



Our Core Functions

To promote more effective joint working between housing associations, trusts, local authorities & private sector, to encourage wider thinking and to generate improved practice.

Government is devolving more responsibility to local authorities to be the strategic enablers in their areas, to act as 'place shapers' and to offer strong community leadership. Strong and Prosperous Communities

The Local Government White Paper (2006) set out a vision of strong leadership and gave a focus to partnership working that can deliver improved outcomes for local housing, in alignment with locally identified needs and local circumstances. The approach reflects a step change in the involvement of a wide range of partners and local people. There has been a strengthening of the partnership frameworks which support these ways of working and the democratic structures which provide accountability and scrutiny.

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1. To work with vulnerable groups such as adults with learning disabilities and people with mental health needs that have challenging behaviour and are discriminated against from obtaining housing & owning their own tenancies
2. Identify suitable properties for adults with learning disabilities and people with mental health needs who want to become a tenant that requires housing from local authority housing stock or independent housing providers.
3. Work in partnership with landlords who wish to provide housing for vulnerable groups, in cases where the landlord is the same care provider, act as the management agent / sub landlord providing appropriate separation and independence.
4. SCHAT to provide partnerships with Housing Associations and Trusts who provide both care and housing, and invite voluntary sectors to take advantage of six monthly quality assurance audits, offering memberships in achieving higher standards against a 3 star grading system.
5. Assisting, Residential Care Home Providers and Supported Housing Providers in the separation between landlord and care giver, thus, acting as the 'Management Agent' or 'Lease Landlord. In achieving good standards under the Commission for Social Care Inspection, Social Care Commissioning Authorities. REACH standards in Supported Living, Valuing People and Supporting People.

6. Providing tenants and landlords with housing support and assistance in areas of;
 - Housing Benefit Claims,
 - ILF funding streams,
 - Rent collection and management
 - Holding rental deposits
 - Property Maintenance Service
 - Six Monthly Health & Safety property audit
 - Six Monthly Property Visit
 - Handling Complaints & Resolution
 - Mediation
 - Advocacy