

Step-by-step guide to completing the 2026 supported housing census

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Thank you for taking the time to complete the supported housing census survey for your organisation. The survey takes the form of a spreadsheet, with seven tabs. There are five tabs to be completed by housing associations, after the contents tab, and a tab with key notes and definitions. We have also included these notes and definitions in this document for ease.

This document provides a step-by-step guide to completing each of the five tabs.

For further information about the census and why your contribution makes a difference, please read our [FAQs on the NHF website](#).

To complete the census, you may find it helpful to refer back to your organisation's submission to the 2026 Statistical Data Return (SDR) for the year ending 31 March as a reference for answering questions on stock, losses and gains.

You may find it helpful to view or print off this how-to guide so you can see all the information required in one place.

Tabs overview

Stock

- Number of homes owned at a regional level, by service type and client group.
- Number of homes addressing multiple needs/disadvantage.
- Number of homes defined as specialised supported housing.
- Estimated number of supported housing/housing for older people homes outside the SDR definition.
- Respondents providing floating support and number of people supported.

Losses & reason

- Top three reasons for losses of supported housing/housing for older people, by client group.

Losses outcome

- Number of homes no longer operating as supported housing/housing for older people, by client group and outcome after loss.

Gains & reason

- Number of homes newly operating as supported housing/ housing for older people, by client group and how the home was acquired.
- Capital, revenue or other funding arrangements that made gains possible.

Commissioning

- Number of homes with commissioned funding, by source and client group.
- Challenges and good practice for commissioning arrangements.
- Space for general comments about the survey as a whole/interpreting responses.

Answer validation

Entering unknown or unavailable information

Please answer as many questions and sections as you can.

If a question asks for information that you do not collect or cannot share, you will be able to tick “Do not collect this data/not applicable”.

For example, if you have not lost any homes in the 2025-26 financial year, you can select the option “Do not collect this data/not applicable” in the relevant tabs.

The remaining cells will turn grey to show you have ticked this selection, and the automatic totals will highlight that this information is not collected.

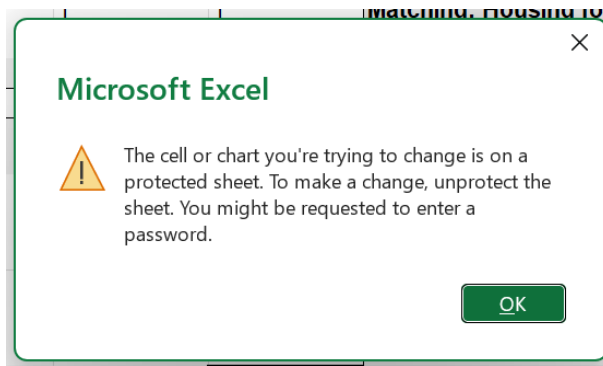
For homes that have been lost in the year ending 31st March 2026, please enter the number of homes lost (where known) by outcomes that have resulted from the loss of these homes.											
		Homes no longer owned by you							Homes you still own		
	All homes lost (excluding conversions)	Demolitions	Sales to a Registered Provider	Sales to another entity	If known, how many of these sales were for non-social use?	Sales to tenants	Unknown	Other reason	Please type other reason below	Converted to another type of supported housing	Converted to general needs housing
Do not collect this data/ not applicable		☒									
Housing for older people											
Older People — extra care	0										
Older People — sheltered housing	0										
Any/ other units of housing for older people	0										
Total units of housing for older people lost (excluding conversions)									Data not collected		
Housing for working-age people											
Learning Disability and/or autism	0										
Homelessness (single person)	0										
Homelessness (family)	0										
Mental health	0										
Domestic abuse	0										
Physical and/or sensory disability	0										
Young people	0										
Substance misuse	0										
Veterans	0										
Prison leavers	0										
Asylum seekers and refugees	0										
Unknown/ no primary client group	0										
Total units of housing for working-age people lost (excluding conversions)									Data not collected		

You can also enter information in the relevant columns/rows that indicate “Unknown/other” or “Any/other units”. For example, if you know that you sold 10 units of housing for older people in the 2025-26 financial year, but you do not know whether those were extra care or sheltered housing, you can simply enter the relevant number of units sold under “Any/other units of housing for older people”. Or, if you know that you have purchased a scheme of ten units but do not know which client group it will serve, you can enter the relevant number of units purchased under “Unknown/no primary client group”.

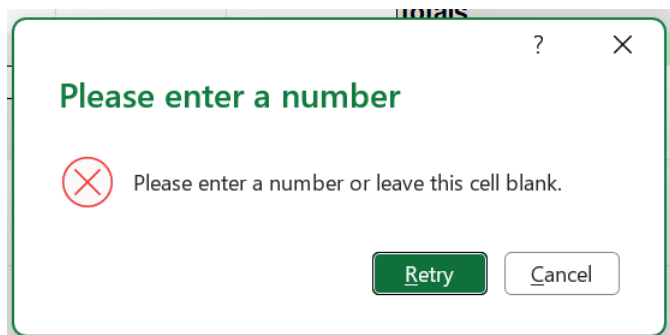
It is still useful for us to understand where information does not apply to your organisation, or where it is not possible or feasible for you to collate the information requested in the census.

