service updates

Stop press FREE Health roadshow 16 July Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health
5-11 Theobalds Rd, Holborn, London WC1X 8SH to reserve a place
email nhas@shelter.org.uk, more details to follow

Information

Training

Go to www.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

How to contact us

0300 330 0517 or webchat www.nhas.org.uk

You can call between 9am and 6pm from Monday to Friday for specialist advice related to housing and housing debt.

All of our services, including the Consultancy Line, are free.

Since we act as a consultancy service we don't record your client's name. However if possible please have ready the following information before contacting us:

- your name and local authority
- your telephone number and email address
- details of the client's situation



Focus on: Benefits

Amber Rudd has released [a written statement](#) to announce that the DWP are removing the three-year benefit sanction. From the end of this year the maximum benefit sanction will be 6 months

News, updates and statistics

[Can private landlords refuse to let to Housing Benefit claimants?](#) This briefing paper considers evidence of private landlords' reluctance to let to prospective tenants in receipt of Housing Benefit/Universal Credit. The paper looks at the reasons behind this reluctance and action being taken to challenge landlords/agents who operate a "no DSS" policy

[Committee hears evidence on benefit discrimination in rented housing](#) Sparked by media reports late last year of mortgage lenders restricting landlords from renting to people on benefits, the Committee began an investigation into No DSS: discrimination against benefit claimants in the housing sector

[Universal credit and its impact on household incomes](#): The long and the short of it.
Institute for fiscal studies briefing

Housing Systems have produced a useful summary flowchart about UC and housing costs. See [here](#)

[Brokenshire confirms over £25 million to help vulnerable rough sleepers](#)

Thousands of vulnerable people sleeping rough will get specialist support to recover from life on the streets

[Use of statistics on impact of Rough Sleeping Initiative](#) Letter from Sir David Norgrove, Chair of the UK Statistics Authority, to Lord Bourne, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at MHCLG

[Left-behind communities out in the cold without publicly funded housing legal advice](#)

More than half local authorities in England and Wales have no publicly funded legal advice for housing, the Law Society said as it published analysis revealing catastrophic 'legal aid deserts' across the country.

A new interactive map shows the vanishing number of providers in each local authority area - 184 have no such service and a further 81 have just one provider.

St Mungo's report

[Home for Good: Local Authority Spending on Homelessness, by WPI Economics](#)

[Residence documents for foreign nationals in the UK](#)

Govt publish guidance to the Homes (Fitness for Habitation) Act 2018. See [here](#)

[The Allocation of Housing and Homelessness \(Eligibility\) \(England\) \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 come into force on 7th May](#)

[Government unveils new support for survivors of domestic abuse](#) Thousands of survivors fleeing abusive and violent relationships will receive greater protection thanks to a new package of support

[This Briefing Paper](#) outlines the housing options open to serving and ex-military personnel, it does not cover service accommodation provided by the Ministry of Defence

[What's new on Shelter Legal](#)

- [Workers](#)
- [Buying a home](#)
- [Right to reside](#)
- [After eviction](#)
- [Overpayments of housing benefit](#)

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 Health, Communities and Local Government. We support the prevention of homelessness by enabling frontline providers to deliver good quality housing and homelessness advice.