



News Release

Date:	Monday 20 March 2017
Subject:	The Deposit Protection Service donates £19,000 to charities in Brighton and Devon

Bristol, Monday 20 March 2017 – The Deposit Protection Service has donated another £19,000 to charity, the UK’s largest protector of tenancy deposits has announced.

A home and its grounds in Honiton in Devon run by charity SeeAbility are being refurbished following a £7,993 donation.

A further £11,000 is being used to fund specialist support from YMCA DownsLink Group - Youth Advice Centre in Brighton and Hove.

Daren King, Head of Tenancy Deposit Protection at The DPS, said: “The Deposit Protection Service has given over £200,000 to good causes since we established our charity fund in 2014.

“We believe that everyone has the right to live life to the full, and we were really excited to visit Devon to see how our donation is helping SeeAbility’s fantastic work.

“We’re also delighted to be supporting YMCA DownsLink Group - Youth Advice Centre’s fantastic work in helping LGBT young people find a home in Brighton and Hove.”

SeeAbility aims to support people with a combination of sight loss and visual impairment, learning difficulties and physical difficulties to reach their aspirations and has over 20 residential homes and supported living facilities across the south of England.

Rebecca Compton, Partnership Executive at SeeAbility, said: “The paved path that encircles the property in Honiton had become uneven, creating great difficulty for people with sight loss and wheel chair users.

“We’re really grateful to The DPS for this generous donation, which has helped us repair the path and undertake other vital improvements that will help our residents live independently.”

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YMCA DownsLink Group - Youth Advice Centre is a "one-stop shop" for advice and information for young people aged 13-25 years old in the City of Brighton and Hove.

Julia Harrison, Advice Services Manager at YMCA DownsLink Group - Youth Advice Centre, said: "LGBT young people account for 13% of the total number of clients accessing our housing service, with a 50% increase in transgender clients since April 2016.

"The DPS' generous donation will help reduce youth homelessness and empower LGBT young people to be aware of their rights and responsibilities as tenants."

The DPS's fund assists charities that support the homeless and those who need help to live independently, and good causes across the UK have benefited from donations from The DPS and its sister organisations, the Letting Protection Service (LPS) Scotland and Northern Ireland, over the last three 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 31 March 2016.

Photo: (Right) Daren King, Head of Tenancy Deposit Protection at The Deposit Protection Service (The DPS), with staff of YMCA DownsLink Group - Youth Advice, after The DPS made a £11,000 donation to help the charity provide specialist support for LGBT young people in Brighton and Hove to help them find a home.

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About The DPS

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](http://www.computershare.com). 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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