

Tenant Satisfaction Survey Cumulative Report: Insights and Trends

Full Report 2024/25

ABSTRACT

Welcome to the overview of tenant satisfaction results of 2024/25

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Foreword

Welcome to the Bield Tenant Satisfaction Report for 2024/25, As part of our commitment to continuously improve our services and better serving our tenants, this year we implemented a new approach to our satisfaction surveys. We introduced a rolling programme of surveys with our tenants, enabling us to promptly identify and address local issues that matter most to our tenants.

Our decision to transition to a rolling programme stems for our strategy to put tenants at the heart of everything we do.

By regularly gathering feedback form our tenants, we aim to gain a deeper understanding of their needs and preferences, allowing us to tailor our services accordingly. This is the comprehensive report which has a statistically significant sample size, ensuring the accuracy and reliability of the data presented.

We would like to thank all the tenants who took the time to complete the survey, and the Local and Area Housing Managers who assisted with this process.

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Introduction

In compliance with the requirements of the Scottish Housing Regulator, we conduct satisfaction surveys to gauge tenant perceptions of our services.

Beyond regulatory obligations, these surveys serve as a valuable tool for us to engage with our tenants and gain insights into their experience and expectations. Considering both regulatory requirements and our commitment to tenant-focused service delivery, we have designed our survey to encompass a range of questions aimed at capturing holistic view of tenant satisfaction.

By actively listening to our tenants and acting on feedback, we strive to continuously enhance our services and strengthen our relationship with our tenants.

Returns profile

The following developments were issued satisfaction surveys during 2024/25. The return rates per development are listed below.

Development	Returns	No: Tenants
Abercorn Court	12	25
Abercrombie Court	3	15
Allan Park House	13	28
Almondell Court	12	32
Almondvale Gardens	12	24
Anderson Court,	14	26
Archibald Russell Court	4	17
Armadale Court	17	28
Ashgrove Court	17	36
Baldwin Court	9	31
Balgowan Court	14	36
Birch Cottages	2	15
Blackfaulds Court	15	38
Bonnethill Gardens	26	45
Brae Court	11	44
Braehead Gardens	12	26
Bridge Court	22	46
Brookwell Court	10	32
Broomfield Gardens	7	21
Camperdown Court	10	30
Campie Court	6	15
Campsie Gardens	8	30
Carlow Court	10	35
Carnegie Court	7	28
Carntyne Gardens	8	36
Carron Court	18	30
Carwood Court	12	32
Castlebank Gardens	7	52
Castlebrae Glebe	9	13
Chalybeate Court	19	26
Church Court	15	52
Clyde Court	16	27
Coxton Gardens	19	34
Craigengar Park	22	46
Crosshill Gardens	32	43
Dalriada Grove	18	31
Dean Court	27	36
Donaldson Court	12	64
Dickson Court	15	33
Douglasfield	21	59
Dundas Court	6	38
Eamont Lodge Court	10	33
East Stewart Gardens	30	30

Development	Returns	No: Tenants
Elderslie Court	8	25
Emily Court	9	19
Fairbairn Court	9	23
Fife Court	12	37
Fleming Place	4	49
Foley Court	20	31
Fountain Quay	10	29
Gillie Court	9	22
Gladstone Court	7	34
Glebe/Warrick Court	12	24
Glenafeoch Gardens	7	25
Glenfinnan Gardens	6	44
Glenspean Street	3	35
Glenview Court	10	50
Gordon Court	18	59
Grants Bank	14	30
Greenacre Court	22	32
Greenlawn Court	27	56
Halmyre Street	6	37
Hawkslaw Gardens	1	15
Highcrofts	9	26
Hillcrest Court	52	77
Holmes Gardens	8	29
Houston Court	19	31
Inchkeith Court	20	46
Inglefield Court	47	71
Isaac Mackie House	3	26
Jamaica Court	8	27
John Connolly Court	7	21
Johnny Moat Place	5	27
Kingsburn Court	16	49
Kintail Gardens	16	32
Kirkland Avenue	1	8
Kirkton Court	11	33
Lammermoor Gardens	9	48
Langvout Court	16	27
Loch Laidon Court	9	35
Lomondgate	1	11
Lynn Court	18	45
MacCallum Court	7	19
Mackenzie Court	8	27
Mackie Gardens	3	14
Malory House	7	33

