

# **OneCIH update**

Gavin Smart
Chief Executive

## What I'm going to talk about



- Reflections on first 10 months as CEO
- How we are doing and where we are going:
  - the money
  - membership
  - education & training
  - policy
- Looking further ahead



# Thank you!

## My first 10 months



- Not really what I expected!
  - But you don't chose the hand you're dealt
- Our purpose matters because the work of housing professionals matters
- A good organisation with the potential to be great
- We weathered the initial COVID storm
- We have show we can change fast when we need to
- Professionalism is on the rise in housing
- Politics is complicated right now, but we still have influence

# Impact of Covid19 on year-end 19/20

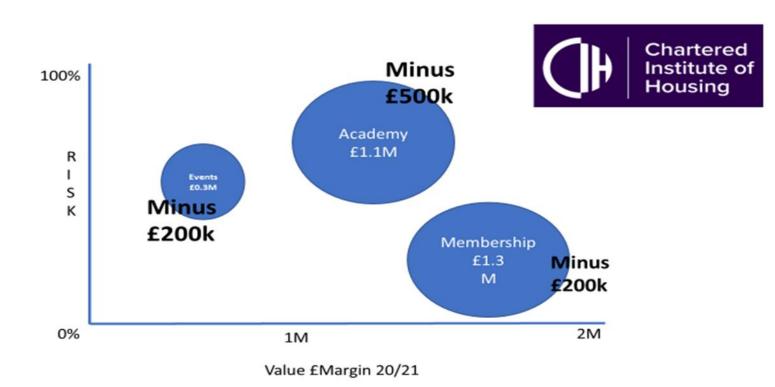


		£k
Full year 2019/20 Forecast as at January		235
Over-performance last two months of the year		60
Impact of postponing Total Housing	-139	
Bad debt provisions	-150	
Impairment of investments	-395	
Total Covid 19 impact		-684
Revaluation of Octavia		300
Release of over-stated provisions		100
Full year 2019/20		13

Final result was £8k profit, with audit nearing completion

# 20/21 after COVID 19 - £1.4m worse





Partner income down £500k also

# Where does all that leave us for this year?



View January 20 Profit of £300k

- Covid 19 impacts minus £1400k

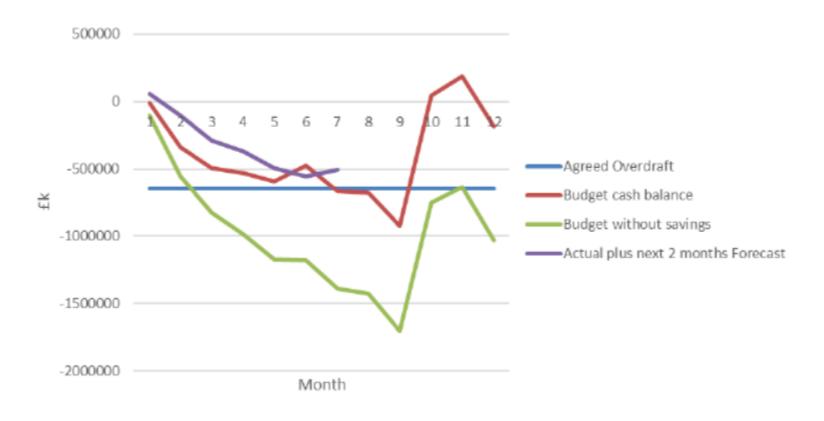
+ Savings expected plus £850

= likely loss of £250k

# Cashflow – savings impact & actual performance so far



CiH Cashforecast 20/21



# Income and Expenditure Account so far....



I&E August 2020	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Variance
Membership	684	593	91
Events	-115	-36	-79
(Events Non-conf)	-36	-48	12
Housing Academy	261	251	10
Awarding Body	186	98	88
Gross Margin	980	858	122
Overheads	-918	-972	54
Other costs	-232	-245	13
Net margin	-170	-359	189

