



# Dudley Federation

of Tenants and Residents Associations

## Autumn newsletter 2025

### Dudley Federation Update

Thank you to everyone who attended our last meeting. A summary of the meeting can be seen [on our website](#).

Details of our next meeting on 28th October will be sent to members during October.

You may have heard about changes that will be happening in Dudley Council. Here are the new roles in the Housing Department and who will be filling them:

- Group Director - Kathy Jones
- Director for Housing and Homelessness - James Prestwich
- Director for Development & Regulation - Michael Brereton
- Associate Director for Housing and Tenant Participation - Yvonne Steele
- Associate Director for Homelessness and Strategy - Hayley Rowley

We look forward to working with (or continuing to work with!) them.

### Community Cohesion

Please visit the Dudley Council safe and sound website for up-to date information and links to their hate crime pages, and community cohesion reporting portal where you can share your concerns with Community Safety, in an anonymous way.

Please be careful what you share. Things aren't always what they seem online, find out more on how to stay safe online - <https://t.co/P8FkqXM6dh>

### Keeping Your Home Safe, Warm, and Well-Maintained

As a tenant in social housing, your home is more than just bricks and mortar, it's your sanctuary.

That's why Dudley Council carry out regular checks to ensure your property remains safe, secure, and up to standard. But they can only do that with your help.

The inspections help the Council:

- Identify and fix safety issues like faulty wiring, damp, or structural problems.
- Ensure compliance with the Decent Homes Standard.
- Plan future improvements to heating, insulation, and energy efficiency.
- Protect your health and wellbeing by spotting hazards early.

Over 2,600 homes in Dudley haven't yet been inspected due to access issues.

To reschedule an appointment, call 0300 555 2345.

## Discretionary Bid for Vicarage Prospect

We were very happy to approve a bid from Vicarage Prospect for a printer for the group.

If your group are interested in applying for a bid, please get in touch for more information or to request an application form.

## Safety in your home - information pack

The 'Safety in your home' document provides advice and guidance regarding safety in your home and in shared communal areas.

It can be found on Dudley Council's website here:

<https://www.dudley.gov.uk/residents/housing/your-tenancy/> and also [via our website](#).

## Volunteer Training

The Participation Development Team are holding Social Media training for volunteers in October. If you're interested in attending, call 01384 815168 or email [participation@dudley.gov.uk](mailto:participation@dudley.gov.uk).

## Four Million Homes

If you haven't already taken a look at this excellent resource for Social Housing Tenants, then we would urge you to. There are A-Z guides on common social housing issues, free webinars and training sessions as well as Videos and resources for ongoing learning and advocacy.

Take a look here:

<https://www.fourmillionhomes.org>

## Awaab's Law

This landmark legislation comes into effect on 27th October following the tragic death of two-year-old Awaab Ishak in 2020 due to prolonged exposure to mould in his home.

It is designed to protect tenants from unsafe housing conditions, particularly damp and mould, in social housing and ensure that social landlords act quickly to address hazardous conditions.

- Emergency hazards: Investigate and start safety work within 24 hours.
- Significant hazards:
  - Investigate within 10 working days.
  - Provide written findings within 3 working days after investigation.
  - Begin safety work within 5 working days of investigation conclusion.

More information can be seen here: <https://www.dfta.org.uk/awaabs-law>.

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