

## Income Management: Our Commitments

### We will:

- Approach our tenants in line with our Customer Services Standard.
- Send you a satisfaction survey to seek your feedback on our services so that we can improve.
- Offer a range of convenient payment methods including:
  - Direct Debit.
  - Cash, cheque, credit or debit card via Allpay Payment card (at any Post Office or shop displaying the PayPoint logo).
  - Standing Order.
  - By phone – either by calling 0844 557 8321 – 24 hours per day, every day of the year or by calling the Income Management Team on 0191 385 1411 or 0191 385 1412 during office hours.
  - Over the internet (using your Allpay card).
  - By post (cheques and postal orders only).
- Provide you with details about your rent account, such as the balance, on request and as a minimum four times each year.
- Offer you advice and assistance with Housing Benefit claims and refer you to other agencies for debt/benefit advice.
- Contact you when more than two weeks rent is due on your account to advise you what you must do.
- Visit you at home if you do not contact us or fail to make an agreed payment, to agree how to clear the arrears and offer you advice on how to avoid legal action.
- Enter into payment arrangements with you to clear any debt you may have to us.
- Inform you before we take legal action against you.
- Offer you advice on what your rights are if we take Court action against you and inform you of the outcome of the Court hearing.



We are committed to providing fair opportunity to access information.

If you would like information in another language or format such as Braille, audio or large print, please call the number below.

نحن ملتزمون بتوفير فرصة عادلة للجميع للحصول على المعلومات. إذا كنت تريد معلومات بلغة أخرى أو شكل آخر مثل لغة برييل أو تسجيل صوتي أو خط كبير فيرجى الاتصال بالرقم المبين أدناه.

Arabic

তথ্য পাওয়ার ক্ষেত্রে সমান সুযোগ দিতে আমরা প্রতিশ্রুতিবদ্ধ। যদি আপনি অন্য কোনো ভাষায় বা ফরম্যাটে তথ্য পেতে চান যেমন ব্রেইল, অডিও বা বড় ছাপার অক্ষরে, তাহলে অনুগ্রহ করে নিচের নম্বরে ফোন করুন।

Bengali

我們致力於提供公平獲取信息的機會。如果您希望其它語言或格式的信息，如布萊萊盲文點字，音頻或大字印刷，請撥打如下號碼。

Chinese

हम जानकारी की उपलब्धता के लिए उचित अवसर प्रदान करने के लिए प्रतिबद्ध हैं. यदि आप किसी अन्य भाषा या संरूप जैसे ब्रेल, ऑडियो या बड़े प्रिंट, के बारे में जानकारी प्राप्त करना चाहते हैं तो कृपया निम्नलिखित फ़ोन नंबर पर कॉल करें.

Hindi

Naszym obowiązkiem jest zapewnienie wszystkim równych szans w dostępie do informacji. Osoby pragnące otrzymać informacje w innym języku lub napisane pismem Braille bądź w formie dźwiękowej lub wydrukowane dużą czcionką, prosimy zadzwonić pod poniższy numer.


Polish

ਅਸੀਂ ਹਰ ਕਿਸੇ ਨੂੰ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਹਾਸਲ ਕਰਨ ਦਾ ਬੁੱਢਵਾਂ ਮੌਕਾ ਮੁਹੱਈਆ ਕਰਵਾਉਣ ਲਈ ਵਚਨਬੱਧ ਹਾਂ। ਜੇ ਤੁਸੀਂ ਕਿਸੇ ਹੋਰ ਭਾਸ਼ਾ ਜਾਂ ਕਿਸੇ ਹੋਰ ਫੌਰਮੈਟ ਜਿਵੇਂ ਬਰੇਲ, ਆਡੀਓ ਜਾਂ ਵੱਡੇ ਪ੍ਰਿੰਟ ਵਿੱਚ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਚਾਹੁੰਦੇ ਹੋ, ਤਾਂ ਕਿਰਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਹੇਠਾਂ ਦਿੱਤੇ ਨੰਬਰ ਉੱਤੇ ਸੰਪਰਕ ਕਰੋ।

Punjabi

ہم معلومات تک رسائی کی خاطر مساوی مواقع فراہم کرنے کے لئے پابند ہیں۔ اگر آپ کو یہ معلومات دیگر زبانوں یا شکلوں میں درکار ہیں مثال کے طور پر بریل، آڈیو یا بڑے حروف میں طباعت کی شکل میں تو، براہ کرم درج ذیل نمبر پر کال کریں۔

