



Helping you with your finances

Advice and information on our
tenancy support services



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We know that money worries can be really stressful. That's why we offer free, confidential money advice to all of our tenants.

Whether you're looking for practical support, advice on budgeting or more information about how to manage your bills, our Tenancy Support team is here for you.

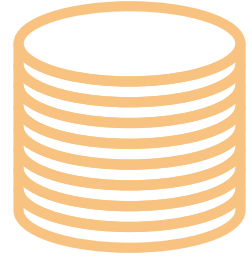
When you get in touch, we'll make an appointment to discuss your finances with you, either over the phone or in our offices. If you can't make it to our offices, we can visit you at home.

If you are referred to us for support, we will get in touch within 48 hours. If you write to us in a letter or an email, we will acknowledge it within two working days, and give you a full reply within five working days.

What can we do?

We offer a range of ways to help you keep up with rent payments and manage your finances. Here are some of the things we can do:

- Carry out affordability checks for new applicants for general needs and independent living homes, to help you make sure you can afford your new tenancy
- Meet you for a pre-tenancy interview to go over your money worries
- Set up support reviews with you, if we feel you may struggle to meet the needs of your tenancy
- Provide Foodbank vouchers if you need them
- Carry out benefit checks, making sure you are receiving all the benefits you are entitled to, and helping you to claim any benefits you aren't currently receiving
- Help you to request a review of a benefit decision and support you at benefit hearings
- Refer complex cases which need specialist support to organisations who can provide you with assistance
- Provide information about other services that can give you the advice and support you need



How we will work with you

- We will ensure that you are offered a choice of appointment times to suit your needs (within certain hours).
- We will be well-informed, so that we are able to help you.
- We will act with integrity. We will be courteous, helpful, open and honest, working with you without judgement or prejudice. We will be welcoming, professional and friendly in our approach, and treat everyone equally with respect and dignity.
- We will be clear about what we can do and when we can do it.

How you can work with us

- If you can't attend an appointment we've made for you, please let us know in advance so that we can rearrange it.
- So that we have the best chance of supporting you, you will need to let us know everything about your finances. We will ensure this data is kept private and confidential. For more information, ask about our privacy policy.

- If we visit your home, please ensure pets are in another room.

What we can't do

- We are not registered financial advisors, so we can't provide advice on financial products, investments, savings or tax.
- We cannot act as a debt counselling service.
- We are not able to provide any transport you might need for benefit hearings or medical assessments.
- Some issues are too complex for us to support. We will try to refer you to the appropriate specialist to provide the help you need.

Contact us

Our Tenancy Support team is here to help you, so please get in touch. They are available from **Monday to Friday**, between **8:45am** and **5:15pm**.

Please call **0800 218 2247**.



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