




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

Here to help local authorities and advice agencies on 0300 330 0517

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Guidance from Homeless Link

Homeless Link have released new guidance on Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults and Community Care Assessments.

The Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults guidance sets out the principles of safeguarding and what staff can expect upon receiving an alert.

The Guidance on Community Care Assessments covers the basic principles of Community Care Assessments and the steps that support workers should take to secure them.

[Guidance on Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults](#) [Guidance on Community Care Assessments](#)

Young Leaders Experience 2015



On the 23-24 September The National Housing Federation's Young Leaders Experience 2015 will be held at ICC Birmingham. Dedicated to young leaders in the housing sector the event aims to give practical advice to help you get ahead.

Click [here](#) for the full line up of speakers.

Success for Barnet CAB

After providing help to Barnet CAB, the NHAS received this email letting us know they had been successful in their client's case:

"Barnet Council received our submission last Wednesday and the DHP team called me yesterday to advise that they are making a payment of £1,400 to clear our client's rents arrears this Friday and they will allocate 100% of rent liability to our client and pay the full rent via housing benefit to the social landlord going forward. This means that the landlord cannot now evict the client; she has received a notice for possession due to rent arrears.

So overall, an excellent result and a very relieved client. We could not have succeeded without your help, so many thanks."

[Read the attached leaflet for more details on Housing Debt Casework.](#)

Spotlight on... Castle Vale Tenants & Residents Alliance



Castle Vale Tenants & Residents Alliance provide support and assistance to disadvantaged household in the North East of Birmingham. Formed 20 years ago the organisation has grown from a community steering group and now provides a range of specialist services to vulnerable people. [Our spotlight on CVTRA](#) provides an overview of KCAH and also how they use NHAS.

[For more information on the CVTRA visit their website.](#)

NHAS Homelessness Symposium – London, 9.30 to 1pm

The next NHAS Homelessness Symposium will take place in London on 29th September. We'll be providing a legal briefing, workshops and preventing mortgage repossessions updates amongst other topics. It's free to attend, go to our news page to find out more:

<http://nhas.org.uk/news/london-nhas-homelessness-symposium>.

[If you would like to book email us at nhas@shelter.org.uk.](mailto:nhas@shelter.org.uk)

Places still available on NHAS courses

Places are still available on the following courses*:

Mortgage Arrears and Possession Process	17/08/2015	London
Homelessness Advice Next Steps	02/09/2015	Newcastle
Advising on Possession Proceedings for Rented Housing	03/09/2015	Birmingham
Housing Assistance for Persons From Abroad	03/09/2015	Cambridge
Housing Assistance for Persons From Abroad	09/09/2015	Leeds
Housing Advice and Relationship Breakdown New	10/09/2015	Dunstable Luton
Rented Housing Next Steps	10/09/2015	Nottingham
Mortgage Arrears and Possession Process	15/09/2015	Guildford
Rented Housing Next Steps	15/09/2015	Cambridge

Rented Housing Next Steps	17/09/2015	London
Rented Housing Next Steps	23/09/2015	Guildford
Mortgage Arrears and Possession Process	24/09/2015	Stockton
Rented Housing Next Steps	25/09/2015	Manchester

*Please note these courses are only available to bureaux and voluntary organisations.

[For more information email nhas@shelter.org.uk](mailto:nhas@shelter.org.uk)

Bookings being taken for seminars on new homeless vulnerability

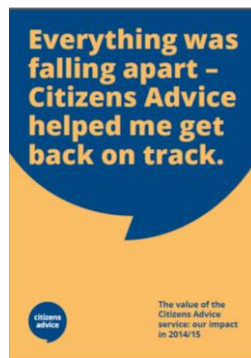
The definition of homelessness has changed. Shelter is running one-day seminars which will help update your knowledge about the new law.

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Written by experienced trainer and housing lawyer Mark Robinson, the seminar will be delivered by Mark or one of Shelter's most experienced trainers. The seminar will explain how the Pereira test came in front of the Supreme Court and what was said in court before discussing the new vulnerability test and relevance of the 2010 Equality Act. Finally it will go through how to put the new law into practice. Book a date [online](#).

[Email inhousetraining@shelter.org.uk](mailto:inhousetraining@shelter.org.uk) or call **0344 515 1161** for more information.

Citizens Advice service 14/15 impact report



The Citizens Advice service have released their 2014/15 impact report which explains who the service are and what it achieves.

Last year the service helped 2.5 million people and the report explains the figures in full.

[Read the full impact report here.](#)

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