

Short case study – March 2022

This month, we were pleased to see an old client with a history of rough sleeping sign a tenancy for his own flat. Richard had a history of losing accommodation either through unreliable work which left him unable to pay the rent, and abandoning accommodation because he couldn't cope with problems that arose. He recently came to us for help, as he felt rough sleeping was no longer something he could cope with because of his age and health. He viewed a flat through one of the private agencies we work with, and initially the agent was unsure as Richard was talking about taking on more precarious work, which if he lost it would leave him unable to pay the rent. However, we managed to negotiate with the agency and reassure them that we would be supporting Richard to maintain his property. The agency therefore agreed for Richard to move in. As the property is unfurnished, we applied for a crisis support grant from the local authority, which has now awarded a lump sum for Richard to cover the costs of furniture and appliances.