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Corporate items	-159	-165	6
Joint ventures	99	98	1
Subsidiaries	0	10	10
Investment income	33	25	8
Investment return	225	0	225
Final net result	28	-391	419

## Membership



- 2019-20 saw us increase paying membership
- Our latest membership survey saw a 16% increase in responses more analysis to come
- A number of new initiatives have seen membership numbers increasing
  - Building better boards offer
  - Joint membership offer with TILM
- Delivered more free for members activity than ever before during COVID
- Best engagement we have seen from members

## Membership



- Following a report put to governing board last July, we want to inspire and encourage more people to get involved with CIH
- We are now in a more flexible structure, with more people than ever before getting involved on a regional level
- Increase in the number of member champions
- Recruitment ongoing, but with a new launch planned before the end of the year

## **Education & Training**



- Expanded online delivery of qualifications
  - separated some out into 'bitesize' units to access in chunks, rather than committing to full programme
  - on-line plus quals additional tutor support built in and flexible delivery (evenings, etc)
- Expanded training offer
  - responsive to feedback/direction of travel redesigned to shorter sessions
  - adjusted to recognise different approach required by online delivery
- Development of teams' skills
  - supporting online offer, commercial considerations, managing change
- Linking up with other professional bodies to share resources and expertise
  - joint leadership activity with The ILM + joint membership offer

## Our policy work



- A core partner in Homes at the Heart
  - Alongside NHF, ARCH, Nat Fed ALMOS, Crisis
  - 60+ supporter organisations
- Making the case for social rented homes + affordable housing
- Domestic abuse + mental health
- A better, fairer welfare system
- Spending Review submission
  - Housing investment at the heart of the recovery new supply & welfare
  - Building safety
  - Shared prosperity fund
  - Supported housing
  - Ending homelessness
  - Support for retrofit and carbon reduction in housing
- Professionalism

# Looking ahead



- Promoting professional standards
  - Framework
  - Self-assessment tools
- Growing membership
- Go to provider for education & training
- Timely, relevant, current and agile
- Financially stable
- Customer service
- Influential voice
- The professional body you deserve

## Thank you again



- Your support got us this far
- We are ambitious (and a bit impatient)
- We want to grow the profession and the impact of our work
- Please continue to work with us
  - You make us better
- Your work changes lives
- Thank you





Council starts campaign to improve an estate

A DETERMINED effort is being made to improve living conditions for council tenants on Bolton's Top o'th' Brow estate.

And one of the major steps Bolton Council has taken is to open a new housing department office on the

The New Lane office will be staffed by two housing officials who will sort out tenants' complaints, rents, housing allocations, and estate management.

who will run the office with his assistant, Mr Roy Cross, commented: "We are particularly keen to work alongside the residents to improve the area.

"There is a newly-formed Residents'
Association, and I attend the fortnightly meetings."

### PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

He added: "The key to improvement in the area lies in a partnership between the housing department and the residents of the estate."

Mr Perry already has experience of this type of work. He was responsible for opening the council's first estate office at The Willows.

While the office is being fully equipped it is open only from 10 a.m. until noon each day. But next month, the hours will be extended to 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and from 2 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday.



Gordon Perry, estate manager, outside the new Top o'th' Brow housing office.

Evening News, Friday, October 5, 1984





# It's good to talk...so keep talking

- Keep Talking to our customers, our residents our people
- Keep Talking to your colleagues, share the highs and the lows
- Keep Talking to your friends, family and loved ones you are not alone









# #proudtobeprofessional

Raising the profile of the housing profession

**OneCIH** 

## Professionalism - the big questions



- How do we generate a sense of public pride in social housing, as a place to live and as a career?
- What can we do to raise the profile of the housing profession and challenge perceptions people have?
- How do we tackle stigma within our own organisations and more widely?
- Can we demonstrate we have equal credibility and status to other professional we work with?
- How do we raise the bar, build our specialist skills and keep up with developments in housing to help us make complex decisions with confidence?
- How can we continue respond professionally to the challenges brought about by Covid 19?



