

## TENANT NOTICE

A landlord/tenant action has been filed against you by your landlord. A hearing has been scheduled before the magisterial district judge on the date indicated on the enclosed hearing notice.

As a party to a landlord/tenant action, a new process called mediation is now available to you. The mediation service is free and voluntary. Mediation is a dispute resolving process which, if successful, helps the parties to reach an agreement settling their disputes. If an agreement is reached, it will be binding upon the parties and no further action is required by the court.

The mediation session is conducted by a trained mediator, who is a lawyer and a member of the Westmoreland Bar Association. All mediation sessions will be held at our offices. All parties must agree to mediation for a session to be scheduled. The session is informal and private. The mediator will not decide the outcome of your dispute. The mediator will act as an impartial third party to assist you in reaching a settlement that is fair and just. The services provided by the mediator include guiding the discussion, clarifying legal questions and suggestion options for a solution, such as repayment schedules or a timetable for vacating the premises or for repairs to be performed.

If you do not reach an agreement, you will still be able to present your case before the magisterial district judge on your scheduled hearing date.

Please inform \_\_\_\_\_ within \_\_\_\_\_ days of the date of this notice if you wish to participate in the mediation process. A mediation session will then be scheduled prior to the hearing date and you will be notified as to the time and date of the session.