



CARERS RIGHTS DAY 2020 – HOUSING PRESENTATION

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OUR BACKGROUND



SILVER COURT



DARRICK
WOOD



TARLING CLOSE

- Formed in 1970 and based in Farnborough, Kent.
- We provide low cost rented accommodation to people who find it difficult to compete in the private rented sector.
- 850 homes across six London Boroughs and in West Sussex.

OUR CORE VALUES

Respect: we will be courteous and considerate, treat everyone as individuals and value diversity.

Openness: we will listen, be accessible and communicate clearly.

Accountability: we will take responsibility for our actions and decisions.

Honesty: we will say what we mean, accept our mistakes and learn from them.

Excellence: we take pride in what we do and go beyond what is expected.

CARERS RIGHTS DAY 2020

This year's theme: **Know Your Rights**

- **1 in 8** adults (that's around **6.5 million** people) are carers
- Every day another **6,000** people take on a caring responsibility – over **2 million** people each year
- **58%** of carers are women and **42%** are men
- **1.3** million people provide over **50** hours of care per week
- Over **1 million** people care for more than **one** person



Housing lettings policies involving carers

A growing number of Local Authorities and Housing Associations are prioritising the needs of carers in housing letting policies.

This includes:

- Implementing allocation policies for applicants in need of an extra bedroom.
- Accepting referrals from adult services when housing circumstances become unsatisfactory.



Islington Council vs Keniston Housing Association



ISLINGTON COUNCIL

26,000 homes



KENISTON

111 homes

- Member of the household or live-in carer requires their own room.
- A carer lives with the applicant full-time.
- The applicant receives AA or PIP at the middle or highest rate.
- The carer has CA or receiving a package of care following a social work assessment.
- A carer will **not** be added to the tenancy.

OTHER OPTIONS FOR MOVING HOME

- Transfer to an empty council or housing association home.
- Mutually exchange with another council or housing association tenant.

Before making any changes to your living arrangements, you should always consult your Landlord first.



HOUSING IMPLICATIONS FOR YOUR PROPERTY

- Someone may be able to live and 'care take' your property on your behalf providing you intend to return.
- You would remain liable for the rent of your property, unless you're in receipt of HB and only temporarily absent with intention to return.
- Before making any changes to your living arrangements, you should always consult your Landlord first.

