







Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman – full investigations	Ombudsman Outcome/Requirement	Lessons/Action Timeframe
Adult Services and Communities - Complaint in relation to the Council's communication regarding the process and financial implications of moving into residential care	Outcome - upheld fault and injustice - apology submitted for uncertainty caused by the delay in assessing eligible needs under the Care Act and for the distress caused by failing to request funding for the respite care in May 2022; - apologise for the uncertainty caused by not notifying complainant of its decision on whether to refer for a further carer's assessment - backdate the Council's assistance with the fees for the care home placement	-review assessed contribution from April 2023 and notify of the correct assessed contributionreview its record keeping procedures to ensure officers record all key decisions relating to a person's care needs and notify the client of the decision by training or other means remind officers to provide key information about care home funding in writing following conversations with clients regarding funding arrangements. This is to ensure understanding of the key issues discussed and potential financial implications
Team Resident Services/Wolverhampton Homes Complaint in relation to housing register	Outcome – not upheld, no fault	
Team Education Services, SEND Team Complaint in relation to delays with EHCP plan	Outcome – upheld fault and injustice - apology submitted for injustice caused by its delays in finalising the EHCP plan pay complainant £350 in recognition of the avoidable distress and uncertainty	Learning undertaken - the LGSCO noted that the Council has already acknowledged there were delays in the process, and took reasonable steps to try and minimise the impact on the uncertainty, in so far as it was able. The LGSCO confirmed that the Council does not need to make any service improvement recommendations as these have already been undertaken by the service in July 2023

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## **Ombudsman Outcome/Requirement**

## Learning undertaken

**Lessons/Action** 

**Timeframe** 

ent Organisation (TMO) Complaint in relation to the landlord's response to the resident's request to install a fence

damage and the landlord's complaint

handling

**Outcome** – severe maladministration - to pay the resident £700 to reflect the distress and inconvenience caused to the resident, because of the repeated barriers placed to obtain approval to install a fence around the boundary of her front garden - to provide the resident with a written apology for the failures identified

- carry out empathy and equality training with its staff to ensure it is upholding its obligation and commitment to actively consider equality and inclusion in very practical ways

- review to be conducted into this case to identify any additional learning and improvement, and report the outcome -review its record keeping practices to ensure it keeps clear, accurate and comprehensive records of discussions in-

person or over the telephone -review its fencing policy to clarify the process for assessing objections from other residents and confirm how the landlord will manage objections which are considered to be malicious

Learning undertaken

**Team** Outcome - no maladministration by the **Wolverhampton Homes** landlord in respect of its response to the resident's complaint about damage to her Complaint in relation to the landlord's handling of and response to the resident's carpets request for compensation, including property - maladministration by the landlord in its

complaint handling

£150 compensation

- in relation to poor complaint handling the landlord is ordered to pay the resident

-review this case to identify how it has improved its complaint handling processes since the resident's complaint, in order to ensure her experiences are not repeated. This review must be shared with the resident and the Ombudsman