



Part of the Genesis Housing Group

National Fraud Initiative – Subletting

PCHA has volunteered to take part in a National Fraud Initiative which aims to prevent and detect fraud in social housing. This initiative is being run by the Audit Commission, and involves matching information that we hold about our residents to other housing providers' records. The aim of this initiative is to identify residents who may be fraudulently renting more than one property.

PCHA has a legal duty to protect the public funds which we receive and use for housing and ensure that public funds are being allocated and used appropriately. The sharing of this information is allowed within the provisions of the Audit Commission Act 1998, and the terms of the Data Protection Act 1998. PCHA and other social housing landlords are taking part in this initiative with the Audit Commission for the prevention and detection of fraud and to ensure public funds and housing are being allocated appropriately.

Residents are assured that there is nothing to be concerned over and that there is nothing they need to do. PCHA will only contact if, after the data exercise, the Audit Commission findings suggest that we need to check some further information.

The Audit Commission will receive the following set of personal information on the named tenant/leaseholder:

- Name
- Date of birth
- Address
- The number of individuals recorded on our systems who are living at the address
- Tenancy reference number
- Housing benefit reference number
- Tenancy start and end date

If you would like more details on the full set of initiatives, they are set out in the Audit Commission's guidance, which can be found at www.audit-commission.gov.uk/nfi. The data matching by the Audit Commission is subject to a Code of Practice. This can be found at www.audit-commission.gov.uk/nfi/codeofdmp.asp.

If you have any questions please contact our customer contact centre on 0208 451 8000