

Case Study: Shelter Scotland

Renting Scotland website



Shelter Scotland, a charity that aims to ensure that everyone in Scotland has access to safe, secure and affordable housing, applied for funding in 2017 to relaunch its online resource.

With private residential tenancies (PRT) coming into force in December 2017, Shelter wanted to redevelop and update RentingScotland.org, a free online tool that offers tenants and landlords a comprehensive guide to private renting in Scotland.

Shelter was awarded £43,500 in funding from SafeDeposits Scotland Trust – the highest amount the Trust has awarded to a single organisation – to complete an overhaul of the website.

The Trust believed the site would become an invaluable resource to tenants, agents and landlords, especially at this vital time for Scotland’s private rented sector – with PRT replacing assured and short assured tenancy agreements for all new tenancies.

The aim of the platform is to ensure that Scotland’s PRS is more effective at providing high-quality, well-managed homes. It exists as an independent platform that promotes the tenant information pack, checklist tools for landlords and guidance for both parties.

By providing impartial, accurate and up-to-date information the website, which went live early in 2018, will help tenants and landlords understand their rights and responsibilities, which should ensure a smooth and successful tenancy.