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Key driver analysis (using a correlation based technique) was carried out to determine which areas of its service WDC needs to focus on to improve overall satisfaction with its service. The top two drivers of satisfaction are WDC 'providing an effective and efficient service' and 'providing the service I expect from my landlord'. However, the following areas emerge as areas for focus – these are key drivers of satisfaction where WDC's performance is below the levels seen for other key drivers:

- Listening to tenants' views and acting on them (see section 2.5.4 below)
- Dealing with repairs and maintenance (see section 2.6.1 below)

2.1.3 Perceptions of WDC as a landlord

The table below summarises satisfaction on a series of statements on WDC's general service. As with overall satisfaction, satisfaction that 'WDC provides an effective and efficient service' and 'WDC is providing the service I expect from my landlord' has increased significantly since 2013:

Table 2: Perceptions of WDC as a landlord

	2013 (600)	2014 (582)	% point change
WDC has friendly and approachable staff	80%	81%	+1%
WDC is providing the service I expect from my landlord	70%	78%	+8%
WDC treats its residents fairly	74%	77%	+3%
WDC provides an effective and efficient service	65%	73%	+8%
I trust WDC	70%	71%	+1%
WDC has a good reputation in my area	60%	62%	+2%

2.1.4 Recommending WDC as a landlord

Asked whether they would recommend WDC to family or friends on a scale of 0-10, 29% of tenants gave a score of 9 or 10 and so are classified as 'promoters' of WDC. Over one in three (35%) gave a score of 0-6 and are classified as 'detractors'. WDC's Net Promoter Score (NPS) from these figures is -7%. This is not significantly higher than the figure of -11% seen in 2013, meaning that advocacy has not increased to the same extent as overall satisfaction.

2.2 Housing services

2.2.1 The overall quality of the home

Four in five (80%) of tenants are satisfied with the quality of their home, and 17% dissatisfied. Satisfaction on this measure has increased significantly compared to 2010 and 2013, when 71% and 74% were satisfied respectively. However, dissatisfaction has not changed significantly in this time.

2.2.2 The condition of the home

Over three-quarters (76%) of tenants are satisfied with the overall condition of their home, including 28% who are very satisfied. A fifth (20%) are dissatisfied. Satisfaction on this measure has increased significantly compared to 2010 (when 62% were satisfied), but again, the proportion dissatisfied has changed less.

2.2.3 Value for money of rent

Nearly three-quarters of tenants (73%) think that the rent they pay represents good value for money, while 17% think it is poor value. The proportion describing their rent as good value for money has increased significantly compared to both 2010 and 2013, when 62% and 67% were satisfied respectively. However, the proportion describing it as poor has not changed significantly

2.2.4 Being treated fairly

Four-fifths (80%) of tenants are satisfied that WDC treats them fairly, while 13% are dissatisfied – this has not changed significantly compared to 2013.

2.2.5 Satisfaction with other services

Tenants were asked to rate their satisfaction with a range of services provided by WDC. As the table below indicates, satisfaction has increased significantly on all these services, except for dealing with anti-social behaviour.

Table 3: Satisfaction with other services

	2013 (600)	2014 (582)	% point change
Your enquiries generally	74%	82%	+8%
Anti-social behaviour	60%	64%	+4%
Complaints	55%	64%	+9%
Moving or swapping your home (transfers & exchanges)	40%	52%	+12%
Managing empty homes	39%	45%	+6%

2.3 Neighbourhood and community

2.3.1 The neighbourhood as a place to live

Overall, tenant views on their neighbourhood are positive. Half (50%) of all tenants are very satisfied with their neighbourhood as a place to live, with 87% in total satisfied and 10% dissatisfied. There has been no significant increase in satisfaction with the neighbourhood as a place to live compared to the 2013 survey, but the improvement seen in 2013 compared to the 2010 survey (when 71% were satisfied) has been sustained.

2.3.2 WDC's management of the neighbourhood

Looking at the more specific issue of WDC's management of neighbourhoods, over three-quarters (78%) of all tenants are satisfied, including 35% who are very satisfied. Around one in seven (13%) are dissatisfied with WDC's management of their neighbourhood. These findings are similar to the 2013 results.