### The change we want to see.....



### Our vision is to create a profession where housing professionals:

- are recognised and valued for their knowledge, skills and behaviour
- have the expected standards of knowledge, skills and behaviours to deliver the best services for their customers
- use their expertise to add value and change lives
- are committed to be a force for change across the sector
- play a key role in creating a future in which everyone has a decent, secure and high-quality place to call home
- understand the impact of their language, behaviour and conduct
- are able to react positively to a constantly changing environment



### More than a framework....



- Messaging on why this matters
- Influencing governments
- Getting buy in/ making the case
- Changing culture
- Tackling stigma
- Embedding into all we do....
- Continuous learning and development



## For organisations





Assurance and confidence that staff will do the right thing



Compliance with legal, regulatory and statutory expectations



Ethical working practices



Relevant and up-to-date knowledge and skills



Quick to adapt to change



Confident and competent decision making



### For individuals





Professional recognition and status



Promotion and career development opportunities



Confident decision making



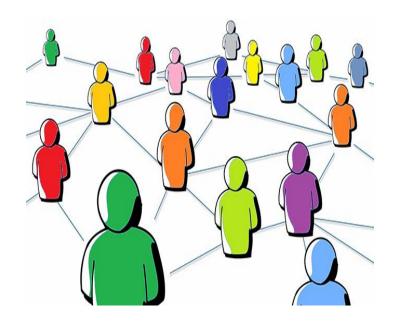
Continuous learning and improvement



Improved knowledge, skills and behaviours



Credibility among peers and partners



### In practice....



Less complaints

Improved satisfaction

Getting things right first time

Improved morale

Confident decision making

Ownership of professional development

Improved productivity and capacity

More creativity and innovation

Better understanding of strategic vision

More engaged staff,

More rounded view of the housing sector

Suggest improvements

## The CIH professional journey....



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#### Phase 3

May 2021

#### Phase 4

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## The professional standards framework





Online visual framework that sets out:



- the **principles** associated with being a housing professional



- the **core characteristics** of a professional person



- the **professional standards** that individuals are expected to meet to against each of the characteristics



For **members** and non-members



Tailors CIH content against **principles**, **characteristics** and **standards** 



## Overarching professional principles



### A professional person:

- Has high standards of conduct
- Reflects on and challenges stigma
- Acts in the public interest
- Exercises reasoned judgement in the application of their knowledge
- Has an understanding of what is right
- Is current and up-to-date in their knowledge
- Demonstrates passion, drive and commitment
- Is motivated by a social purpose

- Has a commitment to a set of values
- Pursues opportunities to test insight, develop new approaches and innovate
- Enables their own and others' continuous professional development
- Reflects on their experiences, seeks feedback and actively applies learning
- Understands the limits of their expertise
- Possesses and uses specialised knowledge

### Professional characteristics



#### Skilled

A housing professional equips themselves with the relevant skills to deliver effective services to customers, colleagues and partners

#### Knowledgeable

A housing professional has relevant and up-to-date knowledge, understands the bigger picture and passion and commitment for continuous learning

#### Integrity

A housing professional acts with integrity underpinned by lived values and they challenge themselves and empower others.

#### **Ethical**

A housing professional acts in an ethical manner and makes decisions by applying principles and values consistently.

#### **Inclusive**

A housing professional acts in an inclusive and fair manner and builds good relationships and work collaboratively and inclusively with their partners.

#### Advocate

A housing professional acts as an ambassador for the sector and profession and demonstrates the ability to adapt to new ideas, situation and change.

#### Leader

A housing professional demonstrates leadership and is forward thinking and create opportunities.



