



## News Release

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**Subject:**

Homeless in Teignbridge, Exeter and Plymouth "Find the PATH" back to housing with £10,000 charity donation from The DPS

Bristol, Tuesday 27 December 2016 – Homeless people in Teignbridge, Exeter and Plymouth are "finding the PATH" back to housing following a £10,000 donation from The Deposit Protection Service (The DPS) to Plymouth Access to Housing (PATH), the local charity has said.

The DPS established a fund in 2014 to assist charities that support the homeless and those who need help to live independently.

Daren King, Head of Tenancy Deposit Protection at The DPS, said: "PATH is a great charity that provides really important support to homeless people throughout Plymouth, Teignbridge and Exeter area.

"The DPS has given almost £200,000 to housing charities since the launch of our fund, and we're really happy to be able to assist such crucial work across the country."

PATH provides advice, support, grants and deposit funding to help local homeless and vulnerable people access housing.

The DPS's donation will help the charity provide individuals with money for their tenancy deposits so that they can access private rented housing.

Rebecca Saxton, Manager at PATH, said: "As the nights become colder, the threat that homelessness presents becomes more severe, and the support we provide becomes even more important.

"The DPS' donation will ensure that even more people in Teignbridge, Exeter and Plymouth have safe, warm places to stay over winter".

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Charities across the UK have benefited from donations from The LPS Scotland and sister organisations, The Deposit Protection Service (The DPS) and the LPS Northern Ireland, over the last two years.

Charities focused on the housing sector can apply for funds via The DPS' website at [www.depositprotection.com/charity](http://www.depositprotection.com/charity). Applications for the next round of awards must be submitted by 31 December 2016.

Photo: Chris Leonard, Senior Business Manager at the Deposit Protection Service (The DPS), hands a donation of £10,000 to members of staff from Plymouth Access to Housing (PATH).

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1. For high resolution images of spokespeople, visit <http://cpu.vg/spokespeople>
2. For more information about Path visit their website: [www.pathdevon.org](http://www.pathdevon.org)

#### **About The DPS**

The Deposit Protection Service's custodial tenancy deposit protection scheme is accredited by the Government. It is provided free of charge, and funded entirely by the interest earned from deposits held in the scheme. The DPS was approved by the UK government to run an insured TDP scheme in September 2012 in addition to the approval it has already been granted by the UK government in respect of the custodial scheme. The DPS is run by [Computershare Investor Services PLC](http://www.computershare.com). Online self-service allows landlords to register and make deposit payments, transfers and repayments 24 hours a day. Help and advice is available through a dedicated call centre during office hours. An impartial Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) service, helps to resolve any disputes quickly and without the need for court action.

For more information, visit [www.depositprotection.com](http://www.depositprotection.com)

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