2.4 Contact with WDC

2.4.1 Proportion contacting WDC

Just under half (47%) of tenants have been in contact with WDC with a query over the last 12 months, excluding queries around payment of rent or service charges. The same figure was recorded in 2013.

2.4.2 Getting hold of the right person

Nearly two-thirds (65%) of those contacting WDC found it easy to get hold of the right person, while over a quarter (27%) found it difficult. These findings are not significantly different to those recorded in 2013.

2.4.3 Helpfulness of staff

Over four-fifths (81%) found the staff helpful, compared to 13% who found them unhelpful. There is no significant change on these metrics compared to 2013.

2.4.4 Whether query was answered within a reasonable time

Over three-quarters (77%) said their query was answered within a reasonable time and 23% said it was not. There is no significant change on these metrics compared to 2013.

2.4.5 Ability of staff to deal with the problem quickly and efficiently

Nearly three-quarters (72%) were satisfied with the ability of staff to deal with their problem quickly and efficiently, including 35% who were very satisfied. Nearly one in five (19%) were dissatisfied. There is no significant change on these metrics compared to 2013.

2.4.6 The final outcome of the query

Over two-thirds (67%) were satisfied with the final outcome of their query, while a quarter (25%) were dissatisfied. There is no significant change on these metrics compared to 2013.

2.5 Communication

2.5.1 The Internet

Half of all tenants (50%) use the Internet, a significant increase compared to 2013, when 45% said they used the Internet. Of the 50% who do not use the Internet, the main reasons given were not having access to the Internet (36%) and not wanting to use it (also 36%).

2.5.2 Preferred methods of being kept informed and getting in touch

Telephone remains much the most popular method of communication with WDC, with 88% of tenants saying they are happy with this form of communication.

2.5.3 The cost of contacting WDC by telephone

The large majority (87%) of tenants are satisfied with the cost of contacting WDC by telephone – a significant improvement on 2013 when 83% were satisfied. 9% are dissatisfied.

2.5.4 Listening to residents' views and acting on them

Two-thirds of tenants (66%) are satisfied that WDC listens to their views and acts on them, while nearly a quarter (23%) are dissatisfied. Satisfaction on this issue has increased significantly compared to 2010 (when 50% were satisfied) but not 2013 (63% satisfied). While the proportion who are neither satisfied nor dissatisfied has fallen over this time, 23% of tenants are dissatisfied and this is significantly higher than in 2010, when 19% were dissatisfied.

On this key area for focus (see section 2.1.2), 16-34 year olds give particularly low scores (51% satisfied, 41% dissatisfied). While this should be treated with caution given the low sample size (57) achieved in this group, the results nonetheless suggest that WDC needs to focus on engaging younger tenants. With younger tenants more than twice as likely to contact WDC as those aged 65+, WDC will also need to focus on ensuring service expectations are fully understood.

2.5.5 Keeping residents informed – about services and decisions

Over three-quarters (76%) of tenants feel that WDC is good at keeping them informed about services and decisions, including 31% who say WDC is very good. 14% say WDC is poor. There is no significant change on these metrics compared to 2013.

2.5.6 Keeping residents informed – about things that might affect you as a resident

Over seven in ten (72%) tenants feel that WDC is good at keeping them informed about things that might affect them as residents – this is significantly higher than in 2010 (when 66% were satisfied), but the same score as 2013. However, nearly a fifth (18%) say WDC is poor, a significantly higher proportion than in 2010/2013 when 13% of tenants were dissatisfied.

2.5.7 Opportunities to participate

Nearly six in ten (59%) are satisfied with opportunities to participate in WDC's decision making processes, while a fifth (20%) are dissatisfied. Over one in five (21%) are neither satisfied nor dissatisfied. Satisfaction has increased significantly since 2013, when 52% of tenants were satisfied. The proportion dissatisfied has increased, although not significantly.

2.5.8 Making views known

Nearly two-thirds (65%) are satisfied that WDC gives them the opportunity to make their views known, and 19% are dissatisfied. The picture is almost unchanged from the 2013 survey.

2.5.9 Published service standards

Seven in ten (70%) are aware of WDC's published service standards, while 30% are not. Of those who are aware of the published service standards, just over half (52%) are aware of how to challenge them, while 48% are not. These are similar findings to the 2013 survey.

