

# Making a compaint or compliment



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# Our top priority is to deliver a high-quality service to all of our tenants and customers, and it is great to hear when we are.

However, we do know that sometimes things may go wrong. We want you to tell us if this happens so we can put things right.

Our complaints process is in line with the Housing Ombudsman Complaint Handling Code, which you can find on their website www.housing-ombudsman.org.uk You can contact the Housing Ombudsman for advice and guidance at any stage of our complaints process. See page 5 for their contact details.

Should you wish, you can also have an advocate/someone to deal with your complaint on your behalf, such as a friend, relative or MP.

# Your feedback is important to us

Our tenants and customers are at the heart of what we do and we want to provide you with the best service possible.

We are grateful when you tell us when we get things right or when you feel there could be room for improvement, to know how we are doing.

We have three categories for the various types of feedback you may wish to provide:

## 1. Compliments

You are happy with something that we have done and want to let us know to keep doing more of it and let colleagues know you have appreciated the service.

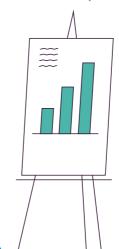
## 2. Complaints

You are dissatisfied with a service you have received from us and would like your complaint investigated further.

#### 3. Comments

You would like to comment on the services we provide and suggest how we can improve.





# **Complaints procedure**

# We have a complaint and feedback procedure that we follow:

## **Stage One**

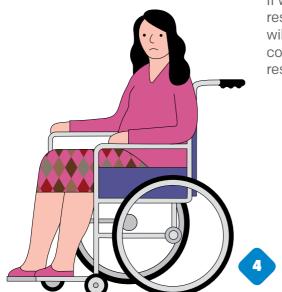
We will record and acknowledge your complaint within five working days. A dedicated case handler will investigate your complaint and aim to respond to you in writing within 10 working days. If we cannot provide you with our response within this time, we will contact you, explain why, and confirm when you can expect a response.

#### **Stage Two**

If you remain dissatisfied following our Stage One response, you can request a review of your complaint by a senior manager.

There are some exceptions to a complaint being able to progress to Stage Two. If your complaint falls under these exceptions, we will ensure that you are advised of this and guide you on your next steps. We will acknowledge and progress your complaint within five working days. A manager will review your complaint and aim to respond to you in writing within 20 working days.

If we cannot provide you with our response within this time, we will contact you, explain why and confirm when you can expect our response.



# Taking your complaint further



You can contact the Housing Ombudsman. However, we aim to resolve your complaint by following our complaints process.

## The Housing Ombudsman Service is contactable via:

Housing Ombudsman Service PO Box 1484 Unit D Preston PR2 OET

**Tel:** 0300 111 3000 (Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm. Lines closed every Thursday from 3.30pm to 5pm)

## **Live chat:**

www.housing-ombudsman.org.uk

#### Email:

info@housing-ombudsman.org.uk

#### Website:

www.housing-ombudsman.org.uk

# The Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman (LGSCO) is contactable via:

The Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman PO Box 4771 Coventry CV4 0EH

**Tel:** 0300 061 0614 (Monday and Tuesday, 10am to 1pm; Wednesday, 1pm to 4pm; Thursday closed and Friday, 10am to 1pm)

Website: www.lgo.org.uk

## First-tier Tribunal (Property Chamber)

You can find information and the contact details for the nearest service at www.gov.uk/ courtstribunals/first-tier-tribunalproperty-chamber

# Offers of goodwill or compensation

We are committed to delivering high-quality services that consistently meet our service standards. However, we recognise that occasionally the level of service provided may result in inconvenience and/or loss to our

tenants or customers. In these instances, the Group may consider making an offer of goodwill or compensation where appropriate. We will consider each case on an individual basis.

# Other organisations that help

If you are thinking of making a complaint or have already submitted one and would like some further advice, these organisations may be able to help:

## Your local councillor/MP

You can access local councillors/ MP information by visiting www.parliament.uk/mps-lordsand-offices/mps/

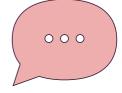
#### Citizens Advice Bureau

You can find your local Citizens Advice Bureau details by phoning 0800 144 8848 or by visiting www.citizensadvice.org.uk. Relay UK - if you can't hear or speak on the phone, you can type what you want to say 18001 then 0800 144 8884.

## Our regulatory body – the Regulator of Social Housing

For more information, visit www.gov.uk/government/ organisations/regulator-of-social-housing





# Make a compliment or complaint

You can make a compliment or complaint online at www.progressgroup.org.uk by:

- Logging into your online tenant account
- Live chat available Monday to Friday, 8am to 5pm

#### You can also:

- Call us on 0333 320 4555
- Write to us at Sumner House, 21 King Street, Leyland, Lancashire, PR25 2LW
- Visit our offices in person (see back page for address details).



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## **Get in touch**

# The quickest and most convenient way to get in touch is online at www.progressgroup.org.uk by:

- Logging into your online tenant account
- Live chat, www.progressgroup.org.uk our team is usually online from 8am - 5pm, Monday - Friday
- Visiting www.progressgroup.org. uk/get-in-touch/

In an emergency, phone 0333 320 4555, 8am to 6pm.

Progress Housing Group Sumner House 21 King Street Leyland PR25 2LW

# Report or track a repair or check your rent balance

You can pay your rent, check your rent balance and report or track a non-emergency repair online 24/7.

Log in or sign up for your online tenant account at www.progressgroup.org.uk

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