GET HOUSING READY!

Preparing for your GCH pre-tenancy assessment

Before we can make you an offer, you'll need to complete some checks with our Tenancy Sustainment & Lettings team. These checks help us make sure the home is right for you, that you're eligible, and can comfortably afford the rent and related expenses.

To get housing ready and make your application process smoother, there are a few things you can prepare in advance. Check out the information we'll need from you below...

Proof of ID
Passport, driving licence, birth certificate or biometric residents permit.

Landlord reference
We'll request a reference from any landlord you've had in the last three years.

Financial check
You'll need:

A bank account in your name where your income gets paid.

Three months bank statements for **all** accounts, even if you don't use them.

Proof of income, like payslips, benefit award or a pension statement.

Proof of address
Bank statement or utility bill dated within the last three months.

Tips and tricks for a smooth assessment

Bank account - if you don't have a bank account, open one!

Online banking - set up online banking to easily download your statements when needed.

Help with ID? There are funding options available to get these.

Credit check - review your credit report for any outstanding debts and close unused accounts. Services like ClearScore offer free credit reports.

Statements - ensure you can access any online payslips and Universal Credit statements.

Money support - reach out for financial guidance or make payment arrangements to clear any debts in advance of a housing offer.
If you have rent arrears, it's important to address these as they might prevent you being rehoused. Consider setting up a payment plan to reduce any outstanding balances.

Rent in advance - start saving now to cover rent in advance if you're offered a tenancy

Budgeting calculator - get ahead and use the online tool on our website. We'll ask for this information if you're offered a property, and you can complete it anytime

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