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COUNTRYWIDE
FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS

Important Information About Our Services

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Welcome to Countrywide Financial Solutions

Who are we and what do we do?

We are a firm of independent financial advisers and have been helping our clients to meet their financial goals for over 20 years.

We are an appointed representative of TenetConnect Limited, which is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA). The FCA is the independent regulator of financial services in the United Kingdom. TenetConnect Limited is entered on the Financial Services Register (www.fca.org.uk/register) under reference **149826**.

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Their address is: TenetConnect Limited, 5 Lister Hill, Horsforth, Leeds, LS18 5AZ. Tel: 01132 390011.

To find out more about TenetConnect Limited and the support and backing they provide us with, please visit their website www.tenetgroup.co.uk/consumer

What can we do for you?

Our mainstream service is to act on your behalf for the purpose of arranging and advising on the following:

- **Personal & Family Protection, for example a Life Assurance or Critical Illness Plan;**
- **Mortgages, including Buy-to Let;**
- **Releasing equity from your home (Equity Release);**
- **General Insurance, for example Buildings, Contents or Private Medical.**

For all the services described above we will complete a detailed fact find so we can understand your circumstances, specific needs and objectives. Following our research we will provide a personal recommendation(s) for you to consider. With your agreement we will then implement our recommendation(s) and arrange any products on your behalf. Ultimately, whichever type or level of service you require from us we will act in your best interests at all times.

Further details about these and other related services we provide are contained in the pages below. This also confirms the typical cost of our services and how we get paid for them.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Before you consider our services in more detail we would like to draw your attention to the following important information:

When we have discussed and agreed with you the services that we are to provide we will confirm this to you in a Client Agreement. This will describe the scope and specific services to be provided, the cost and how it can be paid for. It will also confirm how we use and store personal information that we collect from

you in the course of providing our services. A copy of our standard Client Agreement is available on request. From time to time it may be necessary for us to collect personal information from you, prior to concluding a written Client Agreement, to assess whether we are able to meet your needs. In this event we will clearly identify the data to be collected and will use it only for the purpose of assessing our ability to provide services to you.

We will not advise you if you are experiencing difficulties managing debts. Free help and advice about managing your debts is available by contacting the Money Advice Service via its website: www.moneyadviceservice.org.uk/en/articles/where-to-go-to-get-free-debt-advice

INFORMATION ABOUT OUR MORTGAGE SERVICES

Whose products do we offer?

We offer a comprehensive range of mortgage products from across the market. We offer both first and second charge mortgages, but not deals that you can only obtain by going direct to a lender.

For those seeking to increase their existing borrowing, alternative finance options may be available and more appropriate for your needs. For example, a further advance from your existing lender or an unsecured loan (e.g. a personal loan).

How much will you have to pay for our mortgage services?

A typical fee of £295 is payable for mortgage advice. The fee will be determined by the amount of work required to process your mortgage application. Our fee becomes payable when we provide you with our recommendation(s). If you choose to proceed with our recommendation and the mortgage goes ahead, we will also be paid commission from the lender for arranging the mortgage on your behalf.

The amount of commission we receive varies from lender to lender. Information about the range of commissions available to us from the mortgage products we recommend is available on request. You will receive a personalised illustration when considering a particular mortgage. This will highlight the key facts about the mortgage product, including any fees relating to it and the amount of any commission due to us from the mortgage lender.

INFORMATION ABOUT OUR INSURANCE SERVICES

Personal and Family Protection

We offer products from a range of insurers for Life Assurance, Critical Illness Cover, and Income Protection Insurance.

General Insurance

We offer products from a range of insurers for Buildings & Contents, Accident Sickness & Unemployment and Private Medical Insurance.

How much will you have to pay for insurance services?

No fee. We will be paid by commission from the insurer.

You will receive a quotation, which will tell you about any other fees relating to any particular insurance policy.

INFORMATION ABOUT OUR EQUITY RELEASE SERVICES

Whose products do we offer?

Equity release products are either lifetime mortgages or home reversion plans. We offer a comprehensive range of equity release products from across the market but not deal's that you can only obtain by going direct to a product provider.

How much will you have to pay for our equity release services?

A typical fee of £590 payable at the outset for a lifetime mortgage or home reversion plan. Our fee becomes payable when we provide you with our recommendation(s). If you choose to proceed with our recommendation and the mortgage goes ahead, we will also be paid commission from the lender for arranging the mortgage on your behalf.

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INFORMATION ABOUT OUR OTHER RELATED SERVICES

Non-Advised Services

We will tell you how we get paid and the amount before we carry out any business for you.

Credit Broking

We are also credit brokers. This means that if you require a loan other than a mortgage (for example, a personal loan), we can refer you to a specialist third party who can discuss your specific needs with you. We will not advise you on this type of borrowing and you will need to make up your own mind whether to go ahead or not."

Other benefits we may receive

Some of the firms whose products we recommend provide us with access to training and software which allows us to offer you a better service. Some of the costs of these benefits may be passed onto you as part of the total charges you pay, should you choose to purchase a product from one of these firms. Further information regarding these arrangements is available on request.

WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU HAVE A COMPLAINT?

If you are unhappy with the service you have received or a product we have arranged on your behalf, a copy of our complaints procedure, which sets out how we will handle your complaint, is available upon request.

If you would like to make a complaint please contact us either in writing to:

Complaints, TenetLime Limited, 5 Lister Hill, Horsforth, Leeds, LS18 5AZ; or by e-mail: complaints@tenetgroup.co.uk; or by telephone: **0113 2390011.**



If we are unable to settle your complaint or you are unhappy with our response, you may be able to refer it to the Financial Ombudsman Service (FOS).

Further information about the FOS is available from their website: www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk or by calling them on **0800 0234567**

ARE WE COVERED BY THE FINANCIAL SERVICES COMPENSATION SCHEME?



Yes, we are covered by the FSCS. You may be entitled to compensation from the scheme if we are unable to meet our obligations. This will depend on the type of business and the circumstances of the claim. The FSCS only pays compensation for financial loss and the limits are per person per firm, and per claim category, as listed below:

Long Term Insurance Contracts:

Arranging and advising on long term insurance contracts (e.g. a life insurance or critical illness policy) is covered for 100% of the claim without upper limit.

General Insurance Contracts:

Arranging and advising on compulsory classes of insurance (e.g. employers liability), professional indemnity insurance, and general insurance contracts that pay out on death or incapacity due to injury, sickness, or infirmity (e.g. an accident & sickness policy) is covered for 100% of the claim without upper limit.

Arranging and advising on other types of general insurance contracts (e.g. Building and Contents) is covered for 90% of the claim without upper limit.

Mortgages & Equity Release Products:

Arranging and advising on mortgages and equity release products is covered up to a maximum limit of £50,000 per person per firm.

Further information about the FSCS is available from their website: www.fscs.org.uk