Development	Returns	No: Tenants
Manderson Court	14	50
Mansewood Court	13	33
Marshall Court	32	44
Maxwell Court	9	34
McCormack Gardens	13	31
McKelvie Road	5	16
Menzies Court	18	31
Milton Court	11	30
Miners Terrace	1	23
Moorfoot Court	18	25
Mosside Court	16	39
Mountfair Place	4	13
Mungo Park Court	17	34
Oakbank	16	36
Oakburn Gardens	12	28
Ochilview Court	9	38
Pearce Street	3	31
Pentland View Court	18	35
Pitairlie Road	2	25
Prieston Road	5	10
Priorwood Court	11	56
Quayside Court	13	40
Queen Elizabeth Court	12	45
Rannoch Court	15	48
Restondene	10	28
Robertson Court	18	41
Rockwell Gardens	2	34
Rosehall Walk	3	12
Rothesay Court	13	36

Development	Returns	No: Tenants
Rowan Gardens	10	13
Saunders Court	13	38
Shiell Court	26	35
South Loch Park	9	32
Southfield Court	16	34
Southport	8	23
Springfield Gardens	18	45
St Andrews Court	28	34
St Andrews Way	2	13
Stewart Court	13	35
Stirling Court	8	46
Strathallan Court	39	52
Strathmartine Court	18	30
Tay Court	13	37
The Butts	14	31
The Croft	12	27
The Knowe	5	23
The Walled Gardens	3	57
Thornhill Court	16	51
Torosay Court	16	30
Turnbull Court	16	28
Tweedlie Court	1	8
Valley Court	12	21
Waverley court	27	31
Westland Court	13	40
Westport	33	36
Wheatley Gardens	18	27
Whitehill Lodge	8	37
Total	1851	4716

We received 1,851 responses, which is a response rate of 39%.

The following outlines the percentage of returns for each service type:

- Retirement Housing 43%
- Retirement Housing with meals 39%
- Retirement Housing Plus 36%
- Housing with Care (West Lothian) 41%
- Amenity 16%

These percentages provide insight into the level of engagement across our various service offerings. The highest returns are from **Retirement Housing** and **Housing with Care** services, suggesting strong engagement within these groups. Conversely, **Amenity Housing** has the

lowest return rate, indicating potential areas for increased focus and improvement in tenant interaction.

All tables within this report below represent our customers satisfaction levels across key parts of our business. The data gathered will be used to help improve services for our customers across Bield and to report to the Scottish Housing Regulator as part of the Annual Return of the Charter.

General satisfaction

Taking everything into account, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the overall service provided by Bield?

Result – very and fairly satisfied: 84.9 %

Baseline - **80.3%**

Target – very and fairly satisfied: 84.2%

	Number	%
Very satisfied	872	47.2%
Fairly satisfied	697	37.7%
Neither / nor	122	6.6%
Fairly dissatisfied	68	3.7%
Very dissatisfied	62	3.4%
Don't know	27	1.5%

Overall, the satisfaction rate of **84.9%**, which exceeds the target of **84.2%** and highlights a positive tenant experience.

This represents a notable improvement compared to the previous tenant satisfaction in 2023, when the result was **80.3%**.

Keeping tenants informed

How good or poor do you feel Bield are at keeping you informed about the services we provide and the decisions we make

Result – very and fairly good: 79.3%

Baseline - 77.9%

Target – very and fairly good: 80%

	Number	%
Very good	723	40.0%
Fairly good	709	39.3%
Neither / nor	185	10.2%
Fairly poor	105	5.8%
Very poor	83	4.6%

Although the majority of respondents rated communication as very or fairly good (79.3%), the score is marginally below the target of 80%.