Entering responses

You will notice that you can only enter responses in certain areas. This guide contains a preview of how each tab might look when it is filled in to show where you should enter your responses. If you try to enter a response in the wrong area, you will see the below error message:



Some cells are designed to only accept a numeric response. If you try to enter something else in these cells, you will see the below error message:



If you don't have a number to enter in the cell for the question you are answering, you can enter "0" or simply leave it blank.

For some questions, you will be able to type in your answer. For some questions, if you select "Other" you have the option to specify in the next column. Please enter the numeric value (if known) in the column, as well as your description.

For your owned supported housing, please enter the number of homes (units) that receive commissioned funding from the following sources. If you receive funding from multiple sources, please select any/ all that apply. We have provided an option in its own right for homes jointly commissioned by the local authority and the NHS together. For these homes, please only use the joint column and not the separate Local authority/ NHS columns to avoid double counting.										
Local authority	NHS/ Integrated Care Board	Joint arrangement local authority & NHS	Ministry of Justice/ Probation Service	Department for Education/ Ofsted	Ministry of Defence	Home Office	Other source	Please type other source below	Homes with no commissioned funding (including decommissioned)	
Do not collect this data/ not applicable		☐								
Housing for older people										
Older People — extra care								10 Voluntary sector organisation	10	
Older People — sheltered housing										
Any/ other units of housing for older people										

If you would like to share any information to accompany your answers, you can do this in the last question.

On the stock tab, the automatic total will highlight if the totals you have entered for housing for older people and/or supported housing do not match. For example, below the provider has indicated they own 30 units of long-term supported housing for older people, but they have entered 125 units elsewhere on the tab due to a typo.

	Unknown/ other	North East England	North West England	Yorkshire and the Humber	East Midlands	West Midlands	East of England	South East England	South West England	Greater London	
Service type (homes owned) at 31st March 2026											
Do not collect this data/ not applicable		☐									
Housing for older people											
Long-term supported housing		15	15								
Transitional supported Housing											
Any/ other units of supported housing for older people											Matching: Housing for older people totals
Total units of housing for older people										30	Error: totals do not match
Housing for working-age people											
Long-term supported housing		10	20								
Transitional supported Housing											
Any/ other units of supported housing for working-age people											Matching: Housing for working-age people totals
Total units of housing for working-age people										30	OK
Specialised supported housing											
How many of your housing for older people units are defined as specialised supported housing?											
How many of your supported housing units are defined as specialised supported housing?											
Total units of specialised supported housing										0	
Primary client group (homes owned) at 31st March 2026											
Do not collect this data/ not applicable		☐									
Housing for older people											
Older people — extra care		10	5								
Older people — sheltered housing		5	105								
Any/ other units of housing for older people											
Total units of housing for older people										125	

When your totals correctly match, the cell for each category will turn green.

Stock

Tab preview

	Unknown/ other	North East England	North West England	Yorkshire and the Humber	East Midlands	West Midlands	East of England	South East England	South West England	Greater London
Service type (homes owned) at 31st March 2026										
Do not collect this data/ not applicable	☐									
Housing for older people										
Long-term supported housing		15	15							
Transitional supported Housing										
Any/ other units of supported housing for older people				15						
Total units of housing for older people										45
Housing for working-age people										
Long-term supported housing										
Transitional supported Housing		10	20	20						
Any/ other units of supported housing for working-age people										
Total units of housing for working-age people										50
Specialised supported housing										
How many of your housing for older people units are defined as specialised supported housing?										
How many of your supported housing units are defined as specialised supported housing?										
Total units of specialised supported housing										0
Primary client group (homes owned) at 31st March 2026										
Do not collect this data/ not applicable	☐									
Housing for older people										
Older people — extra care		10								
Older people — sheltered housing		5	15							
Any/ other units of housing for older people				15						
Total units of housing for older people										45
Housing for working-age people										
Learning Disability and/or autism										
Homelessness (single person)		10	20							
Homelessness (family)										
Mental health				10						
Domestic abuse										
Physical and/or sensory disability										
Young people										
Substance misuse										
Veterans										
Prison leavers										
Asylum seekers and refugees										
Unknown/ no primary client group				10						
Total units of housing for working-age people										50
Additional questions										
Of the total homes you own, how many are able to address multiple needs and/or disadvantage? For example, a scheme for people who are homeless but also experiencing poor mental health, drug and alcohol issues, domestic abuse or involvement with the criminal justice system.										50
Please provide an estimate on the number of additional units of supported housing you provide that qualify as accommodation-based support, but do not fall within the remit of the SDR. If this is not applicable, please leave blank. Please exclude floating support.										
Do you directly provide floating support in accommodation that you own, lease or manage? (Y/N)										N
If yes, approximately how many people did you support in general needs accommodation in the year ending 31st March 2026?										

