

## **Choosing accommodation for 2<sup>nd</sup> year onwards**

From 2<sup>nd</sup> year onwards, you may wish to choose to continue living in university-owned halls or search for alternative private student accommodation. Whatever your decision, support and guidance is available throughout your time at the university.

## **Choose Liverpool Student Homes for your property search**

Liverpool Student Homes is the official university student support service for private accommodation in Liverpool. The service is owned and managed by University of Liverpool, Liverpool John Moores University, Liverpool Hope University, Liverpool Institute for Performing Arts and Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine and is endorsed by their respective Students' Unions.

## LSH Standards Accreditation

LSH operates the only accreditation scheme in Liverpool for private student accommodation, called the **LSH Standards**. Private accommodation providers voluntarily register with the scheme and make a commitment to meeting the criteria required for accreditation. This includes quality and safety requirements for their properties and ensuring that they run their business in the correct way.

LSH advertise the largest choice of accredited private student accommodation in Liverpool with over 26,000 bed spaces advertised on the website every year. The accreditation scheme aims to offer students a wide choice of quality accommodation and a means of redress, using a formal complaints procedure, if something goes wrong during their tenancy.

## Types of properties available

There is a wide choice available including rooms in large student developments, studio flats, shared houses of all sizes & homestay properties (living with the owner). LSH advertise individual rooms, as well as whole properties to rent. You can search the property database quickly and easily on the <u>accommodation search page</u>.

Is LSH a letting agent?

No. The service is university-funded and not-for-profit. LSH offer free, confidential housing-related

advice and support to all students studying at stakeholder institutions.

Properties that are advertised by LSH have been registered by private landlords and have met the criteria set out in the accreditation scheme - the LSH standards. These standards are in place to protect students from poor housing conditions and raise the quality of student accommodation

across Liverpool.

**Housing Advice Service and contract checking** 

Students can access free, confidential housing advice, from LSH Housing Advisors, if experiencing

problems while renting privately in Liverpool.

LSH can help with: disputes with landlords/agents, property disrepair, damp and mould, getting

deposits back, tenant rights and more.

Students can also get tenancy agreements (contracts) checked over by a Housing Advisor, before

deciding to sign. LSH will point out any unfair terms and explain anything that you don't understand.

**Contacting Liverpool Student Homes** 

LSH has an office based in Liverpool City Centre, near to the Metropolitan Cathedral:

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