



Supported Housing (Regulatory Oversight) Act 2023

2023 CHAPTER 26

Advice, strategy and standards

1 Supported Housing Advisory Panel

- (1) The Secretary of State must appoint a panel of persons, to be known as “the Supported Housing Advisory Panel”, to provide information and advice about or in connection with supported exempt accommodation to—
 - (a) the Secretary of State,
 - (b) local housing authorities in England, and
 - (c) social services authorities in England.
- (2) The persons appointed under subsection (1) must include—
 - (a) at least one person who appears to the Secretary of State to represent the interests of registered providers of social housing in England,
 - (b) at least one person who appears to the Secretary of State to represent the interests of local housing authorities in England,
 - (c) at least one person who appears to the Secretary of State to represent the interests of social services authorities in England,
 - (d) at least one person who appears to the Secretary of State to represent the interests of charities providing supported exempt accommodation, and
 - (e) at least one person who appears to the Secretary of State to represent the interests of residents (or potential residents) of supported exempt accommodation;but the Secretary of State is not required to appoint different persons under each of paragraphs (a) to (e).
- (3) The Secretary of State must, after complying with [subsection \(2\)](#), and after consulting the existing members of the panel, appoint a person to chair the panel, and the person becomes a member of the panel on appointment.

- (4) The Secretary of State must comply with [subsections \(1\) to \(3\)](#) before the end of the period of one year beginning with the date on which this Act is passed.
- (5) The panel—
 - (a) must provide information or advice on such matters within [subsection \(1\)](#), to such persons within that subsection, as the Secretary of State may direct, and
 - (b) subject to that, may provide such information or advice within [subsection \(1\)](#), to such persons within that subsection, as it considers appropriate (whether or not requested to do so).
- (6) A member of the panel is to hold and vacate office in accordance with the terms and conditions of the member’s appointment which—
 - (a) must include provision requiring the member to declare any financial or other personal interest relevant to the functions of the panel, and
 - (b) may include provision under which the member is paid remuneration or allowances.
- (7) A person appointed to the panel under [subsection \(1\) or \(3\)](#)—
 - (a) is to be appointed for a term not exceeding five years, and
 - (b) may, upon expiry of that term, be reappointed for one further term not exceeding five years.
- (8) In [this section](#) “information and advice about or in connection with supported exempt accommodation” includes information and advice about anything which, in the view of the panel, could have a significant impact on the provision or regulation of supported exempt accommodation.