



# Good management practice in HMOs, minimising risk

# What we do

- Front line services from 11 Crisis Skylight centres around the UK
- Training, education, employment, housing, health & wellbeing
- Research, policy and campaigns



# Crisis and Sharing:

## The Sharing Solutions Programme

- DCLG funding – Oct 13-March 15
- 8 projects around England
- Learning and good practice programme
- Increase access and supply
- Create replicable models and sustainable tenancies

Ongoing work around best practice in sharing in the PRS

Increasing work with social landlords setting up shared houses

2 Toolkits – A Shared Approach and Spare to Share

## Good Practice

- Suitability of property
- Importance of not overcrowding
- How many sharers?
- Insulation and energy efficiency
- Furniture
- Layout
- Space for socialising
- Additional electrical sockets
- Upgrading fire detectors
- Proactive management of HMOs – regular inspections and house meetings
- Preparing people for live in HMOs, tenancy training

# Renting Ready Tenancy Training



## What is Renting Ready?

A comprehensive tenancy skills course that supports learners to overcome barriers to accessing accommodation by equipping them with the knowledge and confidence needed to find an appropriate property and successfully sustain a tenancy.

## Who is it for?

- homeless people
- those at risk of homelessness
- those with limited experience of managing a tenancy

## What are the contents?

- Getting ready to move
- Money Matters
- Making your money go further
- Making a house a home
- Finding and living with flatmates



## Which organisations can it benefit?

Flexible, with the ability to be delivered in a variety of ways, Renting Ready can be tailored to meet the needs of a range of different organisations and client groups.

- Housing association
- Local authority
- Help to Rent project
- Supported housing project
- Advice or support charity
- Prison, Community Rehabilitation Company or Probation service
- Any other organisation working with homeless people or those at risk of homelessness



# What are the benefits?

## For clients

- Overcome barriers to housing by learning how to search for affordable properties and how to approach landlords.
- Tools to manage better on a low income.
- Understanding rights and responsibilities.
- Skills to overcome issues that might arise with housemates or neighbours.
- Learning about getting to know a new area to make their move on successful.
- Knowledge and confidence needed to find a property and successfully sustain a tenancy.

## For organisations and landlords

- Clients have realistic expectations about what to look for in a property.
- Tenants that understand how to look after a property and what their rights and responsibilities are.





# Thank you



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