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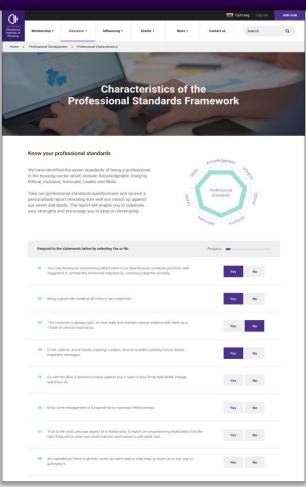
Set of self-assessment questions

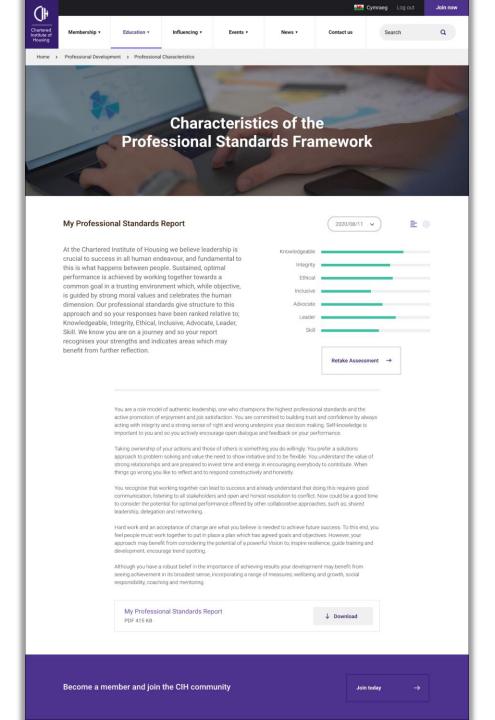
Simple profile report

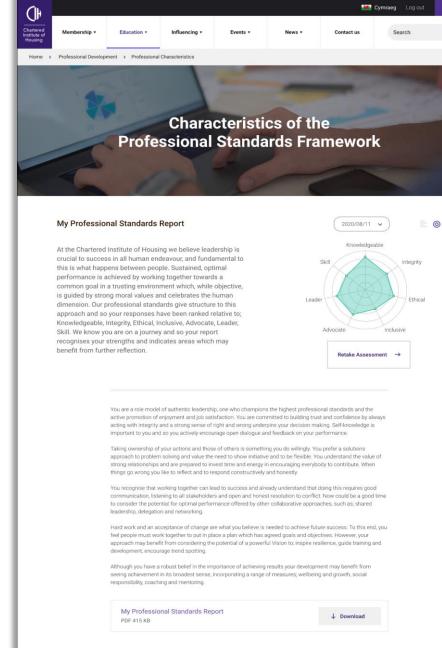
Bar and spider graph

Non-member – link to membership

Member – link to relevant content









