



## Welcome to our NEW Health and Housing e-newsletter!

Welcome to this first issue of Health and Housing which will bring you all the latest news and updates on our Health and Housing project, straight to your inbox.

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### The Health and Housing Project

At Colchester Borough Council, our Private Sector Housing Team are running a Health and Housing project, which aims to create and improve links primarily with health and social care partners, but also with other organisations. We want all professionals and voluntary services who visit peoples' homes to be aware of how poor housing conditions can affect the health and/or safety of the occupier or their visitor; and to know who they can contact when conditions cause concern.



The Project Team are happy to visit any professional or voluntary partners to explain how they can be instrumental in improving living conditions, training on how to identify the various hazards that can be considered under the [Housing Health and Safety Rating System](#), and how referrals to the Council can be made easily. The Team can also signpost to other services where relevant.

For further information or to get in contact with the Project Officer, please email [healthandhousing@colchester.gov.uk](mailto:healthandhousing@colchester.gov.uk) or call 01206 282581 (option 6).

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### Health and Housing Project Case study



One of the aims of our Health and Housing project is ensure residents have access to the range of support services that are available to them by working together with other professionals and organisations.

We've recently published a case study on our website which [is available here](#) and is a great example of where we've successfully achieved this.

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## Watch our Health and Housing Project video!

Together with Tendring District Council, we've produced a short online video which illustrates how health and local authorities can work together to assist residents to lead safer and healthier lives in their homes.

The video is available to [view here](#).



**Housing and Health Video**

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## Referral Form Changes



If you're a local organisation and wish to make a referral to our Health and Housing project, our referral forms have now been updated to ensure they're compliant with the new General Data Protection Regulations which came into force on 25 May 2018 and are available to download on [our website](#).

If you would like a copy of the correct referral form sent to you directly, please email [healthandhousing@colchester.gov.uk](mailto:healthandhousing@colchester.gov.uk).

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