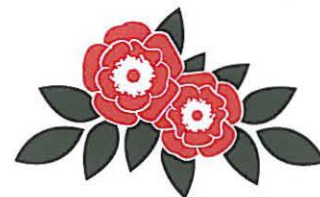


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FAO David Powles

In response to your question concerning checks made by the University of Central Lancashire on landlords of student property:

A University Spokesperson said “The University has had a private landlord registration scheme for four years. Prospective landlords are given information about the scheme, plus details of their legal obligations.

Before properties are registered a visit is made by University staff to assess the general suitability in respect of facilities, furnishings and décor and follow up inspections are made. Landlords must sign to agree that they will comply with legal requirements such as having gas safety certificates. The University encourages landlords to act in a professional manner by having a Code of Standards to which they must agree to adhere.

It is the responsibility of landlords to provide safe and habitable accommodation for their tenants. Students are strongly advised to thoroughly inspect properties before agreeing to sign a tenancy agreement. The University produces a detailed checklist to help students do this.

Complaints from students are investigated by Accommodation Officers and landlords are removed from the register if their properties fall below the required standards or if they act unprofessionally.”

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2nd November 2001
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