















#### RENTING YOUR OWN PLACE RESEARCH

Housing LIN HAPPI HOUR Thursday 11th May 4:00pm







# MEET OUR TEAM

#### Research supported by Advisory Group of selfadvocacy experts



- Andy & Becca from York People First
- Paul from My Life My Choice
- Sam from Learning Disability England
- Stephen Hodgkins
  We have met together regularly through the project



# ABOUT OUR RESEARCH

#### We tried to find out:

- 1. What's going on for people with learning disabilities who rent their own home?
- 2. What support is there?

3. What needs to get better?



### How did we find this out?:

- 1. We spoke to 35 people renting their own home
- 2. We asked people to complete some booklets about their homes (and take photos)
- **3.** We looked at what people had said and made



#### 1. Your Front Door.



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What is your front door like? Take a photo and stick it here.

My neighbours are noisey especially early in the morning-They sound like elephants also they Hoover at silly hours Its very complicated to go through the process of complaining

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like?

What are your

neighbours

Friends, Family and Post-And I definetly don't answer to cold callers

Use this space to

tell us more about

your front door.

My door does not

block out any sound when people are

walking and talking

in the communal area



8. My advice -



What advice would you give to others about renting your own home. Take a photo and stick it here. Use this space to tell us what advice you would give to others about renting your own home.

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For certain repails I have to call up several times and above my case as they want to save money and don't care about the tenant my advice is to be considered and fight for it



What would you say?



WHAT WAS OUR BIG FINDING?

## **Our BIG finding:**



- Most of the people we spoke to liked renting. They were settled and were good tenants.
  - More people could rent...

• We have 10 renting recommendations....

#### **Renting Recommendations**



Renting Recommendations for People with Learning Disabilities



1 – Choice Ask about your housing options.



2 - Support Get support in place to move and help with the tenancy if needed.



4 - Good Location

3 - Good Quality Housing

Think about where you want to live including the safety of the area.

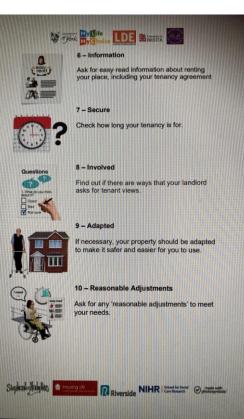
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5 - Affordable



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#### **1.Choice**



<u>Tenants:</u> Ask about your housing options.

Landlords: Provide choice of housing options

#### 2.Support



<u>Tenants:</u> Get support in place to move and help with the tenancy if needed.

Landlords: Make sure your tenants have any support they need.

#### **3.Good quality housing**



<u>Tenants:</u> Your home should be of a decent standard and any repairs should be fixed quickly.

Landlords: Provide decent homes and fix repairs promptly.

#### **4.Good location**



<u>Tenants:</u> Think about where you want to live including the safety of the area.

Landlords: Offer housing in wellconnected and safe locations.

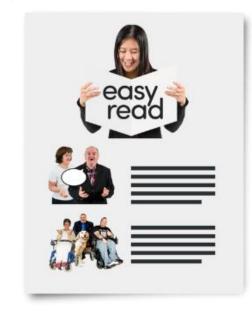
#### **5.Affordable**



<u>Tenants:</u> Rents should not cost more than your benefits and be affordable if you are working.

Landlords: Provide affordable rents.

#### 6. Information



<u>Tenants:</u> Ask for easy-read information about renting your place, including your tenancy agreement.

Landlords: Provide easy-read information for every document.

#### 7. Secure



<u>Tenants:</u> Check how long your tenancy is for.

Landlords: Provide long-term tenancies with security of tenure (or home ownership options).

#### 8. Involved



<u>Tenants:</u> Find out if there are ways that your landlord asks for tenant views.

Landlords: Provide meaningful opportunities so that people have a voice as a renter.

#### 9. Adapted



<u>Tenants:</u> If necessary, your property should be adapted to make it safer and easier for you to use.

Landlords: Adapt properties as needed.

#### 10. Reasonable adjustments



<u>Tenants:</u> Ask for any 'reasonable adjustments' to meet your needs.

Landlords: Adjust rules and practices to meet tenants' needs.



THANK YOU FOR LISTENING