

FCHA Tenant Participation & Consultation

Everything we do at First Choice is about giving Tenants a greater say in the delivery of services and providing a platform where Tenant engagement leads to actual change.

The majority of First Choice Tenants have a learning disability and receive support to live in their homes. Some Tenants have additional physical and/or behavioural needs, poor mental health or in need of day to day support. Some First Choice tenants, or a member/s of their family, have physical disabilities. Some First Choice tenants are ex-armed forces or have a family connection with the armed forces. Not all First Choice tenants receive tenancy related support. First Choice will ensure all events are accessible and inclusive of all Tenants.

The existing framework for Tenant engagement has two main strands; 'consultative' being formal communications and 'gateway' events being informal. Both strands offer a range of mechanisms for Tenants to engage with us on a formal and informal basis, to have their voice heard and are consulted upon.

CONSULTATIVE ENGAGEMENT				
Communication / Event	Occurrence of events	Purpose		
	Events held throughout Wales, Shropshire and	Review performance Consultative		
	Telford annually	Consider new		
		proposals/ideas		
		Address inequalities & outcomes		
		Informed decision making		
		Improved health and wellbeing		

Tenancy Rights & Responsibilities workshops	For tenants at newly handed over properties	Discuss, educate and address aspects of housing issues
		Feedback from Tenants on services
Newsletter	Quarterly (4 per year)	Communicating and updating Tenants about organisational news + tenants' stories
Surveys	Annual Tenant Survey Post maintenance work surveys	Feedback from tenants on services Suggestions for improvements to services

GATEWAY ENGAGEMENT				
Communication / Event	Occurrence of events	Purpose		
10 Pin Bowling	Throughout year in various locations	Social engagement		
		Feedback on services		
		Improved health and wellbeing		
		Enjoyment		
Tenant Discos	Throughout year in various locations	Social engagement		
`live` and online events		Consultation		
		Improved health and wellbeing		
		Build Rapport		
		Get to know staff & Tenants		
		Enjoyment		
		Feedback on services		
Summer social event	Annually	Social engagement		
		Feedback on services		
		Improved health and wellbeing		
		Enjoyment		

		Community engagement
Gig Buddies Cymru	Ongoing	Work in partnership
		Integration
		Social engagement
		Improved health and wellbeing
Bingo & cinema	Throughout year in various locations	Social engagement
events		Feedback on services
		Improved health and wellbeing
		Enjoyment
Wellbeing events eg cooking, walking, barge trip	Throughout year in various locations	Social engagement
		Feedback on services
		Physical and mental health & wellbeing
		Enjoyment
		Increase social circle
		Increase independence
		Improve life skills

More information on our Tenant Consultation and Participation work can be found in our <u>Tenant Participation Strategy</u>