

Under pressure

Fairness and flexibility in local housing

Despite the government drive to increase the number of affordable homes, demand for social housing continues to exceed supply. Applications for social housing are rising and intensifying the challenge for landlords to provide a fair allocations policy that reflects the needs and demands of their local communities.

The process of allocating social housing is complex and often misunderstood.

Fair and flexible, the recently published CLG draft guidance and consultation, is calling for landlords to work with tenants to develop fairer allocations systems that offer greater choice and mobility. The guidance proposes to strengthen the freedoms councils have to prioritise needs specific to their local area.

Attend this conference to hear the latest thinking on housing allocations policy and practice, contribute your opinions to the debate, and inform your response to the CLG consultation.

SESSIONS INCLUDE:

- Key proposals from the new CLG draft guidance

- The proposed TSA standard for allocations
- A legal update
- Tackling overcrowding – local and sub-regional initiatives
- Promoting mobility across local authority boundaries
- Choice-based lettings schemes – just how successful have they been?

OUR SPEAKERS

The conference will be chaired by **Gill Leng**, Executive Director, Strategic Housing Services, HQN. Speakers include **Frances Walker**, Head of Allocations Team, CLG; **Tim Gray**, Head

of the Homelessness Action Team, Tenant Services Authority; **Peter Marcus**, Barrister at Arden Chambers; **Stephen Ellis**, Mobility Services Delivery Manager (Housemoves), Communities and Local Government and **Elizabeth Alexander**, West London Overcrowding Co-ordinator, West London Housing Partnership.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This conference will be of interest to everybody involved in the design and delivery of housing allocation schemes from local authorities, ALMOs and housing associations including project managers, heads of allocations, homelessness and housing management in addition to equal opportunities, policy and strategy officers.

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4.5 CPD hours

Registration: 10.00am

Start: 10.30am

Finish: 4.30pm

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By phone: Please telephone us on 0845 4747 004 (*and send this booking form as soon as possible*)

By fax: Fax us on 0845 4747 006 (*a fax transmission will secure a firm booking if places are available*)

By post: Complete this form and send it to: HQN Limited, Rockingham House, St Maurice's Road, York YO31 7JA

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DELEGATE FEES

The cost of this event is £262.00 (plus VAT at the applicable rate). Discounts are available to members of The Housing Quality Network – please tick here if eligible ☐. The fee includes refreshments, lunch* and a detailed information pack.

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