All respondents should provide information on the number of supported housing and housing for older people units they own, based on information they have submitted to the SDR (except where noted in questions 3 & 4).

1. For each region where you own supported housing and/or housing for older people, please enter the number of homes (units) you own in the following categories.

- If you do not know the location for homes you own, please use the “Unknown/other” option.

- Where a home may fit multiple categories in service type or client group, please choose the one that it best fits. However, if you have homes with no primary service type or client group, please select that option.
- For any data you do not collect or for any questions that do not apply to you, please tick the relevant box.
- Please refer to the [notes and definitions tab](#) for explanations of:
 - Categorising homes as long-term or transitional housing.
 - Specialised supported housing.
 - Client groups.
 - Supported housing outside of the SDR definition.

Please enter this information by the following:

a. Service type.

Housing for older people

- Long-term supported housing.
- Transitional housing.
- Any/other units of housing for older people (use this if you do not know whether the housing is long-term or transitional).

Housing for working-age people

- Long-term supported housing.
- Transitional Housing.
- Any/other units of housing for working-age people (use this if you do not know whether the housing is long-term or transitional).

Specialised supported housing

- How many of your housing for older people units are defined as specialised supported housing?
- How many of your supported housing units are defined as specialised supported housing?

b. Primary client group

Housing for older people

- Older People — extra care.
- Older People — sheltered housing.
- Any/other units of housing for older people.

Housing for working-age people

- Learning Disability and/or autism.
- Homelessness (single person).
- Homelessness (family).

- Mental health.
 - Domestic abuse.
 - Physical and/or sensory disability.
 - Young people.
 - Substance misuse.
 - Veterans.
 - Prison leavers.
 - Asylum seekers and refugees.
 - Unknown/no primary client group
2. Of the total homes you own, how many are able to address multiple needs and/or disadvantage? For example, a scheme for people who are homeless but also experiencing poor mental health, drug and alcohol issues, domestic abuse or involvement with the criminal justice system.
3. Please provide an estimate on the number of additional units of supported housing you provide that qualify as accommodation-based support, but **do not** fall within the remit of the SDR. If this is not applicable, please leave blank. Please exclude floating support.
4. Do you directly provide floating support in accommodation that you own, lease or manage? Y/N
- a. If yes, approximately how many people did you support in general needs accommodation in the year ending 31 March 2026?

Losses & reason

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For each client group served through the homes you own, please select up to three most important reasons that have contributed to the loss of these homes. This includes homes that you still own but no longer operate as supported housing and homes that you have changed from one type of supported housing to another, for example, to serve a different client group.				
Most important reason		Second most important reason	Third most important reason	Please type other reason below
Do not collect this data/ not applicable		☐		
Housing for older people				
Older People — extra care				
Older People — sheltered housing				
Any/ other units of housing for older people				
Housing for working-age people				
Learning Disability and/or autism				
person)				
Homelessness (family)				
Mental health				
Domestic abuse				
Physical and/or sensory disability				
Young people				
Substance misuse				
Veterans				
Prison leavers				
Asylum seekers and refugees				
Unknown/ no primary client group				

1. For each client group served through the homes you own, please select the **up to three most important** reasons that have contributed to the loss of these homes. This includes homes that you still own but no longer operate as supported housing, and homes that have changed from one type of supported housing to another (there will be an option to record changes in client group).

- Commissioning- reduction in commissioned funding.
- Commissioning - no longer commissioned by main funder.
- Commissioning- funding not proportionate to operational cost.
- Building - cost to renovate/ regenerate too high.
- Building - cost to make energy efficient too high.
- Building - no longer safe to run.
- Rent - rent level not proportionate to operational cost.
- Rent - challenges with LA-administered Housing Benefit.
- Other (please specify).

You do not have to select three reasons. For client groups that do not apply to you, you can either leave this blank (as shown) or select “Not applicable” in the drop down.

Please enter this information by the following:

a. Primary client group

Housing for older people

- Older People — extra care.
- Older People — sheltered housing.
- Any/ other units of housing for older people.

Housing for working-age people

- Learning Disability and/or autism.
- Homelessness (single person).
- Homelessness (family).
- Mental health.
- Domestic abuse.
- Physical and/or sensory disability.
- Young people.
- Substance misuse.
- Veterans.
- Prison leavers.
- Asylum seekers and refugees.
- Unknown/no primary client group.

