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Sovereign Kingfisher continues to succeed

All landlords have a responsibility to carry out yearly gas safety checks on properties where gas is installed to comply with current gas regulations.

For the financial year ending March 2010 Sovereign Kingfisher achieved 100% compliance with the gas regulations. This success has been achieved following the introduction of a new annual Home Health and Safety Check. Implemented in April 2009 the Home Health and Safety Check is undertaken by Sovereign Kingfishers contractor, Central Heating Services to the 7000 homes owned and managed by Sovereign Kingfisher.

The project was the result of a lengthy consultation process with residents, staff and independent consultants and is now carried out on an annual basis, meaning fewer visits to residents' homes to undertake work such as: Gas, solid fuel and oil servicing, asbestos and water condition surveys, portable appliance, smoke detector and Carbon Monoxide detector testing. All of these safety checks can now be carried out in one visit instead of five and so minimise inconvenience to the resident. It is already proving a lot more cost effective with savings of over £130 per property and also helping to lower the impact on the environment by reducing the number of vans on the road.

Carol Williams, Managing Director of Sovereign Kingfisher said, "I am delighted that we have achieved full compliance with the gas safety regulations. This is a reflection of the continued hard work of our Property Services Team, our contractor and the valued contributions gained from feedback of our residents through various resident forums and surveys."

Barry Caton, Managing Director of CHS said, "This success had been achieved by the close working relationship between Sovereign Kingfisher and Central Heating Services Ltd. We look forward to future successes."

Faulty appliances can give off carbon monoxide and this gas cannot be seen or smelt but it can kill. Faulty appliances can also cause explosions. As a landlord we have a legal duty to service appliance(s) each year. Residents of Sovereign Kingfisher should call CHS direct to arrange their annual gas safety checks on 0800 107 8070.

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Notes to Editor:

Photos attached.

If you would like more information, please contact Debbie Down, External Communications Adviser for Sovereign, on 01256 302307, or email debbie.down@sovereign.org.uk.



Left to right: Receiving a certificate to mark 100% compliance is: CHS: Barry Caton, Charlene Johnson, Rob Banks; Sovereign Kingfisher: Sian Lewis-Harding, John Dyson, and Trevor Percy