

Haringey Landlord Forum Wednesday 26th January 2011

Discussion Groups

1. Impact of the 30th percentile.

Ian Biggadike, the Housing Benefit Manager, will lead this discussion on the method of calculating the Local Housing Allowance rates based on the 30th percentile. Ian has also prepared some case studies to help you see the impact of the practical application of this change.

2. Discretionary Housing Payments (DHPs)

Lisa Hill, the HB Liaison Officer for the Housing Advice Team, and Carolyn Whitely our Senior Housing Adviser, will lead discussions on the role of the DHP. In the next few years the Government will be increasing DHP budgets to Local Authorities.

This group will look at

- What DHPs are
- What DHPs can and cannot be used for
- How DHPs can be used to assist tenants who are having difficulty meeting their rental liability
- How DHPs can be applied for

You will also be advised of what information is needed to facilitate a successful DHP claim and what assistance your tenants can receive from our dedicated Housing Advice Team if they are experiencing difficulties.

This discussion will be led by.

3. Impact of increased non-dependant deductions (NDDs)

Jayde Beckford, the Housing Benefit Liaison Officer in the Private Sector Lettings Team, and Vicky Pinkett, the Housing Advice Team Leader will lead this discussion. They will focus on the impact of increased non-dependant deductions and how, as landlords, you can be aware of the affect this will have on your tenants' benefit and how you can help to ensure tenants continue to meet their rent in full.

They will also be letting you know the advice and assistance the Housing Advice Team can give you and your tenants to minimise any shortfalls in benefit caused by non-dependant deductions.