

Northern Housing Consortium

Family Intervention Tenancies

The Legal Framework



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Background

- Family Intervention Projects (“FIPs”)
 - Introduced in 2003
 - Intensive support to families causing ASB.
 - “Pathfinder” projects
 - Sheffield
 - Manchester
 - Bolton
 - Salford
 - Oldham
 - Blackburn & Darwen

Family Intervention Tenancies

- “FIPs to be rolled out on much wider basis

- Mainstream Response to ASB

- Designed around “specific needs of family”
 - Appointment of Key Worker;
 - Interaction with other service providers;
 - Develop written agreements;
 - Sanctions for breaching;
 - “Outreach” or “Residential”.

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Housing and Regeneration Bill

- Issue with FIPs – type of tenancy a family would have;
- Government commitment to legislate;
- New voluntary tenancy – “Family Intervention Tenancy”

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“Family Intervention Tenancies” (“FITs”)

- Voluntary agreement
- Neither “Secure” nor “Assured”
- Landlord must serve notice of:
 - The reasons for offering the Tenancy;
 - Details of the new Property;
 - Main terms of Tenancy e.g. behavioural support services;
 - Security of tenure being offered and any loss of security which will result;
 - Tenant not obliged to take tenancy or surrender existing tenancy or give up possession;
 - Likely action by Landlord if tenant does not enter into the “FIT”.

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- A “FIT” can be offered to a person:
 - Against whom a Possession Order in respect of their current Tenancy has been made; or
 - Could, in the opinion of the Landlord have been made; or
 - Could, in the opinion of the Landlord, have been made if the person had such a Tenancy.

Behaviour Support Services

- Services can be provided by any person to either
 - The Tenant; or
 - Anyone who is to reside with the Tenant

- For the purpose of preventing the kind of behaviour that led to the offer of the Tenancy.

Termination of a FIT

➤ RSL:

- Service of a NTQ

➤ Local Authority:

- Service of Pre-NTQ Notice with prescribed information e.g. Right to Review;
- Review if necessary;
- Service of NTQ.



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