2.6 Repairs and maintenance

2.6.1 The repairs and maintenance service

Over two-thirds (69%) of tenants are satisfied with how WDC deals with repairs and maintenance, while over a quarter (26%) are dissatisfied. Satisfaction with the repairs and maintenance service remains significantly higher than in 2010, when 59% of tenants were satisfied. However, around a quarter of tenants have remained dissatisfied with the repairs and maintenance service throughout this period.

2.6.2 Gas servicing arrangements

Half of all tenants (50%) are very satisfied with the gas servicing arrangements, and 87% are satisfied overall. This is the most positive score given for any aspect of WDC's services, and represents a significant improvement on 2013, when 81% of tenants were satisfied.

2.7 Financial advice and support

2.7.1 Claiming housing benefit and other welfare benefits

Two-thirds (66%) of tenants are satisfied with the advice and support they receive from WDC on claiming housing benefit and other welfare benefits. 16% say this service does not apply to them, while 8% are dissatisfied. Disabled tenants are significantly more likely to be satisfied with this service than non-disabled tenants (77% and 58% satisfied respectively), and the same is true of those receiving housing benefit compared to those not receiving housing benefit (83% and 38% respectively).

2.7.2 Managing finances and paying rent and service charges

Nearly three-quarters (74%) are satisfied with the advice and support they receive from WDC on managing their finances and paying rent and service charges, while 8% are dissatisfied.

2.8 Other advice and support

2.8.1 Moving home

Just over half (51%) are satisfied with WDC's advice and support on moving home. While this is a lower satisfaction figure than we see elsewhere in the survey, this is primarily driven by tenants not giving a positive or negative view – 43% answered either 'not applicable' or 'neither satisfied nor dissatisfied'. By contrast, just 6% of tenants are dissatisfied.

Satisfaction has increased significantly on this measure compared to 2010, when 38% of tenants were satisfied.

2.8.2 Support for new tenants

56% are satisfied with WDC's advice and support for new tenants, while 8% are dissatisfied. A further 36% either say the question does not apply to them or are neither satisfied nor dissatisfied. Satisfaction has increased significantly on this measure compared to 2010, when 45% of tenants were satisfied.

2.8.3 Support for vulnerable tenants

Half of all tenants (50%) are satisfied with the advice and support WDC provides for vulnerable tenants. 13% are dissatisfied. A further 37% either say the question does not apply to them or are neither satisfied nor dissatisfied. Satisfaction has increased significantly on this measure compared to 2010, when 39% of tenants were satisfied.

