

# Our Tenant Satisfaction Measures survey approach 2023-24

Tenant Satisfaction Measures (TSM) were introduced by the Regulator of Social Housing to enable tenants to scrutinise our performance and give us insight about where we can improve.

A sample of customers are contacted to complete a telephone perception survey by Acuity, our contractor. Thank you to all 1,061 tenants who completed our TSM survey in 2023-24. This document shows a summary of how we carried out this survey, including the questions we asked and how we made sure that customers from different groups\* were represented.

You can see our 2023-24 TSM results on our website – **www.homesplus.co.uk/TSMs-2023-24**. If you would like to receive this information by post, please call us on **0800 048 8955**.

\*See 'How were tenants selected?' section on page 2.

# When did we survey our tenants?

Tenants were surveyed at two different times in the 2023-24 year. You can see the dates for these, below.

- The first surveys were carried out between 2 October 2023 and 6 October 2023.
- The second batch of surveys took place between 19 March 2024 and 27 March 2024.

We then combined the results from all 1,061 surveys to form our 2023-24 report.

## How was the survey carried out?

In 2023-24, all surveys were carried out over the telephone. Where needed, some tenants were sent an email by the telephone interviewer with a link to complete the survey online.

# Who carried out the survey?

Our contractor, Acuity Research & Practice Ltd, carried out the survey on our behalf. As well as collecting this data, they were also responsible for selecting the sample of tenants from each group, creating the report and making sure that the results were valid.

## How did Acuity introduce the survey to tenants?

The Acuity telephone interviewers contacted our tenants directly and said the following, "My name is and I'm calling on behalf of Homes Plus.

"We're carrying out telephone surveys with customers of Homes Plus to find out how satisfied you are with your home and with the services that you receive from them. More information can be found on their website.

"Would it be convenient to go through the survey with you now, it should only take about 10 minutes?"

If a customer responded with no, they were asked if they were happy to be called back at a different time.

Acuity introduced themselves by saying "Before we start, I need to make you aware that I work for an independent research agency called Acuity, working on behalf of Homes Plus.

"All calls will be recorded for training and quality purposes, and we are bound by the Market Research Society Code of Conduct.

"Any information that you give us will be treated in confidence and will be used to find ways of improving the service that Homes Plus provides."

Acuity explained how the information would be used, by saying "The survey will be used to calculate annual Tenant Satisfaction Measures to be published by Homes Plus and reported back to the Regulator of Social Housing".

Finally, if customers said that they would like to contact Homes Plus for more information, they were directed to call us on 0800 048 8955 or email our customer service team on one of the following email addresses:

- askshropshire@homesplus.co.uk
- asksouthstaffs@homesplus.co.uk
- askstafford@homesplus.co.uk

#### How were tenants selected?

The tenants were selected through a random stratified sample. This means that Acuity split the tenants into groups depending on:

- The type of home such as retirement living
- The area in which they live
- The age of the customer

A number of tenants were then selected at random from each of these groups, to make sure that the feedback represented as many different customers as possible.

You can see a breakdown of these groups, below.

#### **Group by type of property**

	Population		Tenants surveyed in 2023-24	
	Number of tenants	Percentage of total number of tenants	Number of tenants	Percentage of total number of tenants
General needs	15528	88%	919	87%
Retirement living	1860	11%	128	12%
Retirement living Plus	249	1%	14	1%
Total	17637	100%	1061	100%

### **Group by age**

	Population		Tenants surveyed in 2023-24	
	Number of tenants	Percentage of total number of tenants	Number of tenants	Percentage of total number of tenants
0 – 24	411	2%	25	2%
25 – 34	2380	13%	148	14%
35 – 44	3163	18%	193	18%
45 – 54	2733	15%	165	16%
55 – 59	1715	10%	104	10%
60 – 64	1543	9%	90	8%
65 – 74	2536	14%	150	14%
75 – 84	2095	12%	128	12%
85 +	996	6%	58	5%
Unknown	65	0%	0	0%
Total	17637	100%	1061	100%

#### **Group by area**

	Population		Tenants surveyed in 2023-24	
	Number of tenants	Percentage of total number of tenants	Number of tenants	Percentage of total number of tenants
Area 1	5129	29%	305	29%
Area 2	4712	27%	285	27%
Area 3	2396	14%	144	14%
Area 4	2524	14%	154	15%
Area 5	2168	12%	131	12%
Area 6	275	2%	17	2%
Area 7	345	2%	21	2%
Area 8	71	0%	4	0%
Not applicable	17	0%	0	0%
Total	17637	100%	1061	100%

Sometimes 'weighting' is needed to make sure that feedback is proportional from each of the customer groups. This means taking the results from each customer group and re-calculating them depending on the size of the group.

