

Housing sex offenders

Customer summary of a Genesis Housing Group policy.

This policy applies to all customers who are living in homes that are owned or managed by subsidiaries of Genesis Housing Group with the exception of Pathmeads Key Places. The policy excludes customers whose housing is managed on behalf of a local authority (Hackney & Westminster).

Introduction

Everyone should have fair and equal access to housing. This policy explains how we will:

- manage the risk posed by sex offenders and protect the communities where they live
- work in partnership with other agencies
- ensure that sex offenders receive support to allow them to sustain a tenancy.

Definitions

Sex offences can include; possession of indecent material, sexual assault, indecent exposure, intercourse with a minor, rape, incest, and bodily injury to a child under 18. This list is not exhaustive. A more comprehensive list is featured in the full policy document.

Sex offenders pose a potential risk that requires assessing, but they do not necessarily have special housing requirements. Not all sex offenders are a threat to children.

Our duties to re-house sex offenders

We have a duty to work with our local authority partners and re-house sex offenders. We will contribute to risk assessments, Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangement (MAPPA) and Multi Agency Public Protection Panel (MAPPP) meetings where appropriate in order to assess a sex-offender's risk and their requirements for re-housing. We will not lead these meetings; organisations with expertise, such as probation, will lead any assessments.

Prior to re-housing

We will consider the risk of re-housing sex offenders and examine the person's history, before we make an allocation to one of our properties or accept a nomination. A risk assessment will consider the offence the person has committed, when it was committed, the potential risk to existing residents and the likelihood of re-offending.

We may receive an application from a household where one member is a sex offender yet hasn't declared it on their form. We will work closely with police, support agencies, choice based lettings partners and local authorities to share information to prevent this happening. If a case like this arises we will take any necessary action to assess the risk and if appropriate decline an application for housing.

Making an offer of housing

We will consider where we re-house a sex offender. For example: anyone with a history of offences against children will not be housed near a school or playground. It is impossible to remove all risk, so we will consider pre-cautionary measures to further minimise risk. Where it is possible we will house sex offenders where there is CCTV, avoid housing more than one offender in the same area and try to ensure that the person concerned receives appropriate support. Ultimately, we want to provide a permanent home to enable a sex offender to adopt a stable lifestyle and manage their behaviour.

Managing sex offenders when housed

There may be occasions when an existing tenant/resident, a member of a household or a leaseholder is either suspected or convicted of committing a sexual offence. If this happens we will work closely with police and other agencies to address the matter and minimise the risk to the community. We may take action, which could include possession action.

Tenants/residents and local residents will be encouraged to report any suspicious activity to the police. We recognise the harmful effect a sexual offence can

have on both the victim and their family. We will offer support and, where possible, fulfil any request to move home using our transfer/lettings policies.

We appreciate that an offender's behaviour may change over time so we will work with relevant agencies to monitor their behaviour and identify any changes to their risk.

Confidentiality

Information regarding sex offenders will be treated with confidence in line with the Group's confidentiality and data protection policies. Details of any offences will only be released when absolutely necessary and any documents relating to both the offender and their offences will be kept in secure storage with limited access.

Contact us



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If you are a **Pathmeads customer** phone us on one of the numbers below: Temporary housing **020 8900 4900** Octavia Hill **020 8900 4998** Key Places **020 7380 9025** or email **info@pathmeads.org.uk** **www.pathmeads.org.uk**



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Bengali

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Spanish

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