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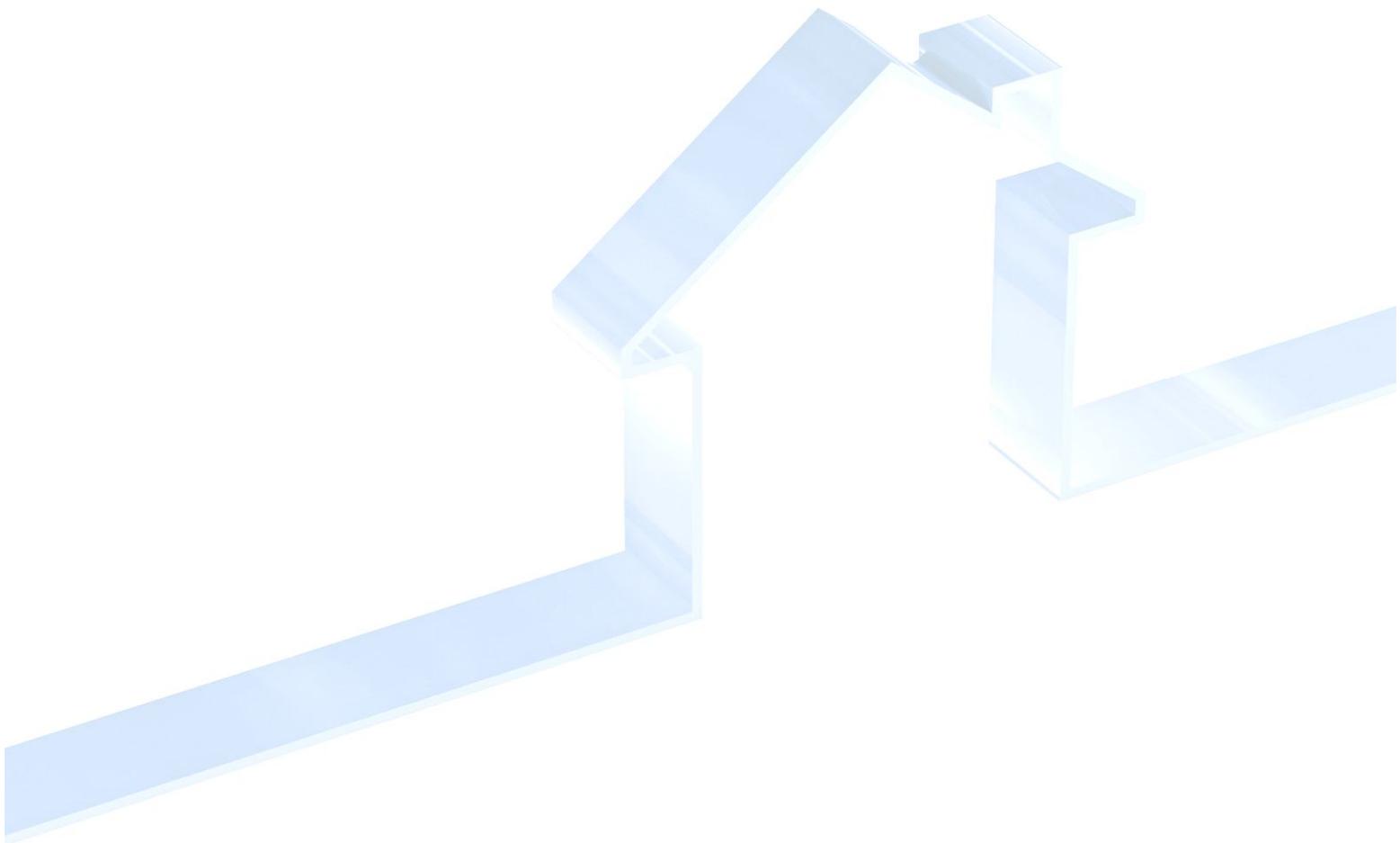
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- Dealing with repairs and maintenance (see section 2.6.1 below)

2.1.3 Perceptions of WDC as a landlord

The table below summarises satisfaction on a series of statements on WDC's general service. As with overall satisfaction, satisfaction that 'WDC provides an effective and efficient service' and 'WDC is providing the service I expect from my landlord' has increased significantly since 2013:

Table 2: Perceptions of WDC as a landlord

	2013 (600)	2014 (582)	% point change
WDC has friendly and approachable staff	80%	81%	+1%
WDC is providing the service I expect from my landlord	70%	78%	+8%
WDC treats its residents fairly	74%	77%	+3%
WDC provides an effective and efficient service	65%	73%	+8%
I trust WDC	70%	71%	+1%
WDC has a good reputation in my area	60%	62%	+2%

2.1.4 Recommending WDC as a landlord

Asked whether they would recommend WDC to family or friends on a scale of 0-10, 29% of tenants gave a score of 9 or 10 and so are classified as 'promoters' of WDC. Over one in three (35%) gave a score of 0-6 and are classified as 'detractors'. WDC's Net Promoter Score (NPS) from these figures is -7%. This is not significantly higher than the figure of -11% seen in 2013, meaning that advocacy has not increased to the same extent as overall satisfaction.

2.2 Housing services

2.2.1 The overall quality of the home

Four in five (80%) of tenants are satisfied with the quality of their home, and 17% dissatisfied. Satisfaction on this measure has increased significantly compared to 2010 and 2013, when 71% and 74% were satisfied respectively. However, dissatisfaction has not changed significantly in this time.

2.2.2 The condition of the home

Over three-quarters (76%) of tenants are satisfied with the overall condition of their home, including 28% who are very satisfied. A fifth (20%) are dissatisfied. Satisfaction on this measure has increased significantly compared to 2010 (when 62% were satisfied), but again, the proportion dissatisfied has changed less.