However, it does represent a small improvement compared to the previous tenant satisfaction survey in 2023, when the result was 77.9%

Communication preferences

How would you prefer Bield to communicate with you?

When asked about preferred methods of communication, tenants were invited to select multiple options.

	Number	%
Postal mail	1079	58.45%
In person		
meetings	870	47.13%
Email	447	24.21%
Phone	367	19.88%
Text message	266	14.41%
My Bield Portal	106	5.74%

The results show that postal mail and in-person meetings are the most preferred methods for communication. While digital methods like email and text message are also valued, the overall preference for traditional communication channels reflects the importance of maintaining these approaches to ensure broad tenant engagement.

Tenant Engagement and Participation

How satisfied are you with opportunities given to you to participate in Bield's decision-making processes?

Result: very or fairly satisfied: 62.9%

Baseline - 57.4%

Target: very or fairly satisfied: 60.0%

	Number	%
Very satisfied	442	23.92%
Fairly satisfied	611	33.06%
Neither / nor	435	23.54%
Fairly dissatisfied	116	6.28%
Very Dissatisfied	71	3.84%

Overall, tenant satisfaction with engagement and participation is **above target**, and the result also exceeds the projected targets for 2025 and 2026 within the Tenant Engagement strategy.

To maintain and build on this momentum, we will continue to implement our tenant engagement strategy Connect, which includes organising regional forums to enhance tenant engagement with involvement, alongside the introduction of the **Tenants Insight Network (TIN)**, which will facilitate direct engagement with tenants.

Quality of homes

Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the quality of your home?

Result: very or fairly satisfied: 89.4% Target: very or fairly satisfied: 90.0%

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	Number	%
Very satisfied	917	50.3%
Fairly satisfied	712	39.1%
Neither / nor	104	5.7%
Fairly dissatisfied	64	3.5%
Very dissatisfied	25	1.4%

While satisfaction with quality of homes is marginally below the target, satisfaction level remains high at **89.4**%.

To maintain this, it is suggested we continue to uphold current standards and address any issues promptly to sustain high satisfaction levels.

Repairs

Thinking about the last time you had repairs carried out, how satisfied were you with the service provided by Bield¹.

Result: very or fairly satisfied: 84.3 %

Baseline - **81.5%**

Target: very or fairly satisfied: 88.0%

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	Number	%
Very satisfied	648	55.4%
Fairly satisfied	338	28.9%
Neither / nor	61	5.21%
Fairly dissatisfied	59	5.04%
Very dissatisfied	64	5.47%

While the vast majority of tenants are satisfied with the repairs service, satisfaction at **84.3%** is below the target of 88%.

However, it does represent an increase from the previous tenant satisfaction survey in 2023, which was **81.5%**.

¹ These results only include those tenants who had a repair over the last 12 months

Tenant Investment Priorities

Tenants were asked to prioritise where they would like Bield to invest money. The results highlight areas that tenants feel is most important for investment.

	Investment Priorities
1	Improvements to windows and doors
2	Improvements to Heating Systems
3	New bathrooms
4	New kitchens
5	Upgrades to communal areas
6	Adaptations
7	Improved security
8	Gardens
9	Environmental initiatives
10	Wi-Fi in common areas

These priorities reflect tenants' focus on improving the comfort, security and functionality of their homes, with particular emphasis on windows, doors and heating systems.

Satisfaction with Property Elements (% of respondents)

	Size	Condition	Energy	Layout	Storage	Communal Areas	Gardens / Grounds	Parking
Excellent	41.2%	32.3%	30.5%	36.3%	34.5%	36.8%	36.2%	17.9%
Good	39.1%	47.4%	40.2%	44.7%	34.2%	37.5%	36.6%	27.4%
Average	15.0%	16.4%	18.5%	14.2%	18.8%	17.0%	17.0%	17.7%
Poor	4.4%	3.5%	7.0%	4.1%	12.2%	7.9%	7.9%	18.5%
Excellent or good	80.3%	79.7%	70.7%	81.0%	68.7%	74.3%	72.8	45.3%