Losses outcome

Tab preview:

For homes that have been lost in the year ending 31st March 2026, please enter the number of homes lost (where known) by outcomes that have resulted from the loss of these homes.											
Homes no longer owned by you										Homes you still own	
All homes lost (excluding conversions)	Demolitions	Sales to a Registered Provider	Sales to another entity	If known, how many of these sales were for non-social use?	Sales to tenants	Unknown	Other reason	Please type other reason below		Converted to another type of supported housing	Converted to general needs housing
Do not collect this data/ not applicable	☐										
Housing for older people											
Older People — extra care	0									10	
Older People — sheltered housing	0										
Any/ other units of housing for older people	0										
Total units of housing for older people lost (excluding conversions)										0	
Housing for working-age people											
Learning Disability and/or autism	0										
Homelessness (single person)	5			5	5						
Homelessness (family)	0										
Mental health	5		5		0						
Domestic abuse	0										
Physical and/or sensory disability	0										
Young people	0										
Substance misuse	0										
Veterans	0										
Prison leavers	0										
Asylum seekers and refugees	0										
Unknown/ no primary client group	0										
Total units of housing for working-age people lost (excluding conversions)										10	

All respondents should provide information on the number of supported housing and housing for older people units they have lost (if applicable), based on information they have submitted to the SDR.

- If you do not know the outcome for some/ all of the homes you have lost, please use the “Unknown” column.
- The total number of homes you have lost for each category will automatically calculate in the column “All homes lost (excluding conversion)”.
- If you are unable to provide a detailed breakdown of homes lost for housing for older people, please use the “Any/ other units of housing for older people” category.
- If you are unable to provide a detailed breakdown of homes lost for housing for working-age people, please use the “Unknown/ no primary client group” category.
- For homes that you still own and have converted to another type of supported housing (for example, serving a different client group) please record the number of homes lost in the relevant column.
- Where losses and gains are recorded between categories (for example, a conversion of a scheme that also creates more units) please refer to the notes and definitions section.
- In this example, you will see that the respondent has converted 10 units of housing for older people from extra care to sheltered housing. They have recorded 10 units as “Converted to” in the Losses outcome tab, and 10 units as “Converted from” in the Gains & reason tab.

1. For homes that have been lost, please enter the number of homes lost (where known) by the outcomes that have resulted from the loss of these homes.
 - a. Demolitions.
 - b. Sales to a Registered Provider (including local authorities).
 - c. Sales to another entity.
 - d. If known, how many of these sales were for non-social use?
 - e. Sales to tenants.
 - f. Unknown.
 - g. Other (please specify).
 - h. Converted to another type of supported housing.
 - i. Converted to general needs housing.

Please enter this information by the following:

- a. Primary client group
 - Housing for older people**
 - Older People — extra care.
 - Older People — sheltered housing.
 - Any/ other units of housing for older people.
 - Housing for working-age people**
 - Learning Disability and/or autism.
 - Homelessness (single person).
 - Homelessness (family).
 - Mental health.
 - Domestic abuse.
 - Physical and/or sensory disability.
 - Young people.
 - Substance misuse.
 - Veterans.
 - Prison leavers.
 - Asylum seekers and refugees.
 - Unknown/ no primary client group.

Gains & reason

Tab preview

For homes that you have gained as supported housing in the year ending 31st March 2026, please enter the number of homes you have gained (where known) by route									
All homes gained (excluding conversions)	Homes you did not previously own						Homes you previously owned		
	Purchase from another Registered Provider	Purchase from another entity	New build	Regeneration/ remodelling net additions (not conversion)	Unknown	Other reason	Please type other reason below	Converted from another type of supported housing	Converted from general needs housing
Do not collect this data not applicable ☐									
Housing for older people									
Older People — extra care	0							10	
Older People — sheltered housing	0								
Any/ other units of housing for older people	0								
Total units of housing for older people gained (excluding conversions)							0		
Housing for working-age people									
Learning Disability and/or autism	0								
Homelessness (single person)	20	15		5					
Homelessness (family)	0								
Mental health	0								
Domestic abuse	0								
Physical and/or sensory disability	0								
Young people	0								
Substance misuse	0								
Veterans	0								
Prison leavers	0								
Asylum seekers and refugees	0								
Unknown/ no primary client group	0								
Total units of housing for working-age people gained (excluding conversions)							20		
Additional question									
Where applicable, please share any details of capital and/or revenue funding arrangements that made securing these homes possible. For example, private finance (capital) and local authority funding (revenue)							We purchased a block of general purpose flats from another RFP and remodeled them to create extra studio apartments, hence creating 5 additional bedspaces in the process.		

All respondents should provide information on the number of supported housing and housing for older people units they have gained (if applicable), based on information they have submitted to the SDR.