2.2.3 Value for money of rent

Nearly three-quarters of tenants (73%) think that the rent they pay represents good value for money, while 17% think it is poor value. The proportion describing their rent as good value for money has increased significantly compared to both 2010 and 2013, when 62% and 67% were satisfied respectively. However, the proportion describing it as poor has not changed significantly

2.2.4 Being treated fairly

Four-fifths (80%) of tenants are satisfied that WDC treats them fairly, while 13% are dissatisfied – this has not changed significantly compared to 2013.

2.2.5 Satisfaction with other services

Tenants were asked to rate their satisfaction with a range of services provided by WDC. As the table below indicates, satisfaction has increased significantly on all these services, except for dealing with anti-social behaviour.

Table 3: Satisfaction with other services

	2013 (600)	2014 (582)	% point change
Your enquiries generally	74%	82%	+8%
Anti-social behaviour	60%	64%	+4%
Complaints	55%	64%	+9%
Moving or swapping your home (transfers & exchanges)	40%	52%	+12%
Managing empty homes	39%	45%	+6%

2.3 Neighbourhood and community

2.3.1 The neighbourhood as a place to live

Overall, tenant views on their neighbourhood are positive. Half (50%) of all tenants are very satisfied with their neighbourhood as a place to live, with 87% in total satisfied and 10% dissatisfied. There has been no significant increase in satisfaction with the neighbourhood as a place to live compared to the 2013 survey, but the improvement seen in 2013 compared to the 2010 survey (when 71% were satisfied) has been sustained.

2.3.2 WDC's management of the neighbourhood

Looking at the more specific issue of WDC's management of neighbourhoods, over three-quarters (78%) of all tenants are satisfied, including 35% who are very satisfied. Around one in seven (13%) are dissatisfied with WDC's management of their neighbourhood. These findings are similar to the 2013 results.

2.4 Contact with WDC

2.4.1 Proportion contacting WDC

Just under half (47%) of tenants have been in contact with WDC with a query over the last 12 months, excluding queries around payment of rent or service charges. The same figure was recorded in 2013.

2.4.2 Getting hold of the right person

Nearly two-thirds (65%) of those contacting WDC found it easy to get hold of the right person, while over a quarter (27%) found it difficult. These findings are not significantly different to those recorded in 2013.

2.4.3 Helpfulness of staff

Over four-fifths (81%) found the staff helpful, compared to 13% who found them unhelpful. There is no significant change on these metrics compared to 2013.

2.4.4 Whether query was answered within a reasonable time

Over three-quarters (77%) said their query was answered within a reasonable time and 23% said it was not. There is no significant change on these metrics compared to 2013.

2.4.5 Ability of staff to deal with the problem quickly and efficiently

Nearly three-quarters (72%) were satisfied with the ability of staff to deal with their problem quickly and efficiently, including 35% who were very satisfied. Nearly one in five (19%) were dissatisfied. There is no significant change on these metrics compared to 2013.

2.4.6 The final outcome of the query

Over two-thirds (67%) were satisfied with the final outcome of their query, while a quarter (25%) were dissatisfied. There is no significant change on these metrics compared to 2013.

2.5 Communication

2.5.1 The Internet

Half of all tenants (50%) use the Internet, a significant increase compared to 2013, when 45% said they used the Internet. Of the 50% who do not use the Internet, the main reasons given were not having access to the Internet (36%) and not wanting to use it (also 36%).

2.5.2 Preferred methods of being kept informed and getting in touch

Telephone remains much the most popular method of communication with WDC, with 88% of tenants saying they are happy with this form of communication.

2.5.3 The cost of contacting WDC by telephone

The large majority (87%) of tenants are satisfied with the cost of contacting WDC by telephone – a significant improvement on 2013 when 83% were satisfied. 9% are dissatisfied.

2.5.4 Listening to residents' views and acting on them

Two-thirds of tenants (66%) are satisfied that WDC listens to their views and acts on them, while nearly a quarter (23%) are dissatisfied. Satisfaction on this issue has increased significantly compared to 2010 (when 50% were satisfied) but not 2013 (63% satisfied). While the proportion who are neither satisfied nor dissatisfied has fallen over this time, 23% of tenants are dissatisfied and this is significantly higher than in 2010, when 19% were dissatisfied.