Our random stratified sampling approach helped us to achieve this representation, as explained above. Due to this approach, weighting was not applied to our results.

# What questions did we ask?

Our questions were mainly set by the Regulator of Social Housing. You can see these, below, in the order that they were asked.

Code	Question text	Response options
TP01	Taking everything into account, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the service provided by Homes Plus?	Very satisfied, Fairly satisfied, Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied, Fairly dissatisfied, Very dissatisfied
TP04	How satisfied or dissatisfied are you that Homes Plus provides a home that is well maintained?	Very satisfied, Fairly satisfied, Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied, Fairly dissatisfied, Very dissatisfied
TP05	Thinking about the condition of the property or building you live in, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you that Homes Plus provides a home that is safe?	Very satisfied, Fairly satisfied, Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied, Fairly dissatisfied, Very dissatisfied, Not applicable / Don't know
TP10	How satisfied or dissatisfied are you that Homes Plus keeps these communal areas clean and well maintained?	Very satisfied, Fairly satisfied, Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied, Fairly dissatisfied, Very dissatisfied
TP02	How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the overall repairs service from Homes Plus over the last 12 months?	Very satisfied, Fairly satisfied, Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied, Fairly dissatisfied, Very dissatisfied
TP03	How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the time taken to complete your most recent repair after you reported it?	Very satisfied, Fairly satisfied, Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied, Fairly dissatisfied, Very dissatisfied
TP11	How satisfied or dissatisfied are you that Homes Plus makes a positive contribution to your neighbourhood?	Very satisfied, Fairly satisfied, Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied, Fairly dissatisfied, Very dissatisfied, Not applicable / Don`t know
TP12	How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with Homes Plus's approach to handling antisocial behaviour?	Very satisfied, Fairly satisfied, Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied, Fairly dissatisfied, Very dissatisfied, Not applicable / Don`t know
TP06	How satisfied or dissatisfied are you that Homes Plus listens to your views and acts upon them?	Very satisfied, Fairly satisfied, Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied, Fairly dissatisfied, Very dissatisfied, Not applicable / Don`t know
TP07	How satisfied or dissatisfied are you that Homes Plus keeps you informed about things that matter to you?	Very satisfied, Fairly satisfied, Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied, Fairly dissatisfied, Very dissatisfied, Not applicable / Don`t know
TP08	To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following `Homes Plus treats me fairly and with respect`?	Strongly agree, Agree, Neither agree nor disagree, Disagree, Strongly disagree, Not applicable / Don`t know
TP09	How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with Homes Plus' approach to complaints handling?	Very satisfied, Fairly satisfied, Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied, Fairly dissatisfied, Very dissatisfied

# What additional questions did we ask?

To help us better understand the feedback from our tenants, we asked some additional questions. You can see these, below, in the order that they were asked.

Code	Question text	Response options
TP01A	What is the main reason for your answer when it comes to overall satisfaction?	Free text
TP10A	Do you live in a building with communal areas, either inside or outside, that Homes Plus is responsible for maintaining?	Yes, No, Don't know
TP02A	Has Homes Plus carried out a repair to your home in the last 12 months?	Yes, No
ТР03В	Is there anything you would like to say about how Homes Plus could improve its repairs and maintenance service?	Free text
2	How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with your neighbourhood as a place to live?	Very satisfied, Fairly satisfied, Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied, Fairly dissatisfied, Very dissatisfied
1	How satisfied or dissatisfied are you that Homes Plus is easy to deal with?	10 - Very satisfied, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, 0 - Very dissatisfied
3	How satisfied or dissatisfied are you that Homes Plus gives you the opportunity to make your views known?	Very satisfied, Fairly satisfied, Neither, Fairly dissatisfied, Very dissatisfied, Have not given any views
TP09A	Have you made a complaint to Homes Plus in the last 12 months?	Yes, No
TP09B	When making your complaint to Homes Plus, did you go through the official complaints process? E.g. stage1, stage 2	Yes, No, Unsure
4	How likely would you be to recommend Homes Plus to other people on a scale of 10 to 0, where 10 is extremely likely and 0 is not at all likely?	10 - Extremely likely, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, 0 - Not at all likely
7	If Homes Plus could do ONE thing to improve its services, what would you like it to be?	Free text
P1	The results of this survey are confidential. However, would you be happy for us to give your responses to Homes Plus with your name attached so that they have better information to help them improve services?	Yes, No
P2	Would you be happy for Homes Plus to contact you to follow up any of the comments or issues you have raised?	Yes, No

## **Additional information**

- We didn't offer tenants any incentives to complete the survey.
- We didn't exclude any households when selecting the sample group.
- The feedback from every tenant who took part in the survey has been included in our results.