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The Deposit Protection Service donates another £20,000 to charities

Bristol, – The Deposit Protection Service (The DPS) has donated another £20,000 to charities in three locations across England.

The UK's largest provider of deposit protection services has given £10,000 to Calderdale SmartMove in Halifax, £5,000 to No Limits, in Southampton and £5,000 to Bosco House in Merseyside.

Daren King, Head of Tenancy Deposit Protection at The DPS, said: "We're really glad to be able to support these three fantastic charities, all of which provide really important assistance to local people.

"Since the launch of our charity fund The DPS has given £160,000 to housing charities and we're delighted to continue to fund such crucial work."

The DPS' donation to Calderdale Smartmove will help provide secured bonds to private landlords and house another 23 individuals and families.

Craig George, at Calderdale Smartmove, said: "For many people, finding long-term accommodation is extremely challenging, and by giving more individuals and families a helping hand, we can make sure more people have somewhere safe and comfortable to live.

"We're really grateful to The DPS for the funding, and it's great to work with organisations that share Calderdale Smartmove's ethos."

Bosco House is a small charity that provides bed spaces to single, homeless men, many of whom have substance misuse problems, mental health issues and have an offending background, and The DPS' donation will help open a new hostel in Sefton that will house 13 homeless young people.

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James Heller, a Senior Worker at Bosco House, said: "We are extremely delighted and grateful to The DPS for the funding provided for our new hostel.

"The funding provided will go a long way towards providing a safe and secure environment for our clients and will contribute to rebuilding lives and combating homelessness in Merseyside."

No Limits aims to relieve and prevent suffering caused by mental or physical ill-health or by social or economic circumstances amongst local young people with an information, advice and counselling service.

The DPS' donation will fund Homemaker Volunteer courses designed to teach skills that will improve the likelihood of young people staying in their homes, such as cooking on a budget, cleaning and money management.

Paul Salter, Team Leader for Floating Support at No Limits, said: "We're really grateful to The DPS for the money, which will really help us empower young people to truly enjoy their new homes.

"Some of the young people we work with have never had the welcoming, comfortable home that many of us take for granted, and we want these young people to feel like they have a home of which they can be proud."

The UK's largest provider of deposit protection services established a fund in 2014 to assist charities that support the homeless and those who need help to live independently.

Charities across the country have benefited from donations from The DPS over the last two years.

Charities focused on the housing sector can apply for funds via The DPS' website at www.depositprotection.com/charity. Applications for the next round of awards must be submitted by 30 September 2016.

Photo: Chris Leonard, Senior Business Manager at The Deposit Protection Service (The DPS) (left), Craig George, Fundraising and Relationship Manager at Calderdale Smartmove (centre) with staff members and service users outside the charity's offices in Halifax.

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The Deposit Protection Service's custodial tenancy deposit protection scheme is accredited by the Government. It is provided free of charge, and funded entirely by the interest earned from deposits held in the scheme. The DPS was approved by the UK government to run an insured TDP scheme in September 2012 in addition to the approval it has already been granted by the UK government in respect of the custodial scheme. The DPS is run by [Computershare Investor Services PLC](#). Online self-service allows landlords to register and make deposit payments, transfers and repayments 24 hours a day. Help and advice is available through a dedicated call centre during office hours. An impartial Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) service, helps to resolve any disputes quickly and without the need for court action.

For more information, visit www.depositprotection.com

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