





#### What is the survey about?

B&D Reside have commissioned Acuity to carry out a survey of their residents. The survey is a general satisfaction survey (perception survey) asking residents what they think about their home and the Housing Services provided by B&D Reside. The survey is similar to other surveys carried out in the past and is based on standardised questions used by other landlords. It incorporates the themes from the Social Housing White Paper and the Tenant Satisfaction Measures (TSMs) which were introduced by the Regulator of Social Housing in April 2023. The survey will be carried out in October to December 2024.

# Who are Acuity?

Acuity Research & Practice (Acuity) provide tenant satisfaction surveys and benchmarking services, helping housing providers to improve services and engage with their residents through an understanding of satisfaction, performance and profiling data. They have been providing consultancy services to the social housing sector for over 26 years.

# There are a couple of ways you can take part:

- **Completing the survey online** Acuity will send an email to all residents with an email address containing a link inviting tenants to complete the survey online.
- Telephone surveys In December, Acuity may call around 100 residents who have not yet completed a survey, inviting them to complete the survey with a telephone interviewer. If residents receive a call from Acuity, the number displayed will be from 0203 769 4202, a local area code.



#### Are the surveys confidential and anonymous?

The surveys are strictly confidential and if a resident requests, the results can be given back to B&D Reside anonymously without their name attached, if the resident wishes to remain anonymous.

#### What can I do to help residents and boost response rates?

It is really important that front line staff encourage residents to take part at every opportunity and assist residents with queries about the survey and reassure them that the calls are genuine.

### When will Acuity call our residents?

Acuity only make calls between the hours of 9:00am and 20:00pm Monday to Friday and between the hours of 10.00am and 18:00pm on Saturday. Interviewers allow the telephone to ring for a minimum of 25 seconds, or until a voicemail system kicks in, to ensure residents with mobility issues are given sufficient time to get to the phone.

### What telephone number is displayed?

If a resident receives a call from Acuity the number displayed will be one which is from a local area code, **0203 769 4202**. If the resident sees a missed call from this number and calls back, they will hear a recorded message informing them that someone from Acuity tried to call them to complete a survey for their landlord.

### Who should I contact at B&D Reside or Acuity if I have a query that is not addressed here?

If you have any queries about the survey, please contact **Stuart Pearson** at B&D Reside (email **feedback@bdreside.co.uk**) or Heather Metivier at Acuity on 01273 287114 or acuity@arap.co.uk.

#### Are the surveys in line with data protection and what about quality standards?

Acuity is a company partner member of the Market Research Society and is registered with the Information Commissionaires Office, and in line with the Data Protection Act is not permitted to release any details to any other organisation. Under the Data Protection Act Acuity is not permitted to release any information that would allow an individual to be identified without their prior active consent to do so. Acuity also holds ISO20252:2019, which is the quality standard for market research companies.

## Want to know more about Acuity?

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