

Programme

Holding back the tide – the Fitness for Human Habitation Act and the rise in disrepair claims Wednesday 30 September

Limited places are available for this workshop designed to support landlords facing a rise in disrepair claims

The Homes (Fitness for Human Habitation) Act 2018 marked the most significant change in the law relating to housing conditions since the Housing Act 2004.

Hailed as landmark legislation by housing campaigners in the fight to improve living standards in the rented sector, landlords feared it would lead to a sharp increase in the number of disrepair claims.

But despite the Act's introduction in March 2019, its full impact is only beginning to be felt now. This is because its first phase only covered new tenancies granted since the legislation came into effect.

10:30 Welcome and introductions

Kevin Bentley, HQN asset management associate

10:40 The Fitness for Human Habitation Act – what you need to know

Dorota Pawlowski, Managing Associate, Trowers & Hamlins

11:20 Legal Q&A

11:30 Break

11:40 Understanding the Act and mitigating the risk – a practical approach

Kevin Bentley, HQN asset management associate

12:30 Raven's approach to the Fitness for Human Habitation Act and the rise in disrepair claims

Joanna Hills, Director of Assets and Services, Raven Housing Trust

13:00 Q&A (optional session)

13:30 Closing remarks

Kevin Bentley, HQN asset management associate