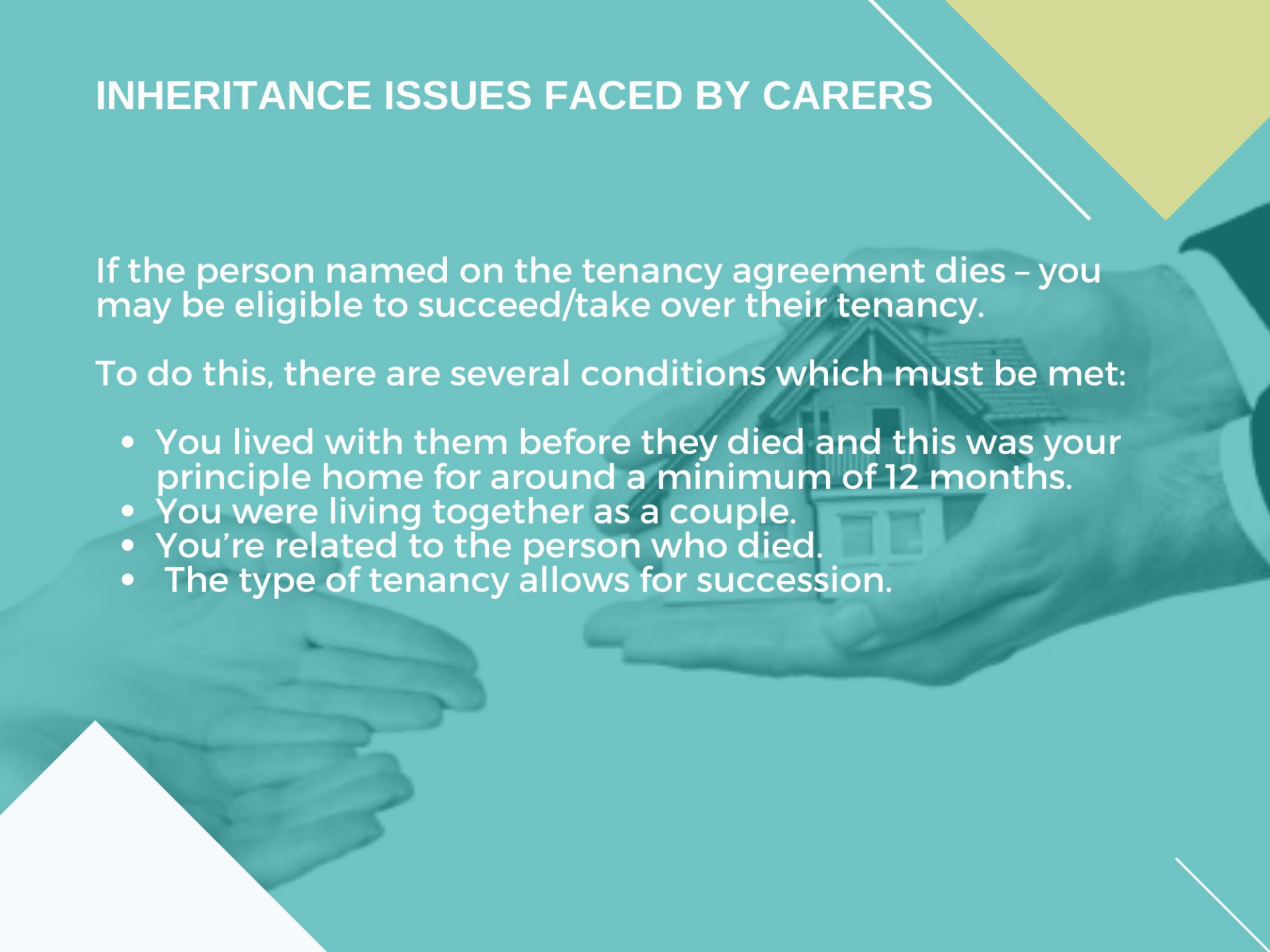


INHERITANCE ISSUES FACED BY CARERS

If the person named on the tenancy agreement dies – you may be eligible to succeed/take over their tenancy.

To do this, there are several conditions which must be met:

- You lived with them before they died and this was your principle home for around a minimum of 12 months.
- You were living together as a couple.
- You're related to the person who died.
- The type of tenancy allows for succession.



CARERS AND HOUSING BENEFIT/UNIVERSAL CREDIT

If you are a carer of working age and need to make a new claim for help with your rent, you may no longer be able to claim Housing Benefit and will need to claim Universal Credit instead.

Check your eligibility using free, anonymous, independent benefit calculators such as '**entitledto.com**' and '**Turn2us.org.uk**' to find out:

- What benefits you could receive
- How to claim
- How your benefits will be affected if you start work

To check your LHA rate, visit **<https://lha-direct.voa.gov.uk/>** and enter your postcode

EFFECT ON OTHER BENEFITS

A photograph of a person sitting in a wheelchair outdoors. The person is wearing a light-colored shirt and dark trousers. Another person's legs and feet are visible next to the wheelchair. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with trees and a path.

Carer's Allowance (CA) can affect the other benefits that both **you** and the person you **care** for receive.

When you claim CA, the person you care for will stop receiving:

- a severe disability premium paid with their benefits
- an extra amount for severe disability paid with Pension Credit if they get one

They may also stop getting reduced Council Tax. Contact the local council to find out if this will affect them.

When you claim CA your other benefit payments may also change, but your total benefit payments will usually either go up or stay the same.

KENISTON'S PRIORITY REPAIRS DURING COVID

Emergency and urgent repairs during lockdown included:

- Immediate risk to H&S
- Security seriously reduced
- Leaking water
- Essential services out of action
- Gas safety checks

Non-essential repairs resumed on 1st July 2020.



Help and Support

-  www.carersuk.org
-  [//islingtoncarershut.org/](http://islingtoncarershut.org/)
-  islington.gov.uk/
-  [//centre404.org.uk/](http://centre404.org.uk/)
-  [//www.nhs.uk/](http://www.nhs.uk/)
-  [//www.turn2us.org.uk/](http://www.turn2us.org.uk/)
-  www.jrf.org.uk/
-  [//www.gov.uk/benefits-calculators](http://www.gov.uk/benefits-calculators)
-  [//www.helponyourdoorstep.com/](http://www.helponyourdoorstep.com/)
-  www.citizensadvice.org.uk/