

ANNUAL RETURN ON THE SCOTTISH SOCIAL HOUSING CHARTER: A CONSULTATION

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1.Introduction

During 2023, we consulted on the future of social housing regulation in Scotland and we published our revised Regulatory Framework in February 2024. The new Regulatory Framework came into effect on 1 April 2024.

During our consultation on the revised Regulatory Framework, we had proposed to develop and introduce to the Annual Return on the Charter (ARC) specific indicators on tenant and resident safety. We also proposed to develop appropriate monitoring of the effectiveness of landlords' approach to managing reports and instances of damp and mould. We also invited views on the continuing appropriateness of existing ARC indicators. We highlighted that we would bring forward revised indicators for the Energy Efficiency Standard for Social Housing (EESSH) when the Scottish Government's EESSH Review Group had concluded its work.

There was general support from respondents for indicators on tenant and resident safety, although some noted that they did not feel they could comment until we gave more information on the specific indicators we were thinking of including. Some respondents highlighted that these matters are already included in the Scottish Housing Quality Standard or may be difficult to define and operate effectively. There was a strong view, especially amongst landlords, that indicators on damp and mould will need to be carefully developed and defined – a number suggested that we establish a cross-sector working group with appropriate experts to develop these. Respondents highlighted a number of existing indicators which they felt were of limited value.

Taking account of this feedback, and recognising that the Scottish Government's EESSH Review Group has not concluded its work, we decided that there was merit in taking the time to undertake a comprehensive review of the ARC indicators involving relevant experts and people from the social housing sector.

We established two advisory groups, to work with us to consider all of the indicators in the ARC and advise us as we developed appropriate indicators for tenants and resident safety, damp and mould, and EESSH. We have also discussed this with our <u>Tenant Advisors</u> and <u>Tenants Together Scotland</u>. And we have engaged with a range of other stakeholders through a variety of events including conferences and forums facilitated by Tenants Information Service, Scotland's Housing Network, SFHA, APSE Scotland, Scottish Housing Safety Network and our systemically important landlord forum.

As part of our consultation on the revised Regulatory Framework, we proposed to develop and introduce to the ARC specific indicators on tenant and resident safety. This included the development of indicators to monitor landlords' effectiveness in responding to instances of damp and mould. The development of damp and mould indicators posed a challenge as this would be a brand new requirement for landlords.

We carried out additional research to strengthen our understanding of damp and mould. This included a review of 19 social landlords' websites to understand their current approach to both preventing and tackling instances of damp and mould. We reviewed the information and educational materials provided to tenants and the damp and mould policies implemented by each organisation. We also looked at the information these landlords gathered on key performance indicators.

As part of this research, we examined the definitions of damp and mould utilised by social landlords across Scotland. We also had conversations with other relevant regulatory bodies, including the Regulator of Social Housing in England, to understand current practices in relation to damp and mould; and we met with industry experts regarding damp and mould to discuss our approach. We recognise this is a complex area for landlords and would appreciate feedback as part of the consultation around any challenges which landlords may experience in relation to this.

Thank you to everyone who has shared their views on this with us. This feedback has been invaluable and the indicators we are now consulting on have been shaped by this feedback. We have used the input from these discussions to develop a proposed set of indicators to include in a revised ARC which we are now consulting on.

In November 2023, the Scottish Government launched a consultation on a new Social Housing Net Zero Standard (SHNZS) to replace EESSH2. The Scottish Government has not yet published the outcomes from its consultation. Given this, our consultation does not include proposals for indicators on meeting the SHNZS. We will consult on relevant indicators once the SHNZS has been published.

We aim to confirm the revised ARC indicators by January 2025 with the new ARC being in place for collection year 2025/26. In the meantime, we will use the existing ARC for collection year 2024/25 and we will use the Annual Assurance Statements to require landlords to give us specific assurance on their compliance with their tenant and resident safety obligations, including their performance in dealing with instances of damp and mould.

2. Giving us your feedback

We welcome feedback on our proposals from organisations and individuals with an interest in our work. We will continue to meet with stakeholders during the consultation period to discuss our proposals further, as well as considering written responses. You can respond with feedback by Friday 8 November 2024.

