



The Social Housing Safety Network Scotland Newsletter

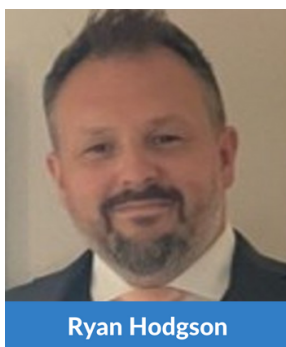
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Welcome!

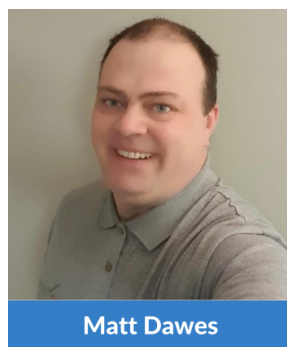
Welcome to the first newsletter from the Social Housing Safety Network Scotland. Meet the team who created the Network and whose names you will see on various emails, documents and flyers... between us we've got over 70 years' combined experience of working with and in the social housing sector... we're delighted to have you all with us on this journey.



Vicki Cutler



Ryan Hodgson



Matt Dawes



Louise Burgess

Free member webinars

We're kicking off with our 'Back to Basics' series of webinars which will take a look at a specific safety-related subject and tell you what you should be doing to comply with the Regulations and standards – sometimes, it's about more than holding a certificate or assessment and ticking a box...

For more information, and to book, click [here](#).

Annual Conference 2023: Book your place!

We are delighted to share the initial details of our first tenant & resident safety annual conference.

We've been busy putting together a jam-packed programme taking place over two days.

For more information, including topics, timings, pricing and the booking form, click [here](#).





Forum questions

There are questions on the forum, waiting for replies:

1. 'In your organisation, do you consider that it is recommended good practice to have a gas safety check at assignments and successions of tenancy and do you do this?'

2. 'We are keen to get a piece of software/portal for capturing all of our compliance data and wondered if anyone can recommend one? It should be able to hold data and actions on mould & damp given the impending requirements for the Scottish Housing Regulator.'

To answer the questions, or ask your own, head over to the forum [here](#).

You will need to set up login details if you haven't already.

Member opinion poll

Would you find an online 'job board' useful?

This would be a dedicated section on the Network website where member organisations could advertise health, safety & compliance job vacancies.

Before implementing this, we are keen to find out whether this is something members would use.

You can have your say here.

Document library...

We've been busy updating the online document library with:

- ✓ Quick Guides
- ✓ Gas Safe Technical Bulletins
- ✓ Briefings, useful publications and more.

We also upload the relevant documents from the Scottish Housing Regulator and the English Regulator and Housing Ombudsman - this is so that you can find good practice, lessons learned and key requirements that are relevant to the sector up here in Scotland.

We're always looking for more to add to the library so make sure you check back regularly to see what's new.

You can view the library [here](#). Some content requires you to be logged in to view.



NEW Expert Insights

We're delighted to announce our new 'Expert Insight' briefings for our members. We'll pick a topic and ask our technical specialists (our experts!) a series of questions - those that you really should be asking about tenant and resident safety - and we'll collate the responses together in a handy briefing for you.

Our first subject is **asbestos** and we put the questions to **Matt Dawes**; there's some really useful information that is relevant to your asbestos management arrangements.

You can find the briefing in the [quick guides and briefing section](#) - you will need to be logged in to read it!





Welcome to our new members!

We are delighted to be able to welcome the following organisations as the first members of the Network:

Whiteinch and Scotstoun Housing Association

West Whitlawburn Housing Co-operative

Thenue Housing Association

Elderpark Housing

Hanover (Scotland)

Maryhill Housing

Muirhouse Housing Association

Calvay Housing Association

Paisley Housing Association

Williamsburgh Housing Association

Ardenglen Housing Association

Atrium Group

Almond Housing

Ark Housing

Kingdom Housing Association

Clyde Valley Housing Association

Damp and mould...

High on the agenda of all social housing providers is the issue of damp and mould and we've seen a plethora of publications issued over the last 18 months or so which try to provide some clarity on the responsibilities of landlords.



The English Regulator has issued a 'lessons learned' document, coupled with the Housing Ombudsman (England) and the 'Putting Safety First' document

issued across Scotland, there is a lot for organisations to read through.

Vicki has pulled together some of the key findings and recommendations for social housing providers which should provide some useful pointers to ensure the processes in place are robust. The briefing can be found in the members' section of the website library [here](#) (login required).

Unwanted fire alarm signals

Fire alarm systems provide an early warning of fire and are one of the most effective ways to keep your business, staff and customers safe in the event of a fire. Unfortunately, most signals from these systems are not actual fires – they are false alarms often caused by cooking fumes, dust or a lack of maintenance. These unwanted fire alarm signals (UFAS) mean fire crews are called out unnecessarily.

From 1 July 2023, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service stopped attending automatic fire alarm (AFA) call outs to commercial business and workplace premises, such as factories, offices, shops and leisure facilities - unless a fire has been confirmed.

This change does not apply to sleeping premises, such as hospitals, care homes, hotels or domestic dwellings who will continue to get an emergency response.

For more details, visit the SFRS website, [here](#).



Spotlight on training



Our September bespoke IOSH Managing Safely in Social Housing 'Live Online' virtual course is now fully booked.

However, we've got dates for our final course of 2023: 5th, 6th & 13th December

We have used our first-hand experience and knowledge to develop this bespoke version of the ever-popular IOSH training course, tailored specifically for those operating in the social housing sector.

The course is 'jam packed' full of information and will cover the importance of managing safely in the social housing sector.

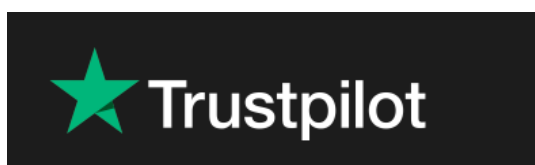
To find out more and reserve your place, [click here](#).

Feedback...

Don't just take our word for how good our training is... visit our website where you will see a wide range of testimonials

<https://www.hhsc-learning.com/testimonials/>

Or you can visit our Trustpilot page



Case study...

Did you see the case study that showcased our work with network member Williamsburgh Housing Association?

We worked collaboratively with **Lisa Reynolds, Head of Property at Williamsburgh HA** to develop a bespoke package of face to face and e-learning with great results...

[You can see it here.](#)

We can offer bespoke packages for all of our customers, so why not have a look at what we offer - there is sure to be something to interest you, whether it's an IOSH qualification, e-learning or fire warden training.. we have an impressive array of courses.



Member discount



ALL Network members are entitled to a **10% discount** on all training courses offered by Housing H&S Compliance UK Ltd.

To view the courses available, [visit the HHSC Learning Hub](#).