- If you do not know the route for some/ all of the homes you have gained, please use the “Unknown” column.
- The total number of homes you have gained for each category will automatically calculate in the column “All homes gained (excluding conversion)”.
- If you are unable to provide a detailed breakdown of homes gained for housing for older people, please use the “Any/ other units of housing for older people” category.
- If you are unable to provide a detailed breakdown of homes gained for housing for working-age people, please use the “Unknown/ no primary client group” category.
- For homes that you previously owned and have converted from another type of supported housing (for example, serving a different client group) please record the number of homes gained in the relevant column.
- Where losses and gains are recorded between categories (for example, a conversion of a scheme that also creates more units) please refer to the notes and definitions section.
- In this example, the respondent has converted 10 units of housing for older people from extra care to sheltered housing. They have recorded 10 units as “Converted to” in the Losses outcome tab, and 10 units as “Converted from” in

the Gains & reason tab. In this example, the provider has also highlighted the 5 additional units for homeless households gained through remodelling. Although the scheme was general purpose flats before, it was not previously owned by them and therefore not considered as a conversion.

1. For homes that you have gained as supported housing in the last year, please enter the number of homes you have gained (where known) by route.
 - a. Purchase- from another Registered provider (including local authorities).
 - b. Purchase- from another entity.
 - c. New build.
 - d. Regeneration- net additions.
 - e. Unknown.
 - f. Other (please specify).
 - g. Converted from another type of supported housing.
 - h. Converted from general needs housing.
2. Where applicable, please share any details of capital and/or revenue funding arrangements that made securing these homes possible. For example, private finance (capital) and local authority funding (revenue).

Please enter this information by the following:

- a. Primary client group

Housing for older people

- Older People — extra care.
- Older People — sheltered housing.
- Any/ other units of housing for older people.

Housing for working-age people

- Learning Disability and/or autism.
- Homelessness (single person).
- Homelessness (family).
- Mental health.
- Domestic abuse.
- Physical and/or sensory disability.
- Young people.
- Substance misuse.
- Veterans.
- Prison leavers.
- Asylum seekers and refugees.
- Unknown/ no primary client group.

Commissioning

Tab preview

For your owned supported housing, please enter the number of homes (units) that receive commissioned funding from the following sources. If you receive funding from multiple sources, please select any/ all that apply. We have provided an option in its own right for homes jointly commissioned by the local authority and the NHS together. For these homes, please only use the joint column and not the separate Local authority/ NHS columns to avoid double counting.										
	Local authority	NHS/ Integrated Care Board	Joint arrangement local authority & NHS	Ministry of Justice/ Probation Service	Department for Education/ Ofsted	Ministry of Defence	Home Office	Other source	Please type other source below	Homes with no commissioned funding (including decommissioned)
Do not collect this data/ not applicable ☐										
Housing for older people										
Older People — extra care	10									20
Older People — sheltered										15
Any/ other units of housing for older people										
Housing for working-age people										
Learning Disability and/or autism										
Homelessness (single person)	30									
Homelessness (family)										
Mental health			10							
Domestic abuse										
Physical and/or sensory disability										
Young people										
Substance misuse										
Veterans										
Prison leavers										
Asylum seekers and refugees										
Unknown/ no primary client group										
Additional questions										
Please use this space to enter any comments you would like to share on commissioning arrangements. You may choose to mention: Working in/ across specific geographical areas Working with specific commissioning partners Variation by the primary client group and/or support needs your service addresses										
Please type your answer here.										
Please use this space to enter any comments about this survey in general, including feedback on the questions, or anything we should take into account when analysing your responses. You are also welcome to share any comments that do not fit elsewhere in the survey questions.										
Previously we answered that all of our housing for working-age people could address multiple needs and/or disadvantage, because our service users often have multiple and/or complex needs, even if they are referred into the scheme for one particular support need.										

Please note that the numbers in this tab do not need to equal the number of homes you entered in the previous Stock tab, because your homes may receive commissioning from more than one source, and some of your homes may not receive commissioned funding, or you may not know this information. If you know that homes do not receive commissioned funding, you can enter this in the relevant column. If you are not sure, you can leave this information blank.

In this example, we can see that there are ten homes where the respondent did not enter information on commissioning arrangements (10 units “Unknown/ no primary client group” in the stock tab).

1. For your owned supported housing, please enter the number of homes (units) that receive commissioned funding from the following sources. If you receive funding from multiple sources, please select any/ all that apply. There is a separate column indicating joint commissioned funding from the local authority and the NHS.

Please enter this information as accurately as you can at the date of submission. We understand that your financial arrangements may vary by source and may not always align with financial years.

- a. Funding by commissioned source
 - Local authority.
 - NHS / Integrated Care Board.
 - Joint arrangement local authority & NHS.
 - Ministry of Justice / Probation Service.
 - Department for Education/ Ofsted.
 - Ministry of Defence.
 - Home Office.
 - Other (please specify).
 - Homes with no commissioned funding (including decommissioned).