Satisfaction with Repair Process (% of respondents)

	Reporting	Helpfulness of staff	System for arranging repairs	Tradesperso n showed ID	Approach	Length of time to carry out repair	Quality of repair	Right first time	Knew contractor was coming	Leaving home clean and tidy	Level of disturbance
Very satisfied	68%	74%	58%	52%	58%	53%	54%	53%	55%	62%	55%
Fairly satisfied	23%	18%	26%	22%	28%	28%	28%	23%	23%	25%	27%
Neither / nor	4%	3%	7%	12%	7%	8%	7%	9%	8%	6%	8%
Fairly dissatisfied	1%	1%	3%	3%	1%	4%	4%	5%	5%	2%	3%
Very dissatisfied	1%	1%	2%	4%	1%	3%	3%	5%	4%	2%	2%
V/ Fairly satisfied	91%	92%	84%	74%	86%	81%	82%	76%	78%	87%	82%

Satisfaction with property elements

- Highest satisfaction: the size and layout of properties received the highest satisfaction rates, with 80.3% and 81.0% of tenants rating them as either excellent or good, respectively.
- Least satisfied element: Parking and energy efficiency received the lowest satisfaction scores, with only 45.3% and 70.7% of tenants rating them excellent or good.

Satisfaction with repair process

- Highest satisfaction: Aspects such as helpfulness of staff (92%)
 and reporting a repair (91%) received the highest satisfaction
 scores, demonstrating effective communication and a positive staff
 experience.
- Areas for Improvement:
 - Right first time (76%) (baseline 73%) and knowing when a contractor is attending (78%) were areas with slightly lower satisfaction, indicating potential for improved coordination and communication.
 - The tradesperson showing ID (74%) could be another area to improve, as this was a point of concern for some tenants (baseline 77%).

Satisfaction with management of neighbourhood

How satisfied are you with Management of Neighbourhood by Bield?

Result: very or fairly satisfied: 85.2%

Baseline: 83.4%

Target: very or fairly satisfied: 80.0%

	Number	%
Very satisfied	880	50.0%
Fairly satisfied	619	35.2%
Neither / nor	172	9.8%
Fairly dissatisfied	54	3.0%
Very dissatisfied	35	2.0%

Overall, **85.2%** of tenants are either very or fairly satisfied with the management of their neighbourhood, surpassing the target of **80.0%**, and showing an improvement since the last satisfaction survey in 2023, when the result was **83.4%**.

Value for money

Taking everything into account do you think services provided by Bield are value for money? Is it....

Result: very or fairly good: 71.2%

Baseline: **76.6%**

Target: very or fairly satisfied: 82%

	Number	%
Very good	458	26.1%
Fairly good	793	45.1%
Neither / nor	290	16.5%
Fairly poor	144	8.2%
Very poor	73	4.1%

Around **71.2%** of tenants felt that services provided by Bield were either very or fairly good value for money, which falls short of the target of **82%**.

A significant proportion of tenants (45.1%) feel the services are fairly good value for money, which indicates that there is potential for improvement to move them into the 'very good' category.

Difference Bield Makes

Tenants were asked to indicate what difference living in a Bield home has made to their life.

Helps you live independently

Result: strongly agree or agree: 86.2%

Baseline: 81%

	Number	%
Strongly agree	835	46.5%
Agree	713	39.7%
Neither / nor	174	9.7%
Disagree	48	2.7%
Strongly disagree	14	0.8%

Improves your quality of life

Result: strongly agree or agree: 80.3%

Baseline: 76%

	Number	%
Strongly agree	645	37.9%
Agree	721	42.4%
Neither / nor	251	14.8%
Disagree	51	3.0%
Strongly disagree	18	1.1%

Safe and secure

Result: strongly agree or agree: 81.9%

Baseline: 85%

	Number	%
Strongly agree	732	43.0%
Agree	663	38.9%
Neither / nor	191	11.2%
Disagree	75	4.4%
Strongly disagree	26	1.5%

