

# Housing Law 2015

with Jan Luba

2nd July 2015, St George's Centre, Leeds



# About the conference

The Northern Housing Consortium's annual Housing Law update conference has been designed to help you understand how changes to Housing Law over the last 12 months will impact on your organisation. With an unashamedly 'practitioner' focus, this conference will explore the key recent legal developments – in caselaw and legislation - around social housing allocation, housing management, anti-social behaviour, tenancy fraud and obtaining possession.

We're delighted to be hosting the conference in Leeds for the first time with Jan Luba QC, one of the country's leading barristers and an expert on social housing law.

In response to previous conference feedback, all delegates will now be able to attend all the specialist sessions, each of which will be led by Jan Luba. At each session, Jan will be joined in his presentation by experienced housing practitioners who will discuss their organisations' approach to the theme under review. In addition, each half of the day will be opened by a keynote speaker.

# Programme

0920 Registration and refreshments

0950 Welcome and introductions

**1000 The policy landscape for social housing 2015 - 2020**

*Charlotte Harrison, Executive Director (Policy and Public Affairs), Northern Housing Consortium*

**1030 Session 1: Entry to social housing - allocation, letting, tenancy strategies, and transfers**

- The latest legislation and new code of guidance
- News from the courts on housing allocation
- Lessons from the Ombudsmen
- Transfers: the post- Localism Act landscape
- Tenancy strategies: pointless paperwork?

1115 Refreshments

**1130 Session 2: Addressing abuse: fraud and anti-social behaviour**

- Fraud by applicants
- Unlawful sub-letting: making the Act bite
- Fraud at the RTB/Succession stages
- ASB: the new tools
- Enforcement: what has worked?

**1230 LUNCH**

**1315 Getting decisions about social housing 'right': lessons from the Ombudsman's casebook**

*Helen Megarry, Deputy Ombudsman, Housing Ombudsman Service*

**1350 Session 3: Social housing management: the key topical issues**

**With a contribution from Carl Mitchell, Assistant Director Operations, Riverside Group**

- Joint tenancies: a problem solved?
- Managing under-occupation
- The new succession rules: three years on
- Enforcing the tenancy agreement
- Notices to quit: getting them right

1450 Comfort break

**1500 Session 4: The end-game: obtaining possession for arrears and other reasons**

**With a contribution from Carl May, Housing Operations Support Lawyer, Home Group**

- The new Social Housing Possession protocol
- Claims against assured and secure tenants
- Claims against tenants without security
- Issues with 'disability', 'human rights' and 'public law error' defences
- Stopping the repeated suspensions of warrants

**1600 CLOSE**

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