Please enter this information by the following:

- a. Primary client group
 - Housing for older people**
 - Older People — extra care.
 - Older People — sheltered housing.
 - Any/ other units of housing for older people.
 - Housing for working-age people**
 - Learning Disability and/or autism.
 - Homelessness (single person).
 - Homelessness (family).
 - Mental health.
 - Domestic abuse.
 - Physical and/or sensory disability.
 - Young people.
 - Substance misuse.
 - Veterans.
 - Prison leavers.
 - Asylum seekers and refugees.

Unknown/ no primary client group

- 2. Please use this space to enter any comments you would like to share on commissioning arrangements. You may choose to mention:
 - Working in/ across specific areas.
 - Arrangements across multiple areas/ regions.
 - Working with specific commissioning partners.

- Variation by the primary client group and/or support needs your service addresses.

3. Please use this space to enter any comments about this survey in general, including feedback on the questions, or anything we should take into account when analysing your responses. You are also welcome to share any comments that do not fit elsewhere in the survey questions.

Notes and definitions tab

Homes owned

Unit

Please report information on owned homes (units), at social rent and affordable rent combined, including homes where a rent exception is in place.

By units, we refer to all self-contained and non-self-contained units of housing together, and do not ask you to distinguish between them. Please refer to the relevant SDR guidance when submitting these numbers. For example, a self-contained unit may not always correspond to the number of occupants:

"A self-contained unit/ house for letting to a group of people under one tenancy agreement would be one unit, regardless of whether the occupants are a family unit or a group of unrelated people".

For non-self-contained units (bedspaces), the SDR collects information on the "underlying number of lettable beds" regardless of the particular tenancy arrangements at that time, unless this becomes a permanent change to letting policy.

Unit (Supported housing and/or housing for older people)

Please include units that meet the definition of supported housing and/or housing for older people in the 2025-26 SDR. This includes meeting the definition of supported housing specified in the rent policy statement.

Homes owned outside of the SDR

The SDR counts units owned that meet set conditions in the social housing rent policy statement. Please use this box to count homes for supported housing and housing for older people that do not meet these conditions. For example, these may be let at market or private rents. Please do not include general needs properties with floating support.

References:

[Statistical Data Return 2025/26 Long form guidance notes](#)

- Bedspaces (pages 88-89)
- Self-contained unit (page 97)
- Unit (page 100)
- Housing for older people (page 93)
- Supported housing (pages 99-100)

[Policy statement on rents for social housing](#)

- Definition of supported housing (para. 2.37)

Service type and Primary client group

Housing for working-age people

SDR guidance and the rent policy statement do not specify age criteria. Government guidance suggests housing for older people may be for people aged 55 and over, although this is technically below the minimum state pension age.

Housing for older people

In the SDR guidance, properties only meet this definition "if they are made available exclusively to older people and fully meet the definition of supported housing specified in the Rent Policy Statement". "Age-restricted general market housing" is unlikely to meet this definition if it does not include support to live independently or care services.

References:

[Housing for older and disabled people - GOV.UK](#)

[Statistical Data Return 2025/26 Long form guidance notes](#)

- Housing for older people (page 93)
- Supported housing (pages 99-100)

Service type

Long-term supported housing/ Transitional Housing

We have chosen to refer to the same categories used in the MHCLG local authority supported housing strategies guidance. This draft management reporting information has not produced definitions of these terms. It may be helpful to distinguish transitional housing based on whether the service is designed to support residents to move on from the property into alternative housing.

Any/ other units

Please use this option for any units of supported housing or housing for older people where you do not know if this is long-term or transitional.

Specialised supported housing

The SDR stipulates that specialised supported housing must meet the criteria set out in the rent policy statement in chapters 2 and 5. Please note, this can overlap with units of long-term and/or transitional housing entered above.

References:

[Local Supported Housing Strategies](#)

- Management information for annual reporting to MHCLG

[Policy statement on rents for social housing](#)

- Specialised supported housing (para. 5.6)

Primary client group

Older People— extra care

There is no set definition of extra care housing, but definitions usually centre on the high level of care and/ or support made available at all times. The accommodation may also be purpose-built or adapted.

Older People— sheltered housing

This category of housing for older people "does not generally provide care services, but provides some support to enable residents to live independently".

Any/ other units of housing for older people

Please use this option for any units of housing for older people where you do not know if this meets the definition of extra care or sheltered housing.

Working-age/ other client groups

We have chosen to refer to the same categories used in the MHCLG local authority supported housing strategies guidance. We appreciate that there may be difficulties with categorising individuals in this way, and ask that you focus on the category that is the best fit. We would suggest categorising based on how provision is designed, intended or commissioned (for example, needs identified at referral or point of entry), while we acknowledge that there are limitations to this.

