

Questions for Full Council Monday 14th September, 2020

Question 7

Cllr Smith to Cllr Hibbert

HiMOs have been shown to be a high risk in the transmission of Covid-19. What steps are the Borough taking to minimise the risk?

Response

Since the COVID-19 lockdown, the Housing Enforcement Team has been providing landlords and tenants with advice and guidance on the impacts of Coronavirus and the action that can be taken to minimise the risk of infection and prevent the spread of the virus, especially in shared housing.

The Housing Enforcement Team has sent information to the landlords and tenants of all known HMOs in the borough, and to everyone who attends Northampton's Landlord Forum. It has also responded to individual enquiries from landlords and tenants, and provided detailed advice and information on the Council's website:

<https://www.northampton.gov.uk/info/200312/landlords/2522/covid-19-and-renting-guidance-for-landlords-tenants-and-local-authorities/3>

Landlords and tenants have been advised on the action that needs to be taken if someone in shared accommodation is required to self-isolate. They are also encouraged to continue monitoring the Government's website for up-to-date guidance and information on COVID-19 and private rented housing:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-and-renting-guidance-for-landlords-tenants-and-local-authorities?utm_source=3f5d6b00-cdcd-4d01-981e-438c90d66133&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily

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