



Damp and Mould Awareness: Empowering Communities for Healthier Homes

NOCN Group recently ran a successful pilot of their Damp and Mould Awareness Course. The pilot was carried out in collaboration with Berneslai Homes and Efficiency North. This awareness course seeks to empower tenants, housing associations, landlords, and leaseholders with knowledge to enhance living conditions. Through a pilot programme, valuable feedback has been gathered from tenants, emphasising the course's practical impact.

The tragic death of Awaab Ishak, a two-year-old from Rochdale, highlights the severe consequences of living in environments with extensive mould, leading to respiratory conditions. The proposed Awaab's Law consultation aims to introduce life-changing reforms in social housing to prevent similar tragedies in the future. The key provisions include strict time limits for social housing providers to address dangerous hazards such as damp and mould. The proposed legal requirements mandate landlords to investigate hazards within 14 days, initiate repairs within a further 7 days, and perform emergency repairs within 24 hours. Failure to comply could lead to legal action, including potential compensation for affected tenants. Awaab's father, Faisal Abdullah, expresses hope that Awaab's Law will prevent other families from experiencing the pain they endured.

The course is insightful and informative, and the test at the end wasn't too difficult. It's a good, easy-to-navigate course that's broad and easy to understand.

Call: 0300 999 1177

Click: www.nocn.org.uk

Connect:





I would recommend the course to visiting officers, neighbourhood officers and admin staff. It's 100% useful across the board.

Amid these reforms and broader efforts to improve social housing quality, the Damp and Mould Awareness Course serves as a proactive measure. It aims to educate stakeholders about the risks associated with damp and mould, aligning with the government's goal of preventing health and safety hazards in social housing.

Why take the course?

Participants found the course to be educational, providing valuable insights in an accessible manner. The course prompted practical steps towards mitigating damp and mould issues, fostering a sense of responsibility for tenants and housing providers. The awareness course is seen as universally beneficial, recommending it for various roles within housing associations and emphasizing its value for money. Recognition of the course's usefulness extends to a broad spectrum of professionals, indicating its relevance in addressing real-world challenges.

How to take the course

The Damp and Mould Awareness course is available via the NOCN Hub. Individuals or housing associations can register and purchase the course, accessible at any time. The course typically takes around 2 hours to complete, including a test at the end. Interactive assessments reinforce learning, utilising informative and accessible materials such as text, images, and potential video content.

Upon successful completion, participants receive a certification validating their understanding of damp and mould awareness.