Improved financial circumstances

Result: strongly agree or disagree: 53%

Baseline: **43.1%**

	Number	%
Strongly agree	372	22.1%
Agree	519	30.9%
Neither / nor	565	33.6%
Disagree	151	9.0%
Strongly disagree	50	3.0%

Improves your physical health

Result: strongly agree or disagree: 52.1%

Baseline: 43.8%

	Number	%
Strongly agree	328	19.0%
Agree	562	32.9%
Neither / nor	621	36.4%
Disagree	141	8.3%
Strongly disagree	31	1.8%

Peace of mind

Sample: strongly agree or agree: 74.6%

Baseline: 75%

	Number	%
Strongly agree	586	34.3%
Agree	689	40.3%
Neither / nor	298	17.5%
Disagree	85	5.0%
Strongly disagree	33	1.9%

Challenges

Tenants were asked to describe their biggest challenges and what they consider important in their living environment. Understanding these priorities will help us tailor services to better meet tenants needs.

	Issue
1.	Mobility issues
2.	Health problems
3.	Loneliness and social isolation
4.	Cost of Living
5.	Safety & Security
6.	Access to local services
7.	Mental health
8.	Physical environment
9.	Daily living activities
10.	Support & Care

What is important?

	Important
1.	Safety and security
2.	Social interaction and community
3.	Support Services
4.	Proximity and accessibility
5.	Independence & privacy
6.	Comfort and wellbeing
7.	Support and assistance
8.	Community environment
9.	Financially stability
10.	Transportation

How can Bield help?

Tenants were asked how Bield could better support them.

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Topic		
Safety and Security		
Social engagement		
Adaptations		
Personal assistance & support		
Improve maintenance & repairs		
Better communication & feedback		
Environmental and Sustainability		
Initiatives		
Financial Considerations		

Internet access

A significant portion of respondents have internet access, which impacts how they engage with services and social activities.

	Yes	No
Internet	59%	41%
Access	(cf 62%)	(cf 38%)

Common reason for not accessing the internet: Lack of knowledge, no device, cost.

Common online activities:

Socialising with friends and family, online banking, online shopping.

Smart speaker ownership:

respondents (38%), mainly used for listening to music and setting alarms.

Around **15%** of **tenants** had another piece of **smart tech**.

BR24

When was last time you used BR24?	No	%
3 months or less	413	24.4%
3 - 6 months	197	11.6%
6 - 9 months	123	7.3%
9 - 12 months	309	18.2%
Never	652	38.5%

A few respondents noted they didn't have an alarm.

Tenants were asked how satisfied they were with BR24.

BR24 Satisfaction	No	%
Very satisfied	682	57.9%
Fairly satisfied	352	29.9%
Neither nor	88	7.5%
Fairly dissatisfied	34	2.9%
Very dissatisfied	22	1.9%
N/A	682	57.9%

Overall satisfaction: **88%** of respondents very or fairly satisfied with the service.

Perceived impact on safety and independence: **92%** feel safer and more independent

Overall happiness with BR24: **93%** are happy with the service.

	Yes	No
Safer and independent	1501	125
Overall, happy with BR24?	1422	102

Antisocial Behaviour

The survey addressed experiences and satisfaction with how antisocial behaviour is handled.

Around **79%** of respondents reported no antisocial behaviour. That means around 2 out of 10 tenants experience antisocial behaviour.

Of those who had experienced antisocial behaviour, we asked how satisfied they were without this was handled.

ASB Satisfaction	No	%
Very satisfied	54	14.4%
Fairly satisfied	105	28.1%
Neither satisfied nor Dissatisfied	64	17.1%
Fairly dissatisfied	56	15.0%
Very dissatisfied	73	19.5%
N/A	22	5.9%

Improvements are needed in handling antisocial behaviour to increase tenant satisfaction this includes the introducing a robust neighbourhood dispute policy.

Equality

The survey collected data on disability and sexual orientation among tenants.

