



## Press release

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### **GCH provides reports on asbestos in homes**

Gloucester City Homes is making sure that customers are fully informed about any asbestos in their homes in a programme of home visits taking place during October.

With visits starting on October 16<sup>th</sup>, all customers who have asbestos in their homes will be visited by a member of staff and provided with a notice stating where the asbestos is.

The information notices are being provided following an earlier routine survey to determine the extent of any asbestos in GCH homes.

The purpose of the information notices is to ensure that any contractor carrying out work in the home or customer doing a DIY job is aware of any potential risk and can take any necessary precautions.

GCH Chief Executive Ashley Green says:

'We want to make sure that when improvement works are carried out, the health and safety of our tenants, staff and contractors is not put at risk. We appreciate that some tenants may be concerned, however, I would like to reassure them that these information notices are routine and are not a cause for concern.'

**GCH has set up a special helpline for customers who have questions about asbestos in their homes. The number to call is 0121 5500224.**

**Further information and advice about asbestos can be found at**

**[www.gloscityhomes.co.uk](http://www.gloscityhomes.co.uk)**

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**Notes to editors:**

**Gloucester City Homes** is a 2 star Arms Length Management Company, which provides housing management services to 4900 homes in Gloucester on behalf of the City Council. The company is carrying out a £40 million improvement programme to bring customers' homes to the Decent Homes Standard.