Unknown/ no primary client group

Please use this option where there is no primary client group/ need intended for the service or where this information is unknown.

References:

[Housing for older and disabled people - GOV.UK](#)

[Local Supported Housing Strategies](#)

- Management information for annual reporting to MHCLG

Floating support

Floating support yes/no

MHCLG guidance defines this as "flexible support provided in a general needs home and not tied to a specific property or scheme".

Number of people receiving floating support

Please refer to people receiving support in homes that are not supported housing. These homes do not necessarily need to be social homes.

References:

[Local Supported Housing Strategies](#)

- Scope

Region

Unknown/ other

Please use this option to record units where you do not know the location or you are unable to specify the region.

Losses outcome

By losses, we are specifically referring to losses of homes owned as supported housing.

Please count homes as lost even if they are still owned by you but converted from supported housing/ housing for older people to general needs homes (you will be able to record this).

Please also include homes that have been converted from one type of supported housing/ housing for older people to another (you will be able to record this). This is to help us understand the extent of this practice, for example, if this is a response to changing funding arrangements.

The above principles for counting the number of units also apply for counting the number of homes gained or lost. For example, if you lost a supported housing scheme, please count the number of units lost based on how you intended to let these rooms as a permanent letting policy (this may be different to a temporary arrangement with the most recent occupants, for example).

All homes lost (excluding conversion)

This column automatically calculates the total you have entered for homes lost. This should be equal to the total of all other columns, excluding homes that have been converted from supported housing.

Demolitions

Record the number of supported housing units demolished during the period 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026. Include all homes where demolition works had started by 31 March 2026 but exclude those where demolition had already commenced in the previous year.

Sales to a Registered Provider

Please record units sold where the sale has taken place between 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026. Please do not include incomplete sales (for example, where only exchange of contracts has taken place). Include any sale regardless of whether it is for non-social use or not (or if this information isn't known).

Use this column to record sales to other Registered Providers (regardless of whether they are part of your group structure or not). This includes local authorities and private Registered Providers.

Sales to another entity

Please record units sold where the sale has taken place between 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026. Please do not include incomplete sales (for example, where only exchange of contracts has taken place). Include any sale regardless of whether it is for non-social use or not (or if this information isn't known).

Use this column to record sales to any organisation or individual that is not a Registered Provider or a tenant.

Sales for non-social use (if known)

Please record units sold where the sale has taken place between 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026. Please do not include incomplete sales (for example, where only exchange of contracts has taken place).

Use this column to record any sales for non-social use, to any provider, organisation or individual that is not a tenant.

Sales to tenants

Please record units sold where the sale has taken place between 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026. Please do not include incomplete sales (for example, where only exchange of contracts has taken place).

This includes freehold and leasehold sales, Right to Buy, Right to Acquire, outright sales and any other relevant types of sale.

Converted to another type of supported housing

Please record units converted to another type of supported housing to serve a different client group or client groups. For example, if you have pivoted a service for single homeless people to serve young people. Please only include homes that you still own.

For these homes, please also enter them in the relevant column in the Gains & reason tab. See below for more guidance.

For provision where you may have opened up bedspaces to another/ new client group but maintained some open to current residents or the same client group going forward,

only record the homes as lost where they serve a new/ different purpose. Then, you can enter the number of those homes gained for the new client group in the relevant gains & reason tab.

Converted to general needs housing

Please record units converted to general needs housing- including social rent, affordable rent, intermediate rent, or LCHO. Please only include homes that you still own.

In cases where you may have converted some homes within a scheme to general needs but maintained some open to current residents or the same client group going forward, only record the homes as lost where they serve a new/ different purpose. (E.g. converting some sheltered housing to shared ownership within a scheme for older people).

The SDR records conversion of tenures between social rent, intermediate rent, affordable rent and supported housing as movements between categories. (Stock balance > Question 10).

Unknown/ other reason

Please record any losses here of supported housing and housing for older people owned in the SDR that do not fit any of the other categories.

Links / references:

[Statistical Data Return 2025/26 Long form guidance notes](#)

- Bedspaces (pages 88-89)
- Self-contained unit (page 97)
- Unit (page 100)
- Demolitions (question 9, line 3, page 75)
- Sales (questions 4 & 5 (pages 68-71)
- Sales to tenants (questions 6 & 7, pages 71-74)
- The SDR does not record changes between categories of supported housing and/or housing for older people.
- Converted to general needs (question 10, pages 75-77)
- Other losses (question 9, line 4, pages 74-75)

Gains and reason

By gains, we are specifically referring to gains of homes owned as supported housing.

Please count homes as gained even if they are still owned by you but converted from general needs homes to supported housing/ housing for older people (you will be able to record this).

Please also include homes that have been converted from one type of supported housing/ housing for older people to another (you will be able to record this). This is to help us understand the extent of this practice, for example, if this is a response to changing funding arrangements.

