

**RENEWAL, RECREATION AND HOUSING PDS COMMITTEE  
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**STATEMENT BY THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR RENEWAL, RECREATION  
AND HOUSING**

Unfortunately mould is one of the most common issues that we tackle in terms of disrepair. In some cases this is exacerbated because of the way the tenants are using the properties. In these instances we provide advice on how to manage this and work directly with the tenant to resolve the issue.

There are of course instances where there is a problem within the property that requires action by the Provider / Owner. In such instances we have to make a judgement call based on the timescales and circumstances of the household. Where we felt that a problem couldn't be satisfactorily resolved within a reasonable period of time and/or there were medical grounds that concerned us we would take steps to move the household. We would actively work with the provider to get this resolved and utilise expertise from colleagues in environmental services where needed.

When we procure accommodation all homes must meet minimum EPC standards and when purchasing homes, for example via the Meadowship or Beehive Schemes we have actively rejected homes where there is evidence of damp or mould or a high probability that this could occur in the future.

In short we cannot guarantee that we will never experience problems with mould in our properties or indeed other faults and disrepair that could be potentially dangerous. However we take all possible steps to minimise this happening and have processes in place which quickly allow us to respond once we are made aware of a situation.