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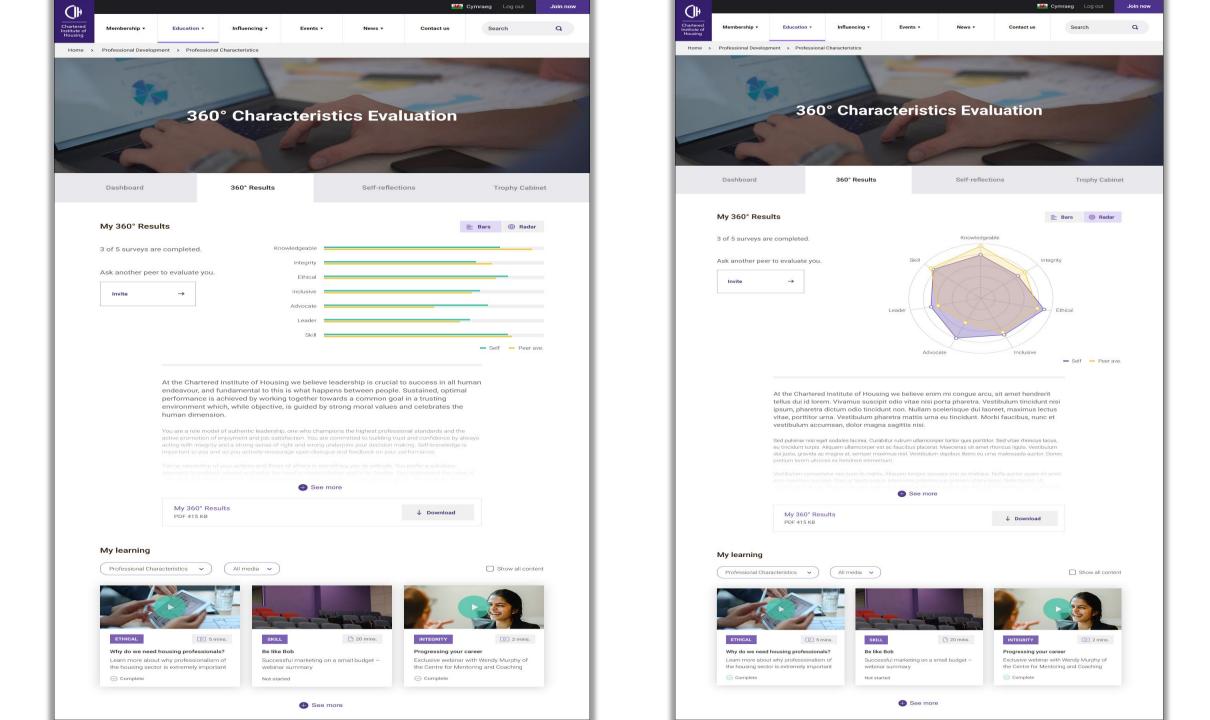
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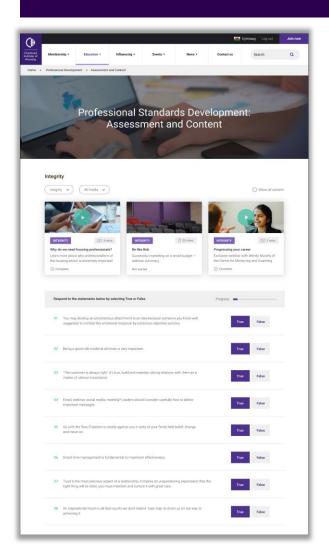
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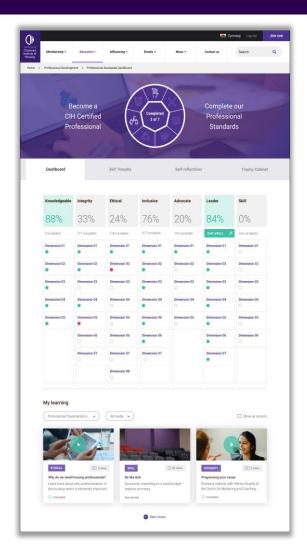
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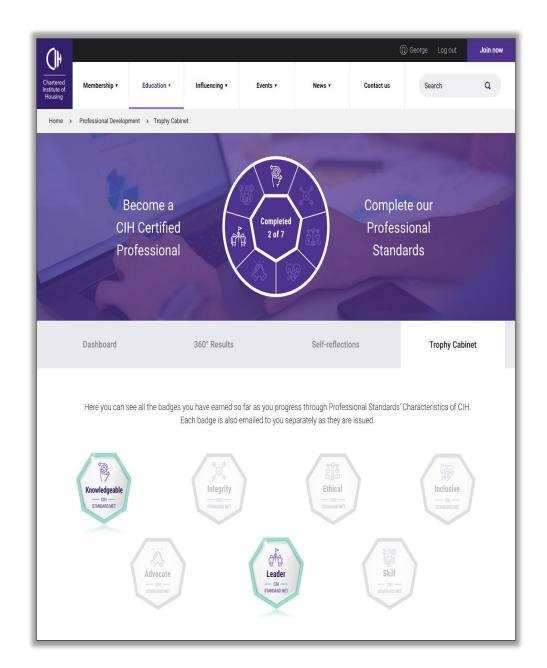
## Assessment against characteristics