The above principles for counting the number of units also apply for counting the number of homes gained or lost. For example, if you purchase a supported housing scheme, please count the number of units based on how you intend to let these rooms as a permanent letting policy (this may be different to a temporary arrangement made based on current or prospective occupants).

All homes gained (excluding conversions)

This column automatically calculates the total you have entered for homes gained. This should be equal to the total of all other columns, excluding homes that have been converted from supported housing.

Purchase- from another Registered Provider

Please record units purchased where the sale has taken place between 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026. Please do not include incomplete sales (for example, where only exchange of contracts has taken place).

Use this column to record purchases from other Registered Providers (regardless of whether they are part of your group structure or not). This includes local authorities and private Registered Providers.

Purchase- from another entity

Please record units purchased where the sale has taken place between 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026. Please do not include incomplete sales (for example, where only exchange of contracts has taken place).

Use this column to record purchases from any organisation or individual that is not a Registered Provider.

New build

Please record units of supported housing built where they have been completed between 1 April 2025 and 31 March 2026. New build units should only be included where works have been fully completed and the units are ready for occupation (rented or sold). Undeveloped sites or units that are still in the process of development should be excluded. Where a block of units is partially completed, include only those units that are ready for occupation.

Regeneration/ remodelling net additions (not conversion)

Please record units of supported housing that you have gained through regeneration or remodelling only. For example, if you have purchased or converted a scheme and remodelled it to add further units, record these separately using the relevant columns.

"For the purposes of the SDR, providers should always record the process as if the tenure conversion happens first and then the remodelling happens".

Converted from another type of supported housing

Please record units converted from another type of supported housing to serve a different client group or client groups. For example, if you have pivoted a service for single homeless people to serve young people. Please only include homes that you still own.

Please also record the corresponding number of homes that were converted in the Losses outcome tab. See below for more guidance.

Converted from general needs housing

Please record units converted from general needs housing owned by you (including social rent, affordable rent, intermediate rent, and LCHO).

The SDR records conversion of tenures between social rent, intermediate rent, affordable rent and supported housing as movements between categories. (Stock balance > Question 10). The SDR records conversions of LCHO to social tenures in the LCHO section > Question 7.

Links / references:

[Statistical Data Return 2025/26 Long form guidance notes](#)

- Bedspaces (pages 88-89)
- Self-contained unit (page 97)
- Unit (page 100)
- Purchase (question 3, page 66)
- Remodelling (question 10, line 2, pages 74-75)
- Converted from general needs (question 10, pages 74-75)
- Converted from LCHO (question 7, line 5, page 49)

Recording losses and gains between categories

If there is a change between categories that results in either a gain or a loss, this should be recorded in the relevant gains or losses spreadsheet and separate columns in those spreadsheets where necessary.

Example 1:

You own a supported housing scheme for adults with a learning disability and/or autism. From the start, the scheme was designed to have three bedrooms for individuals, and three for staff. You convert this scheme into a scheme for single homeless people, and make the three other bedrooms available for letting. You would record:

Losses outcome> Learning disability & autism> Converted to another type of supported housing (3 units)

Gains and reason > Homelessness (single people) > Conversion from another type of supported housing (6 units)

Example 2:

You purchase a building from another housing association to be used as accommodation for young people and remodel/regenerate the building as part of this process, which creates net additional units. In this case, you would separate the additional homes gained from regeneration/remodelling from those you would have gained as part of the purchase. For example, if the scheme you purchased had four units of housing, and you remodelled it to create an additional two units, you would record:

Gains and reason > Young people > Purchase- from another Registered Provider (4 units)

Gains and reason > Young people > Regeneration/ remodelling net additions (not conversion) > (2 units)

Example 3:

You own a housing scheme for older people that operates as extra care and convert this to sheltered housing. The number of units available does not change.

You would record:

Losses outcome > Older people— extra care > Converted to another type of supported housing (10 units)

Gains and reason > Older people— sheltered housing > Converted from another type of supported housing (10 units)

Commissioning source

Units with commissioned funding

Please record the number of supported housing units that currently receive any amount of commissioned funding from the relevant source. The definition of "currently" may depend on your funding arrangements— for example, whether you receive funding on a

yearly basis, or if you received a multi-year grant/ contract that was awarded previously, but the terms of the grant are still ongoing.

Joint arrangement local authority & NHS

We have provided an option in its own right for homes jointly commissioned by the local authority and the NHS together. For these homes, please only use the joint column and not the separate Local authority/ NHS columns to avoid double counting.

Homes with no commissioned funding (including decommissioned)

Please record the number of supported housing units that, to your knowledge, are not directly commissioned. These may be funded through alternative means such as philanthropic/ charitable funding or your own revenue-raising activities. Please note that these homes should still meet the definition of supported housing contained in the SDR.