

Osbornes Housing Service

- Possession proceedings
- Unlawful eviction
- Disrepair
- Homelessness
- Challenging Housing Benefit decisions

OHS can help with all these problems and more.

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Our Team

The Housing Team at Osbornes is a well established team of specialists in Housing law and practice. Over recent years the team has grown in strength and numbers and comprises of 3 solicitors, a case worker and a trainee solicitor. All work is conducted by an appropriate level solicitor or assistant, for the complexity of the matter. We are members of the Housing Law Practitioners Association (HLLPA).

Our Philosophy

Our aim is to provide comprehensive specialist advice to help you resolve your housing problems. This means that we will explain to you carefully your various options in relation to your matter, advise as to how your choices will impact on your case and how best to attain an achievable result. We aim to offer a seamless service and if we can, we will refer you within the firm where possible for help in other areas including welfare benefits, personal injury and family matters.

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The normal court rules encourage all parties to consider mediation of matters so that the need for a full trial is averted. We will, where appropriate, encourage mediation through the court mediation scheme.

Our Work

We undertake a full range of housing work and can help in the following circumstances:

- If your landlord is bringing possession proceedings
- If you are threatened with eviction
- If your home is in a poor state of repair
- If you are applying as Homeless
- If you have been unlawfully evicted or harassed by your Landlord
- If you have difficulty enforcing your Right to Buy
- Challenges to Housing Benefit decisions

We can help with all of these problems and more.

Our charges.

Much of our work is conducted by public funding (legal aid). If you think that you are eligible for public funding you should discuss this with your solicitor at your initial meeting. We will then explain to you how you are assessed for eligibility for public funding and explain to you the way in which public funding works. The vast majority of housing clients are eligible for public funding.

If we undertake any work for you not under legal aid we will provide you with a detailed costs estimate and explanation of how our costs will work. In general our fees are calculated by reference to the total time spent on a case by the various members of the team. We will explain to you what our private hourly charge rate is and how much we anticipate it might cost to bring your case to a conclusion.

Contact us.

If you have any query in relation to housing matters please do not hesitate to contact us. Telephone us on 020 7485 8811 and ask to speak to a member of the housing team.