Disability

Respondents were asked if they had a disability

	Number	%
Yes	1213	72%
No	466	28%

Out of the 72% of people that listed a disability, the following health conditions were listed:

	Disabilities		
1.	Arthritis		
2.	Neurological conditions		
3.	Respiratory conditions		
4.	Mental health conditions		
5.	Diabetes		
6.	Sensory Impairments		
7.	Heart Conditions		
8.	Digestive Disorders		
9.	Mobility Issues		
10.	Kidney Problems		

Core morbidities: several tenants reported multiple health issues.

Sexual orientation

Tenants were asked to share their sexual orientation.

	Number	%
Straight	1609	94.8%
Gay	11	0.7%
Bisexual	5	0.3%
Prefer not to say	72	4.2%

Gender identity: 98% reported being the same gender as assigned at birth.

Conclusion

The 2024-2025 Tenant Satisfaction Survey offers invaluable insights into tenant's experiences, providing a clear roadmap for enhancing Bield's services and strengthening its relationship with our tenants.

With high satisfaction in key areas, Bield still remains a trusted provider of safe, secure and comfortable housing.

However, there are clear opportunities to further enhance tenant satisfaction by addressing specific challenges.

Strengths to Build On:

High satisfaction with service quality and homes: The overall satisfaction with Bield's service (84.9%) and home quality (89.4%) demonstrates success in providing supportive and well-maintained living environment. creating a supportive and well-maintained living environment.

With **85.2%** satisfaction, tenants clearly appreciate Bield's efforts to manage and maintain their neighbourhoods, helping them feel part of a vibrant, secure community.

Key Challenges:

Repairs process: while satisfaction with repairs is relatively high (84.3%), it remains below the target, suggesting that improvements can be made in streamlining the process and improving communication around repairs.

With a satisfaction rate of **71.2%**, there is room for improvement in ensuring tenants feel they are receiving good value for their money.

While the satisfaction rate for tenant engagement (62.9%) exceeds the target, this is an area where further effort can help enhance tenant involvement.

Only **42.5%** if tenants are satisfied with how antisocial behaviour is handled. This represents a significant opportunity for Bield to improve how it addresses this, as well as neighbour disputes.

Opportunities for Growth

Bield is well-positioned to address these challenges through strategic actions that reflect tenants' priorities. Enhancing communication by continuing to use postal mail and in-person meetings as primary methods can better meet tenant preferences. Streamlining the repair request

and execution process can significantly boost tenant satisfaction. Continuing the rollout of our tenant engagement strategies and strengthening the active members within our engagement programme can be driven by the new Tenants Insight Network

Strengthening processes for reporting and resolving antisocial behaviour will create a safer and more harmonious living environment. By focusing on these opportunities, Bield can continue to enhance tenant satisfaction and build a stronger, more supportive community for its residents.

Vision for the Future

By focusing on these areas, Bield can not only enhance current satisfaction levels but also set a new benchmark for excellence in tenant services. Greater collaboration with tenants, both in decision-making and in tailoring services, will foster a deeper sense of trust and community engagement. Investing in innovative solutions for repairs, maintenance, and digital inclusion will further solidify Bield's position as a forward-thinking housing provider. Addressing key challenges in repairs, tenant

engagement, and value for money will be crucial. Strengthening community engagement and support services will help improve tenant well-being and satisfaction. Investing in environmental and sustainability initiatives can not only enhance tenant satisfaction but also contribute to broader societal goals. Through sustained efforts, Bield can ensure that its services continue to evolve in alignment with tenants' changing needs. This commitment to progress will not only enhance the quality of life for tenants but also contribute to a stronger, more inclusive community where every tenant feels valued, supported, and empowered.

Final Conclusion

As Bield integrates these insights and improvements into its strategic approach, it has the opportunity to create a transformative impact on its tenants' lives. By prioritising safety, accessibility, financial stability, and social connections, Bield can establish a living environment where tenants thrive—emotionally, socially, and physically.