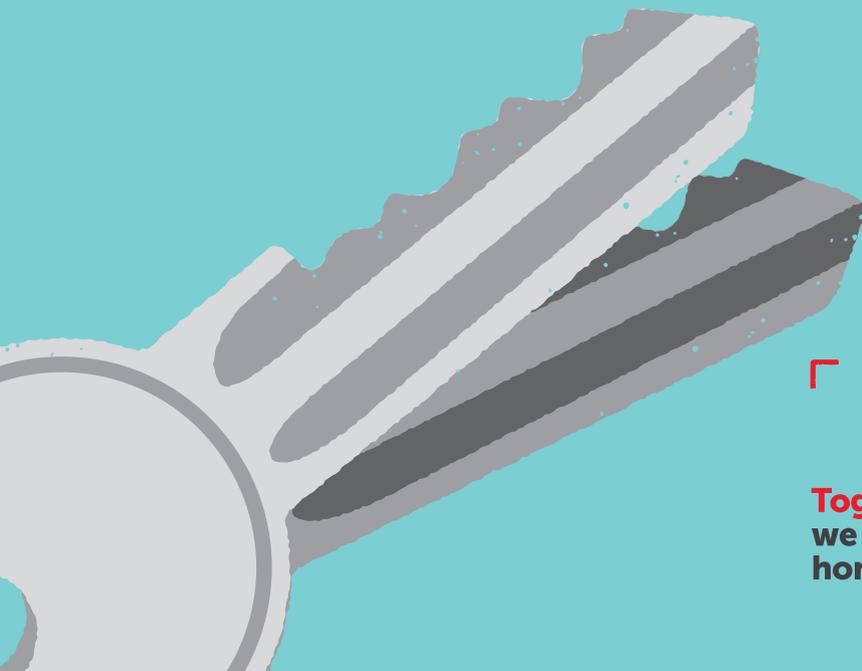


For landlords

CRISIS

Help to Rent Edinburgh

You hold the keys to end homelessness



Together
we will end
homelessness

Edinburgh's booming. But people who find themselves homeless don't often share in the city's success. They can spend well over a year living in temporary accommodation, often Bed and Breakfasts, hostels or sofa-surfing. They're frequently in work, or trying to get work, but without a stable base, it's hard to hold down a job.

You can help change this. Because as a landlord, you, quite literally, hold the keys to end somebody's homelessness.

Help to Rent Edinburgh is a new service, commissioned by City of Edinburgh Council and run by Crisis, to help people who are currently homeless find a home in the Private Rented Sector (PRS).

We know that people who are private landlords are a diverse group, just like people who are homeless.

Perhaps long-term security, access to free expert advice and support for you and your tenant, and the knowledge that you are transforming someone's life appeals to you?

Maybe you're a new or accidental landlord, and want free advice, checks and inspections to make sure you're complying with regulations?

Perhaps you've got a larger portfolio. Could you pass just one property to us – a let with a feel-good factor?

What we offer

- advice and support to landlords on letting regulations, leases, compliance, energy options, health and safety, and grants
- tenant find service, where all tenants have been assessed by City of Edinburgh Council and by Crisis as able to manage a PRS tenancy, and have had training on their responsibilities
- help with inventories, viewings and paperwork
- a service which matches flatmates and trains tenants on how to manage shared living
- rent in advance, paid quickly
- a legal deposit guarantee (to the same value as a cash deposit), covering damage, loss and arrears. This offers you exactly the same protection as a cash deposit, without the need to use a Tenancy Deposit Scheme
- contact with a named member of the Help to Rent Team throughout the duration of the tenancy
- a separate support officer for tenants, to help with changes of circumstances, budgeting and any tenancy difficulties
- benefits expertise, including assistance with claims at start and through the tenancy
- a quick, fair claims process, should a tenancy end with damages, loss or arrears.

All we ask of you

- that you accept a deposit guarantee (or “bond”), instead of a cash deposit
- a Private Residential Tenancy (PRT) agreement and legally required information for the tenant, which meets Scottish Government guidance*
- that you are a registered landlord, and that you have a House in Multiple Occupation (HMO) licence if your property requires one*
- that the property meets legally required energy, safety and repair standards.*

*Crisis can advise and support you with this, but we can't help a tenant move in until they're all in place.

Have we caught your interest?

Our Landlord Liaison Officer would love to talk to you. If you'd like to work with us but don't think what we're offering meets your current needs or situation, we'd still like to chat. This doesn't commit you to anything. But it does help us to better understand what landlords want, or need.

If you're a landlord and you're concerned about homelessness, please get in touch.

Help to Rent Edinburgh

Eluned McHardy

Landlord Liaison Officer

0131 209 7700 or eluned.mchardy@crisis.org.uk

www.crisis.org.uk/edinburgh/landlords

◆ **EDINBURGH** ◆
THE CITY OF EDINBURGH COUNCIL