Manage housing rent services



Overview

This standard is about providing housing rent services. This includes managing rent accounting processes and administrating debt recovery procedures with the aim of sustaining tenancies.

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Performance criteria

You	must	he al	hle to	•

- P1 manage procedures for the setting of rent and service charges in accordance with your organisational and legislative requirements
- P2 manage the collection of rent and service charges
- P3 monitor the rent collection and arrears management functions to ensure performance and customer service targets are met
- P4 manage systems and procedures for recording information
- P5 train colleagues in rent control and use of rent IT systems
- P6 advise colleagues on the welfare benefit system and relevant housing legislation
- P7 take action to minimise the amount and impact of rent arrears
- P8 manage debt recovery procedures in accordance with organisational and legal requirements
- P9 produce management information and reports as required
- P10 contribute to the development of policies and strategies to prevent and manage rent arrears
- P11 contribute to the development of policies and strategies to improve the efficiency of the setting, payment and collection of rent

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 the legal requirements on your organisation and on your customers with respect to the setting, payment and collection of rents and service charges
- K2 organisational procedures and policies for setting, paying and collecting rents and service charges
- K3 the implications of the welfare benefit system relevant to your customers
- K4 how to engage with customers and create a payment culture
- K5 the importance of maximising income for the organisation
- K6 good practice in relation to income maximisation practice and procedures
- K7 the reasons behind differing frequencies of monitoring
- K8 how to identify and respond to accounts which are in arrears
- K9 organisational procedures for debt recovery
- K10 the tools and remedies available to tackle rent arrears
- K11 legal processes relating to rent arrears
- K12 when to use a debt collection agency and how they operate
- K13 the need for all records to be accurate and complete
- K14 how to maximise the use of rent IT and monitoring systems
- K15 how to develop and establish policies, strategies and procedures
- K16 the limits of your responsibility for this work

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