

# Customer Service Standards and Performance 2023/24



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(Back Row) Hy Staff Members (Front Center) Former Mayor of Mid & East Antrim, Gerardine Mulvenna, (Front) Hy Trainees at the launch of the new Harmony studio, Ballymena.

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# "Commitment

is what transforms a

# promise into reality"

Abraham Lincoln

# **Our Commitment to you**



Triangle is committed to achieving excellence in customer service by setting high performance targets, involving and responding to our customers in a helpful and timely manner and providing value for money.

Our staff and contractors will act confidentially and treat all our customers fairly, equally, with respect, courtesy and consideration. Our Customer Service Standards cover all services provided by the organisation and set out the level of performance and customer care the every customer can expect from us.

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Chris Alexander (Chief Executive)

# **Our Core Beliefs**





'Building Better Lives Together'

MISSION Statement 'Triangle enhances lives by providing homes, supporting Individuals and families whilst sustaining communities and promoting equality'



### CORE Values

#### Purpose

We ensure our vision, goals and objectives are clearly understood by all. We constantly share so everyone has the perfect understanding and alignment.

#### Accountability

We take personal ownership for our actions and are focused on solutions.

#### Togetherness

We work together within our teams and across other functional areas to support each other.

#### **Empowerment**

We constantly strive to involve and equip others, to enable them to grow, develop, learn and progress.

#### Respect

We are honest, open, and respectful in all our dealings with others. We do what we say we will do. We are conscious of the impact of our actions and words.

# What to expect from us:

We recognise that excellent customer service is integral to the delivery of high quality public services and we are committed to meeting the needs of customers in a professional manner.

# In return we ask you to:



- Treat our staff respectfully
- Provide any information that has been requested within agreed timescales
- Let us know if you are unable to do this or if your circumstances have changed
- Pay rent on time
- Let contractors into your home to carry out repairs
- Keep your home in good condition
- Respect your neighbours and avoid causing a nuisance
- Tell us if you think we have done something wrong and give us a chance to put it right

## **Customer Communication**

Our Staff:		2023/24	2022/23
	We will treat all customers fairly and with respect. Target 100% Our staff will be polite and helpful at all times. Target 100%	Results 97% 98%	Results 83% 100%
Visiting	g our offices:		
	We will publish our opening hours for our head office and inform you of any closures due to bank holidays. Target 100%	100%	100%
<b>10</b>	We will see you within 10 mins if you have an appointment. Target 100%	100%	100%
Corres	pondence:		
	<b>Average speed of answer</b> If a receptionist is not available you will be automatically transferred to our Fast-Track system which will direct you to your chosen department.	<b>0:00:12</b> (12 seconds)	Data not recorded
	We will provide a full response within 10 working days to all business related external letters. Target 90%	100%	100%
@	We will respond to all business related emails within 24hrs.	100%	100%

### **Complaints:**

#### 2023/24 Results

**24** Complaints received (3 remain open at Stage 1, continuing into 2024/25) 27 in 2022/23

**19** Complaints received at Stage 1 24 in 2022/23

**1** Complaint received at Stage 2 3 in 2022/23

**1** Complaint resolved at Stage 3 0 in 2022/23



We will acknowledge your	2023/24	2022/23
complaint within 2 working	Results	Results
days. Target 100%	<b>79%</b>	<b>83%</b>
We aim to resolve your complaint within 10 working days Target 80%	50%	25%

The majority of 2023/24 complaints relate to the length of time taken to address repairs. Delays with contractors, materials and parts had a negative impact on maintenance services.

We are committed to transparency in how we handle complaints. Each complaint is carefully analysed to identify opportunities for learning and improvement. The following are some examples of changes implemented during 2023/24 as a result of complainant feedback:

1. Improvements in communication between Property Assets and Housing Management Teams

2. Active review of open orders with contractor at new monthly progress meetings.

3. Implemented single point of contact with Property Assets Team to communicate with tenant on a frequent basis as to status of repair and potential completion date.

### **Our services**

### Supporting you:



We will deliver services to meet all regulatory and contractual requirements



We will deliver services which are person centred and outcome focused to meet your individualised needs.

#### 2023/24 Results

2022/23 Results





#### Involving you:



We will involve you in decisions that affect all aspects of your daily life through assessment and review processes. Target 98%



We will support you to be involved in different roles or participate in any groups/ activities you may wish to take part in. Target 95% 92% 90% 98% 100%

#### Our staff:



We will ensure that staff working with you demonstrate the core values of the organisation.



We will act as an advocate on your behalf if you want us to.



2022/23 Results



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#### Your opinions:



We will record and report all accidents and incidents, we will review them to see if we can learn from them.

### Landlord services

### **Property Assets:**





Total invested in planned and cyclical maintenance (70% of planned spend)

86.2% Emergency repairs completed on time (7.3% decrease on 2022/23 Department for Communities regulatory target 85%

81.9% Urgent repairs completed on time (3.6% decrease on 2022/23) Department for Communities regulatory target 80%

81.2% Routine repairs completed on time (5.5% decrease on 2022/23) Department for Communities regulatory target 80%

### Housing Management:

**3.5%** Empty properties pending letting (*Target 4%*) (1.8% increase on 2022/23)

5.1% Basic Rent Arrears (Target 5%) (2.1% increase on 2022/23)

10.1% Rent increase on 2022/23

1442 Total units of General Family and Supported Living Units

610k Grants, benefits and other financial awards secured for tenants & service users