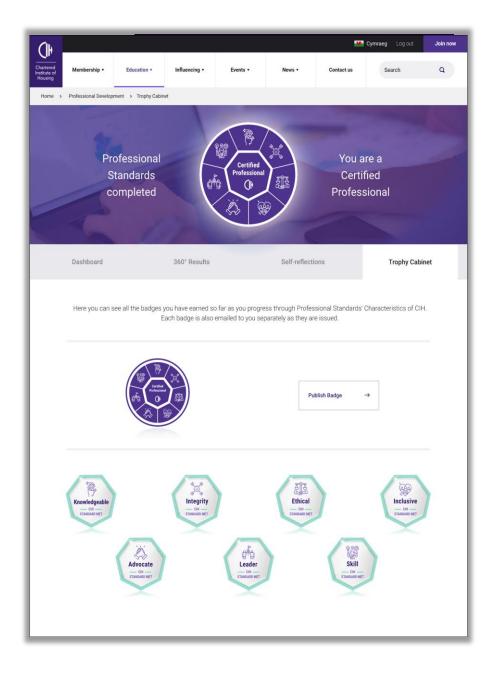






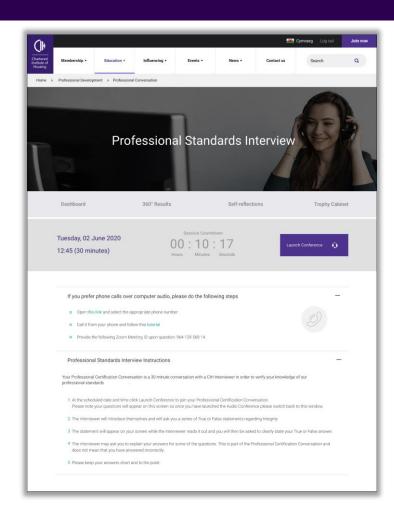






### Professional interview





- Evidence submitted to panel ahead of interview
- Similar format to current interviews
- Panel of CIH members/recognised professionals
- Pass/fail

## Lots and lots for us to do.....



Finalise the standards and undertake sector consultation

Finalise overarching professional principles

Map existing products and services against professional standards

Knowledge audit, collation and curation

Create knowledge bank mapped to professional principles, characteristics and standards

Create interactive visual for framework

Web/CRM interface

Create self and peer assessment questions against each standard

Staged platform build

Test, test, test

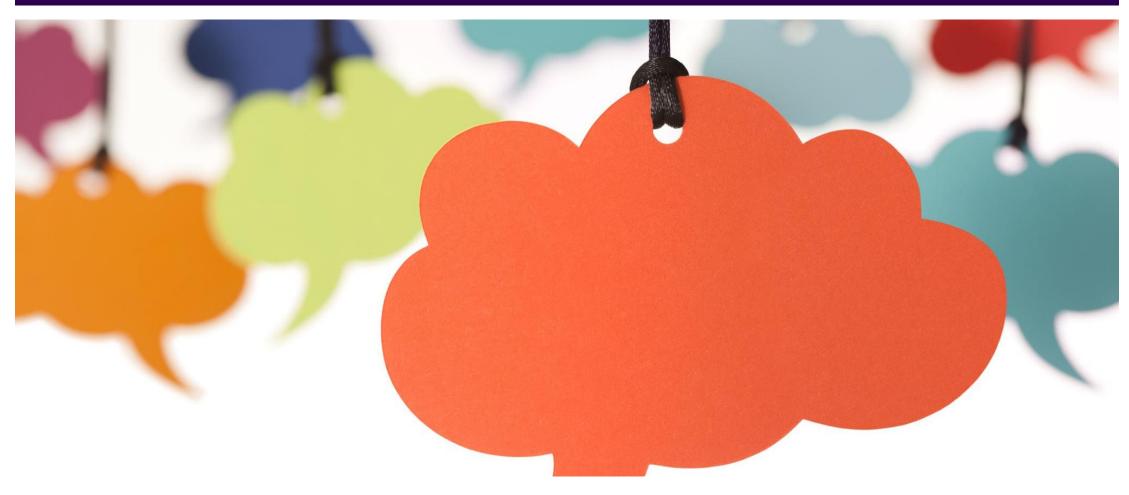
Develop new range of products and services to support the framework