We welcome general feedback on our proposals as well as answers to the specific questions we have raised. Please do not feel you have to answer every question unless you wish to do so. If you wish to respond on a question by question basis, you can find a <u>form to use here</u>. Otherwise please email or post your feedback to the address below. Please include your contact details in case we need to check anything with you.

To help make this a transparent process we intend to publish on our website the responses we receive, as we receive them. If you do not wish your response to be made public please let us know. If you are responding as an individual please let us know if you are happy for us to publish your name. You can send your feedback to us by email at: consultations@shr.gov.scot .You can send your feedback to us by post to: Scottish Housing Regulator, 5th floor, 220 High Street, Glasgow G4 0QW. If you have any queries please contact us on the above email address or by calling us on 0141 242 5642.

3. Annual Return on the Charter Indicators: Our proposals

Our discussions with various stakeholders, including the tenants we work with, highlighted there was general support for a number of the indicators we currently collected and that these indicators reflected what tenants considered to be important priorities for them. Stakeholders were also keen to understand the purpose and value of any additional or new indicators. In developing this consultation, we have been mindful of the volume of information we are asking landlords for and have tried to ensure that where there are additional information requests, these are reflected in our risk based approach to regulation.

We set out below a summary of the changes we are proposing to make to the ARC. A full list of the indicators and the changes being proposed are at Annex 1, and we provide a version of the Technical Guidance with our proposals shown in tracked changes at Annex 2. Within this, there are also some indicators where we have provided additional clarity on the definitions following a review of our published FAQs.

General indicators

There are some indicators which we do not routinely use in our regulatory assessment of social landlords' performance. We are proposing to stop collecting the following indicators:

- Indicator 14: Tenancy offers refused during the year. We collect data from Indicator 30 on number lets and average time to re-let and therefore propose to remove indicator 14.
- Indicator 20: Total cost of adaptations completed in the year by source of funding. We collect data from Indicators 19 & 21 on the number of households waiting for adaptations and the average time to complete adaptations. Both of these will continue to provide information on the demand for and extent of adaptation work being carried out in the sector.
- Indicators 23 and 24: Homelessness referrals. Stakeholders told us
 that these indicators are confusing, onerous to collect and rarely used
 for benchmarking. We already collect the number of lets made by
 social landlords at Indicator C2, and are proposing expanding C2
 where RSLs will report their lets to homeless households by local
 authority area. Local authorities' performance in relation to
 homelessness is collected and published by the Scottish Government.
- C3: Number of lets during the reporting year split between general needs and supported housing. We collect data from Indicator C2 on the lets made by social landlords, broken down by source of let.
- **C4: Abandoned homes**. We collect data from Indicator 22 on court actions and evictions.

Question 1: Do you agree that we should stop collecting the above indicators?

We propose to amend the following indicators:

- Indicator 10: Reactive repairs completed right first time Stakeholders told us there are too many recording anomalies across
 landlords, particularly in relation to what repairs and what timescales
 are and are not to be included. We are proposing to simplify this
 indicator by asking landlords to report, of the reactive repairs which
 were completed, how many were reported again.
- Indicator 15: Anti-social behaviour cases resolved Stakeholders told us that the current definition means that the cases which were opened in the previous reporting year are not considered, so we are proposing to now include these. We are also proposing to reintroduce measuring whether cases were resolved against locally agreed targets. Stakeholders told us that this indicator does not allow for meaningful benchmarking, so we are proposing to also measure the number of anti-social behaviour cases per 100 homes.
- C2: Lets in the reporting year by source of let We are proposing that RSLs report their lets to homeless households by local authority area. Stakeholders told us this was important to give an accurate picture as many RSLs house homeless applicants in multiple local authority areas.

Question 2: Do you agree that we should amend the above indicators as outlined?

We also propose to introduce the following indicators:

Long term voids - We propose to re-introduce the previous ARC indicator 'the number of self-contained properties void at the year end and of those, the number that have been void for more than six months'. This will allow us to collate a sector wide picture of empty properties.