On this key area for focus (see section 2.1.2), 16-34 year olds give particularly low scores (51% satisfied, 41% dissatisfied). While this should be treated with caution given the low sample size (57) achieved in this group, the results nonetheless suggest that WDC needs to focus on engaging younger tenants. With younger tenants more than twice as likely to contact WDC as those aged 65+, WDC will also need to focus on ensuring service expectations are fully understood.

2.5.5 Keeping residents informed – about services and decisions

Over three-quarters (76%) of tenants feel that WDC is good at keeping them informed about services and decisions, including 31% who say WDC is very good. 14% say WDC is poor. There is no significant change on these metrics compared to 2013.

2.5.6 Keeping residents informed – about things that might affect you as a resident

Over seven in ten (72%) tenants feel that WDC is good at keeping them informed about things that might affect them as residents – this is significantly higher than in 2010 (when 66% were satisfied), but the same score as 2013. However, nearly a fifth (18%) say WDC is poor, a significantly higher proportion than in 2010/2013 when 13% of tenants were dissatisfied.

2.5.7 Opportunities to participate

Nearly six in ten (59%) are satisfied with opportunities to participate in WDC's decision making processes, while a fifth (20%) are dissatisfied. Over one in five (21%) are neither satisfied nor dissatisfied. Satisfaction has increased significantly since 2013, when 52% of tenants were satisfied. The proportion dissatisfied has increased, although not significantly.

2.5.8 Making views known

Nearly two-thirds (65%) are satisfied that WDC gives them the opportunity to make their views known, and 19% are dissatisfied. The picture is almost unchanged from the 2013 survey.

2.5.9 Published service standards

Seven in ten (70%) are aware of WDC's published service standards, while 30% are not. Of those who are aware of the published service standards, just over half (52%) are aware of how to challenge them, while 48% are not. These are similar findings to the 2013 survey.

2.6 Repairs and maintenance

2.6.1 The repairs and maintenance service

Over two-thirds (69%) of tenants are satisfied with how WDC deals with repairs and maintenance, while over a quarter (26%) are dissatisfied. Satisfaction with the repairs and maintenance service remains significantly higher than in 2010, when 59% of tenants were satisfied. However, around a quarter of tenants have remained dissatisfied with the repairs and maintenance service throughout this period.

2.6.2 Gas servicing arrangements

Half of all tenants (50%) are very satisfied with the gas servicing arrangements, and 87% are satisfied overall. This is the most positive score given for any aspect of WDC's services, and represents a significant improvement on 2013, when 81% of tenants were satisfied.

2.7 Financial advice and support

2.7.1 Claiming housing benefit and other welfare benefits

Two-thirds (66%) of tenants are satisfied with the advice and support they receive from WDC on claiming housing benefit and other welfare benefits. 16% say this service does not apply to them, while 8% are dissatisfied. Disabled tenants are significantly more likely to be satisfied with this service than non-disabled tenants (77% and 58% satisfied respectively), and the same is true of those receiving housing benefit compared to those not receiving housing benefit (83% and 38% respectively).

2.7.2 Managing finances and paying rent and service charges

Nearly three-quarters (74%) are satisfied with the advice and support they receive from WDC on managing their finances and paying rent and service charges, while 8% are dissatisfied.

2.8 Other advice and support

2.8.1 Moving home

Just over half (51%) are satisfied with WDC's advice and support on moving home. While this is a lower satisfaction figure than we see elsewhere in the survey, this is primarily driven by tenants not giving a positive or negative view – 43% answered either 'not applicable' or 'neither satisfied nor dissatisfied'. By contrast, just 6% of tenants are dissatisfied.

Satisfaction has increased significantly on this measure compared to 2010, when 38% of tenants were satisfied.

2.8.2 Support for new tenants

56% are satisfied with WDC's advice and support for new tenants, while 8% are dissatisfied. A further 36% either say the question does not apply to them or are neither satisfied nor dissatisfied. Satisfaction has increased significantly on this measure compared to 2010, when 45% of tenants were satisfied.

2.8.3 Support for vulnerable tenants

Half of all tenants (50%) are satisfied with the advice and support WDC provides for vulnerable tenants. 13% are dissatisfied. A further 37% either say the question does not apply to them or are neither satisfied nor dissatisfied. Satisfaction has increased significantly on this measure compared to 2010, when 39% of tenants were satisfied.

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