

BRIEFING NOTE

Understanding and Addressing the Health Risks of Damp and Mould in the Home

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Dear All,

We are writing to provide you with a copy of the Guidance that has been issued by the Government to both private and social landlords entitled 'Understanding and addressing the health risks of damp and mould in the home'.

This provides a significant update on how the issue of damp and mould in a property should be viewed and follows the tragic death of Awaab Ishak in 2020. The Guidance includes advice on how a landlord should deal with any report of mould in a property they rent.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/damp-and-mould-understanding-and-addressing-the-health-risks-for-rented-housing-providers/understanding-and-addressing-the-health-risks-of-damp-and-mould-in-the-home--2>.

In due course we will be issuing advice on this report to support accredited landlords understand the implications and the additional requirements now being placed upon them. However, initially we would draw to your attention one important conclusion which states, 'Damp and mould in the home are not the result of 'lifestyle choices' and it is the responsibility of landlords to identify and address the underlying causes of the problem, such as structural issues or inadequate ventilation.'

Kind Regards

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