

Repairs and Asset Management Club 2023

Wednesday 18 October 2023

Online via Teams

Programme

09:30 Arrival / online access

09:35 Welcome and opening comments
Peter Salisbury, Club Manager

09:40 Decent Homes Standard and 'Knowing our Homes'

Annie will share with us some key elements of the proposed response to the Better Social Housing Review, published together by the National Housing Federation (NHF) and Chartered Institute of Housing (CIH).

One of the key findings of the Better Social Housing Review is that social housing providers need to improve how they collect and use data – both about the condition of the homes they manage and about who lives in them.

Through a programme of work called 'Knowing our Homes' NHF are keen to establish a shared, standardised approach for gathering and using information about the condition of our properties and the residents who live in them.

Annie Owens, Policy Leader, National Housing Federation

10:20 Housing repairs and maintenance review

Housemark's consultancy team regularly help housing providers review their services. In this session we will consider the findings of the recent housing repairs and maintenance review conducted for one local authority customer.

We will explore the issues, the challenges and the proposed improvements that were identified.

Paul O'Callaghan, Consultancy and Business Development Lead and John Wickenden, Research Manager, Housemark

11:00 Comfort break

11:15 Group discussion session

12:00 Management of Asbestos in Social Housing

Health and Safety Executive (HSE) states that asbestos is still the single greatest cause of work-related deaths in the UK.

'Asbestos can be found in any industrial or residential building built or refurbished before the year 2000. It is in many of the common materials used in the building trade that you may come across during your work.'

Gradient advise housing providers on their compliance duties in the management of property and projects, including asbestos management, and in this session, we will explore the latest updates, case studies and solutions for asbestos management in social housing.

Clare Armstrong, Director, Gradient Consultants

12:50 **Wrap up and closing comments**
Peter Salisbury, Club Manager