

# EQUALITY BEST PRACTICE IN THE PRIVATE RENTED SECTOR (PRS)

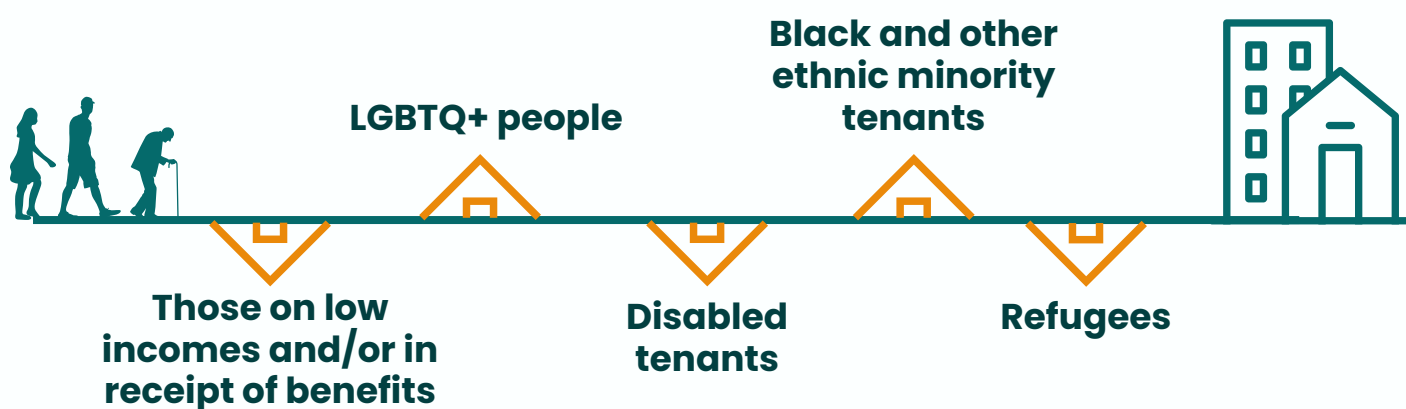


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## Which minority groups face the most disproportionate disadvantage in the PRS?



### 50% +

Over half of landlords and letting agents are still outright refusing to consider tenants on benefits.

Adverts citing 'No DSS' or 'Professionals only' are common despite this amounting to indirect discrimination.

Disabled tenants are more likely to be in receipt of benefits, so 'No DSS' policies indirectly discriminate.

### 35%

Disabled tenants are 35% more likely to be asked for a guarantor compared with non-disabled people.

### 4x

LGBTQ+ people are 4 times more likely to become homeless.

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Black tenants are 4 times more likely to be asked for 6 months' rent up front and 3.5 times more likely to be told 'no children.'

Black and minority ethnic tenants have a much higher chance of being rejected for a property even when they pass affordability and credit checks.

Refugees are commonly asked to provide UK-based guarantors and 6 or 12 months rent up front.

## What does equality best practice in the PRS look like?



### Education, training and awareness-raising:

Whether it's developing a trauma-informed Hoarding Policy, learning how to be anti-racist or gathering a list of services that support Refugees - every landlord and agent can do their bit.

### Widening access schemes:



These include the Leasing Scheme Wales, Local Authority schemes such as Caerphilly Keys and Monmouthshire Lettings, Social Letting Agencies such as My Landlord Cares and equality-focused organisations such as Accessible PRS. Any landlord or agent can choose to be involved with these schemes, and they will be contributing to a fairer and more accessible PRS if they do.



### More joined-up thinking and collaboration:

Landlords and tenants both want secure, good quality homes. Through landlord fora, membership organisations, Rent Smart Wales and community engagement, we can bring services together to break down barriers, reduce 'us-and-them' thinking and develop a more helpful narrative for improvement in the PRS.