

## **H03 Homelessness Duty Exercises**

**Consider the following case studies.**

**a) Which of the five tests of homelessness are met?**

1. Eligible for assistance
2. Legally homeless or threatened with homelessness
3. Priority need
4. Not Intentionally homeless
5. Local connection

**b) What, if any, duty is owed to these clients by the Local Authority?**

**c) What other Advice/Options would you consider for them?**

1. Paulette is looking for housing as she lived with her partner in his house for the last seven years, but he died two months ago. The last will her partner made was ten years ago and leaves all his property to his sister who has told Paulette she has to move out within three weeks. Paulette is six months pregnant.
2. James is 20, and had to leave his rented accommodation two weeks ago. He has been sleeping in his car, and sometimes on a friend's sofa. He moved out of his parents' home, some way across the country, about 8 months ago, after he got a new job. But the job didn't work out. James is single and does not have any health needs.
3. Julie is a British citizen and has been living in her private rented flat for five years with her four-year old son. She is an assured shorthold tenant, but is being evicted for non-payment of rent. She did try to pay it, but increasingly found her benefits just weren't enough to cover it. She has an eviction notice dated two weeks from today.
4. Katy is 25 years old and comes for advice after her landlord has served a s.21 notice which is due to expire in less than 56 days. Katy is a British Citizen and has lived in the LA area all her life. Katy does not have any children, nor does she have any mental health problems or physical disabilities or other vulnerability. Katy is worried that she will not be able to find another property to move to and wants some help in finding a new property or keeping her current property.