

# Fortunatus Housing Solutions



**Mindful Housing**

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CHARITY NO: 1144246

# Who are we?

- A registered charity founded in 2011
- A housing provider that does over and above a 'normal' landlord
- Funded by Housing Benefits in line with specified accommodation regulations (will continue beyond 2020)
- Housing Related Support (Intensive Housing Management)
- Team of Housing Support Staff and Maintenance Engineers
- Management Team
- Board of Trustees

# Funding

- Funded by Housing Benefits as long as criteria are met (expand)
- Core Rent + Eligible Service Charge
- Funded by 8 local authorities in the North West
- Referrals for housing received by NHS Mental Health Teams and ASCH (work with other teams in some LAs) – the diagnosis and need for help comes from the referrer
- Our robust referral form will pick up:
  - Vulnerability
  - Lack of alternative accommodation
  - Need of tenancy support ongoing (not short-term) to successfully live in the community
  - History of failed tenancies
  - History of damaged to properties and often excluded from general social housing

# Changes to Funding

- Was going to be administered by Universal Credit
- Lengthy consultation has reversed this decision
- Will still be administered by Housing Benefit Managers
- Maybe an accreditation framework? I have suggested this nationally
- Maybe a change to eligible service charges?
- All up for discussion prior to 2021

# What are we doing?

- Value for Money Data to inform decision-making in Local Authorities and borough wide, to produce reports and data for both Fortunatus and Local Authorities
- From 2018 -Recording of Income Maximisation amongst tenants
- Work with Housing Benefit Teams, ASCH and Mental Health Teams in 8 Local Authorities
- Work with Police in all areas (expand)
- Work with councilors (expand)
- Work with neighbours and communities (expand)

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