

9.0 Complaints Monitoring

The following information relates to complaints recorded between 01/01/18 and 31/03/18.

9.1 Complaints Received

Stage	Social rented	Managed properties	Total received	Equalities complaints	Escalated from 1 to 2
Stage 1	17	0	17	0	1
(frontline)	(100%)	(0%)	(89.5%)	(0%)	(5.9%)
Stage 2	2	0	2	0	1
(investigation)	(100%)	(0%)	(10.5%)	(0%)	(50%)
Total	19	0	19	0	1
	(100%)	(0%)	(100%)	(0%)	(5.3%)

The following table shows a comparison between the current and previous 3 month period:

STAGE	Oct -	Jan-	Oct -	Jan -
	Dec	March	Dec	March
	2017	2018	2017	2018
	Social Rented	Social Rented	Managed Properties	Managed Properties
1	20	17	1	0

(Frontline)	(90.9%)	(89.5%)	(4.5%)	(0%)
2	3	2	0	0
(Investigation)	(100%)	(10.5%)	(0%)	(0%)
TOTAL	23	19	1	0
	(92%)	(100%)	(4%)	(0%)

Comment: The number of overall Complaints decreased by 4 compared to the previous quarter (19 complaints processed). The number of Stage 2 complaints decreased by one compared to the previous period: a total of 2. The split and volume causes no concern. No complaints related to equality issues and no complaints were escalated from Stage 1 to 2.

Recommendation: Continue to monitor as necessary.

9.2 Complaint Category

Category	Number received
Finance	-
Communications	-
Tenant participation	-
Governance	-
Staff conduct	-
New build issues	3
Application/allocation	2
Estate Management	1
Rent/arrears control	1
Tenancy enforcement	8
Factoring	-
Staff conduct	1
Development/New Build	-
Reactive repairs	1
Planned works	1
	FinanceCommunicationsTenant participationGovernanceStaff conductNew build issuesApplication/allocationEstate ManagementRent/arrears controlTenancy enforcementFactoringStaff conductDevelopment/New BuildReactive repairs

Recharges	1
Contractor conduct	-
Total	19

Comment: The breakdown of complaints by department and category are mainly as one may have predicted. Staff are not unduly concerned about the volume or split of categories.

Recommendation: Continue to monitor as necessary.

9.3 Complaint Outcomes

Stage	Responded to in full	Upheld	Not upheld
Stage 1 (frontline)	17 (100%)	(0%)	17 (100%)
Stage 2 (investigation)	2 (100%)	1 (50%)	1 (50%)

Stage	Average response	Responded within target	Extension authorised
Stage 1 (frontline- 5 day target)	2.2 days	17 (100%)	1 (5.9%)
Stage 2 (investigation- 20 day target)	5 days	2 (100%)	0 (0.0%)

Comment: The term 'responded to in full' is where the landlord has either met the service user's expectations or, where this is not appropriate, provided a full explanation of the landlord's position. Complaints are viewed as upheld and made in the complainant's favour if there is no corroboration or supporting evidence to support otherwise: complaint upheld is the default. Three complaints were upheld during the quarter. For Stage 1 Complaints the average response decreased from

2.3 days to 2.2 days. For Stage 2 Complaints, the average response time decreased from 13.7 days to 5 days for this quarter. This is well within the target of 20 days.

Recommendation: Continue to monitor standard target timescales and when necessary remind staff of the procedure to obtain extension when required from Line Manager.

9.4 Learning Outcomes

Learning outcomes will be shared with staff quarterly at the staff meeting following the Committee meeting. Examples of learning outcomes in this quarter are as follows:

- Saltire reminded that they have an obligation to supply temporary heaters and water heaters when boiler breaks down.
- Check with Insurance Company before issuing recharge.

Recommendation: That Committee members note the learning outcomes outlined above.