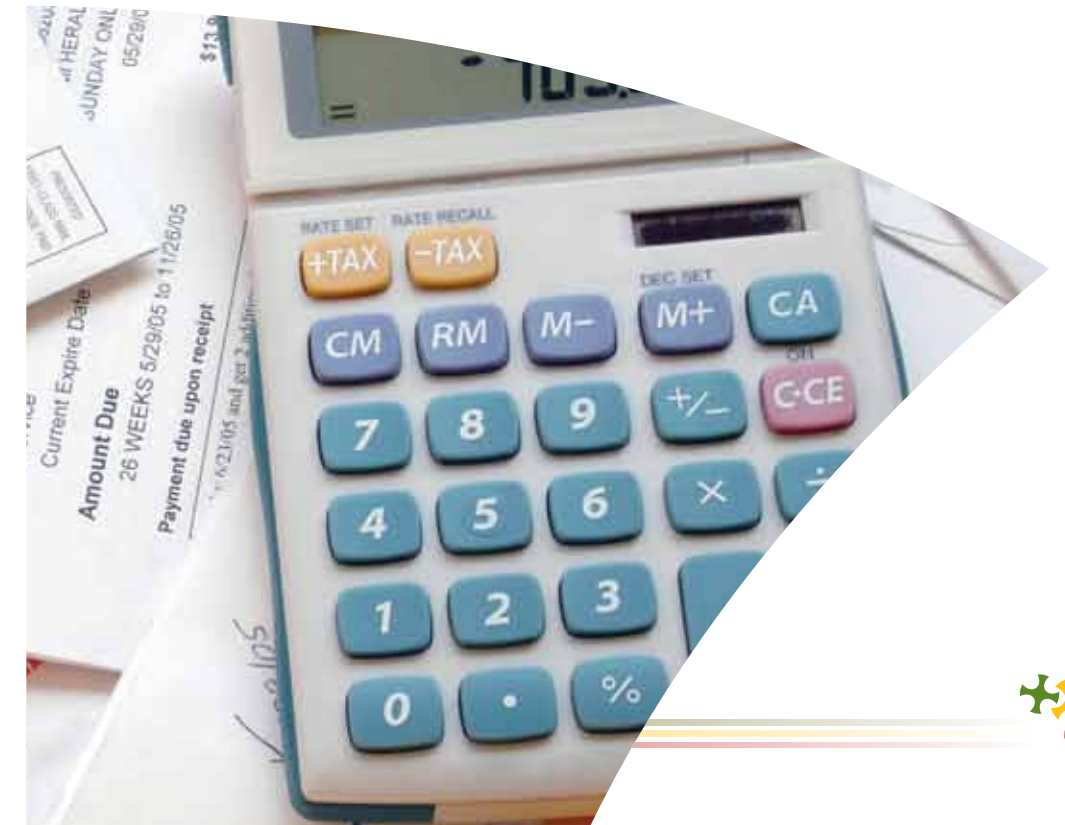
Urdu

 0800 587 0001

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## Income Management



**Service Standards have been developed in consultation with customers in order that customers have a clear understanding on what standard of service they can expect us to deliver.**

We closely monitor how we perform against all service standards. The Service Improvement and Review Group made up of tenants and officers also review these standards to ensure that customers are receiving the standard of service they expect.

If you are interested in helping us monitor and review Service Standards we would be delighted to hear from you.

Please contact the Customer Relationship Team on 0191 385 1450 or email [lisacoverdale@cestria.org](mailto:lisacoverdale@cestria.org)

## Customer Services: Service Standards

### We will:

- Answer all telephone calls to our offices within 30 seconds.
- Acknowledge all written correspondence requiring a response, within three working days of receiving them and send you a detailed reply within 10 working days. If we are not able to do this, we will let you know and tell you when you can expect a full reply.
- Acknowledge receipt of a complaint within three working days.
- Formally respond to your complaint within 10 working days.
- Provide our tenants and leaseholders with a newsletter, the Cestria Courier, four times each year.

## Customer Services: Our Commitments

### We will:

- Give our name and be polite and courteous to you when answering your phone calls.
- Send you a satisfaction survey to seek your feedback on our services so that we can improve.
- Open at times that are suitable for most of our customers.
- Clearly display our office opening hours and the out of hours emergency repairs phone number.
- Effectively communicate with one another and pass on messages from customers.
- Arrange a mutually agreed appointment date, time and place to visit you if requested.
- Provide an interview room so that you can speak to us in private if necessary.
- Provide 'same sex' interviews on request.
- Display identification at all times.
- Develop a culturally sensitive service across the whole organisation.
- Arrange for a translation service on your behalf if necessary if this is required.
- Provide information in alternative formats e.g. Braille, large print and audio within three working days.
- Use a number of ways to keep you informed and to consult you about the service we provide.
- Display up to date information, newsletters and posters.
- Provide a repairs freephone service.
- Provide a 24 hour Contact Centre.
- Provide a three stage formal complaints system for investigating and responding to complaints.



## Income Management: Service Standards

### We will:

- Send you a rent statement every three months.
- Give you at least four weeks notice of the annual rent increase.
- Credit payments you make to your rent account within three working days.
- Order you a new Allpay card within three working days of request.
- Send you a Direct Debit mandate within three working days of request.

