

CASE STUDY:  
Supported shared  
accommodation and  
nightly, self-contained  
temporary accommodation

We do things differently  
and better, making HMOs  
a viable part of your broader  
housing solution

The problems associated with shared accommodation stems from leaving people unattended together under one roof

**We offer more than a roof**

- Our homes are fully licensed for the council's exclusive use
- Our homes are located within the borough, are good quality, safe and immediately available
- Our homes can be viewed and vetoed by councils in advance of being taken on
- Our support and monitoring ensure people are safer, that no unwanted problems get out of hand, and that the individuals have a better chance in life
- Our quality self-contained homes can be rented on a nightly basis with total flexibility as demand changes – we adapt with it
- Our approach is cheaper than using hotel beds and will save you money by partnering with us for 12 months or longer

**Who we are**

**The Housing  
Network**

- A trusted provider of accommodation, managing over 1,200 self-contained properties and 350 shared accommodation rooms in more than 65 local authorities
- We work exclusively to provide self-contained temporary accommodation, supported shared properties, and other specialist accommodation
- Our team has over 40 years' experience supporting people in the housing market
- We have an extensive network for sourcing properties for social housing use, along with deep expertise in managing and maintaining properties and engaging with complex tenants
- Our head office is in Bedfordshire with a full time staff of almost 50 people along with multiple hubs across the UK

"Having spent several months in a small hotel room, it's nice to be in a house with a bit more space. This place is quite comfortable"

Resident, HMO in Portsmouth

Who we have partnered with:

## Portsmouth City Council

In March 2020 the government implemented the Everyone-In scheme, which meant over 50,000 rough and near rough sleepers in the UK were placed in self-contained accommodation, mostly in hotels.

By August 2020, Portsmouth City Council needed to move those individuals into shared and self-contained accommodation.

In August 2020, we sourced and supplied 60 HMO rooms and 30 self-contained studio/one-bed properties for Portsmouth City Council allowing them to move over 90 individuals out of hotels and place them in safe and appropriate accommodation.

“When Portsmouth City Council needed to move a large number of service users out of hotels and B&Bs, The Housing Network supplied safe and secure accommodation in an incredibly short period of time”

Terence, Head of Property Sourcing



Portsmouth  
CITY COUNCIL

# 43

Separate properties  
supplied within a 5-week period in  
Portsmouth

### Our HMO commitment to you and our residents

- 1 We only use homes for up to seven people unless the configuration makes it safe to house more
- 2 We never house residents if there are more than four people to one bathroom
- 3 All properties that need to be licensed are licensed
- 4 We install and monitor CCTV in all common areas
- 5 We provide 24/7 maintenance to fix problems day or night
- 6 We provide each resident with the basic necessities when they move in (cutlery, crockery, linen, duvet, pillow, towels)
- 7 Each property is cleaned three times a week
- 8 We understand the challenges with shared accommodation and know how to support residents – our property and resident support managers are highly experienced
- 9 Our property and resident support managers will visit each property at least five times a week
- 10 Before anything, we listen to you and then provide homes based on your requirements

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