Develop new modern CPD offer

Review routes to membership

# Discussion/ questions?









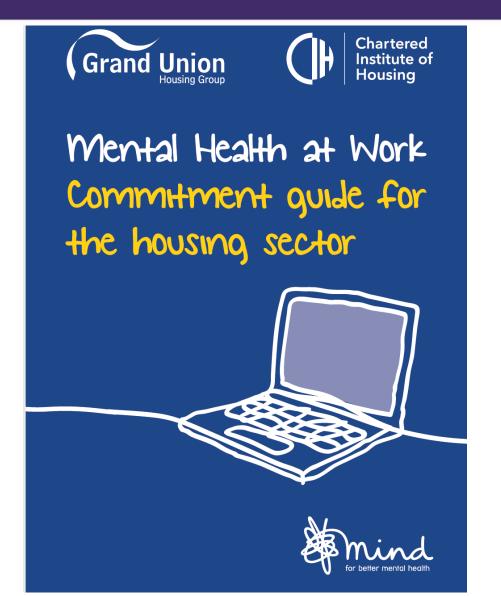
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# ONE CIH 1 October 2020













# Coming soon...











- Managing rent arrears
- Communicating effectively with tenants and residents
- Training your staff





# Managing rent arrears



Trusted friend or carer

- Transferring to support services
- Supportive correspondence
- Staff Training





# Communicating effectively with tenants and residents



- Plain English please
- Why, How and When
- Preferred method of contact

GDPR

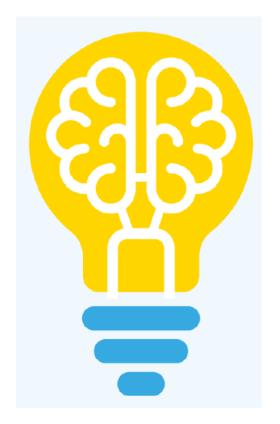




# Training your staff



- Mental Health Training as part of Induction
- Front line staff training is key
- Clear pathways for support





# Risks and opportunities



- Pre-tenancy, or requesting a move/transfer
- Letting + moving in
- Managing arrears







# Your impact. Every £1000 you raise, could enable...

Our Info and Legal lines to answer 198 queries, each response offering clarity and comfort to someone when they need it most.

Elefriends to remain an open, safe, and supportive space for 26 hours. There will be over 25,000 interactions on the site in this time.

FIVE people with depression or anxiety to take part in a course of individual and group outdoor therapy sessions.

one full year of mental health assemblies, supporting the wellbeing of a whole school of children.









With thanks to the HAs which contributed to Coaching Futures's report about their experiences during the Covid-19 lockdown period. Delighted to support the President's #s#ShineALight appeal for MIND.

£28,820

raised of £50,000 target by 346 supporters

A really worthy cause. Wellbeing is so important particularly in these difficult times. I struggle myself on some days and really miss seeing my family and colleagues.

Earlier this week I was part of a fantastic Masterclass with Aileen Evans, President of the Chartered Institute of Housing and CEO of Grand Union Housing Group, as part of the #EasternLeaders2020 programme being run in partnership with Greenacre Recruitment Limited.

The were so many fantastic insights from Aileen. One of the things that stood out for me was how important it is to create the space to think and how thinking organisations can do more of the right things faster. We all need time to think, and 'doing' all the time is counterproductive.



#### PiLON Ltd

3 days ago

Aileen, thank you so much for delivering such a powerful presentation on mental health this morning. You are doing a wonderful job raising awareness and supporting a brilliant charity. PiLON team









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