

What is an assured tenancy?

An assured tenancy, also known as an 'Assured Non-Shorthold Periodic Tenancy', offers you security as it gives you the right to remain in your home for as long as you wish. This would only change if you breached the terms of your tenancy, or if you no longer lived in it as your only or main home.

This leaflet will help to understand the tenancy by explaining some of the legal terms it uses, for more detailed information please refer to the tenancy agreement or speak to a member of staff.

What is the right of succession?

Succession happens when a tenant dies and their tenancy passes to a qualifying relative. For sole tenancies, this would be a husband or wife who was living with you at the time of your death. With joint tenancies, it would automatically transfer to the remaining tenant.

Your tenancy agreement will include details about who can succeed your tenancy. There can only be one succession per tenancy.

What is the right to exchange?

With our agreement, you can swap your tenancy with a resident from another housing association or local authority. Please get in touch with us if you would like more information about exchanging your property, we have a leaflet which is available on request or from our website.

What is the right to acquire?

This gives tenants living in certain properties the right to buy their home. To qualify for the scheme, your home must have been built or purchased on or after 1st April 1997 using money from the government.

If you would like to buy your property, you will be given a small discount which will vary depending on where you live and the size of your property. Please get in touch with us for more information.

What if I decide to end the tenancy?

You can end the tenancy at any time by sending us signed and dated notice one full calendar month before you want to move out. A leaflet and form you can use to help you do this are available on our website or by contacting our office.

What shall I do if I'm finding it difficult to pay my rent?

Your Housing Officer or our Income Management Officer will be able to point you in the direction of an agency which can help if you are having trouble paying your rent.

Our aim is to keep you in your home, living in the terms of your tenancy agreement and paying your rent. We are here to help so please do get in touch if you are facing difficulties.

Any questions?

If you have any questions about your tenancy, please talk to your Housing Officer who will be happy to help.