Question 3: Do you agree that we should collect the additional indicators outlined above?

Tenant and resident safety

We propose to continue to collect the following:

 Indicator 11: How many times in the reporting year did you not meet your statutory obligations to complete a gas safety check within 12 months of a gas appliance being fitted or its last check? Stakeholders told us that this indicator is well established, clear and easy to understand.

We also propose to collect:

 Electrical Safety: How many times in the reporting year did you not meet the requirement to complete an electrical safety inspection (EICR) within five years of the last EICR? We are proposing introducing a new indicator to measure any incidences where landlords do not meet the requirement set out in the Tolerable Standard to carry out an EICR within five years of the last EICR. Landlords will be asked to provide a reason/s for any such incidences.

Fire Safety: Number of homes that do not have 'satisfactory equipment for detecting fire and giving warning in the event of fire or suspected fire' installed at the year end. We are proposing introducing a new indicator to measure how many homes do not meet the requirement set out in the Tolerable Standard to install satisfactory smoke and heat alarms. Landlords will be asked to provide a reason/s for any such incidences.

Question 4: Do you agree that we should collect the above additional indicators?

We do not propose to collect specific indicators in relation to social landlord's legal duties in relation to lift safety, fire risk assessments, asbestos and legionella. Landlords should consider their compliance with these duties through their ongoing assurance processes and notify us through their Annual Assurance Statement of any areas of non-compliance.

Question 5: Do you agree with our proposed approach in relation to the tenant and resident safety issues to be considered in the Annual Assurance Statements?

Issues of damp and mould continue to be an important area of concern for tenants. Most social homes in Scotland are of good quality, but where issues with damp and mould arise, it is important that they are dealt with effectively and quickly. Landlords will want to make sure they understand the prevalence of these issues across their stock and the reasons for this. The root cause of damp and mould can vary and in some cases can be complex. But regardless of the causes, mould spores can pose a danger to heath, especially for young children, older people or people with existing skin and respiratory conditions or weaker immune systems. So it is important that landlords have assurance that they are dealing with any reported cases of damp and mould quickly and effectively.

We therefore propose three new indicators on damp and mould:

- Average length of time taken to resolve cases of damp and/or mould;
- Percentage of resolved cases of damp and/or mould that were reopened; and
- Number of open cases of damp and/or mould at the year end.

This would mean landlords would report to us on the following:

- Number of cases of damp and/or mould that were resolved within the reporting year
- ii. Number of resolved cases of damp and/or mould that were reopened (within 12 months)

- iii. Total number of working days to resolve cases of damp and/or mould
- iv. Number of open cases of damp and/or mould as at 31 March each year.

Question 6: Do you agree with the additional indicators we propose to collect in relation to damp and mould?

Question 7: Do you agree with the proposal to collect the "Average length of time taken to resolve cases of damp and/or mould" or would the "median" be more appropriate to measure the time to resolve cases of damp and/or mould?

Question 8: Are the new indicators we propose on damp and mould clearly defined?

4. Impact Assessments

We have considered the wider potential impacts that our proposals could have on tenants, people who are homeless, other service users and landlords as part of our wider review of our regulatory framework and have carried out an internal Equalities Impact Assessment which we will review at the conclusion of the consultation.

5. What happens next?

Once we have reflected on your feedback, we will publish final versions of the Charter indicators in a revised Technical Guidance and list of FAQs. We aim to publish these in January 2025, to allow social landlords to start collecting the data from 1 April 2025.

Annex 1

Proposals for current ARC indicators

This annex includes a full list of ARC indicators and the changes being proposed, as well as which Charter outcome each indicator corresponds to.

Key

Propose to maintain indicator
Propose to amend indicator
Propose to remove indicator
Propose new indicator

Scottish Social Housing Charter outcomes and standards

Outcome 1: Equalities

Outcome 2: Communication

Outcome 3: Participation

Outcome 4: Quality of housing

Outcome 5: Repairs, maintenance and improvements

Outcome 6: Estate management, anti-social behaviour, neighbour nuisance and tenancy disputes

Outcomes 7, 8 and 9: Housing options

Outcome 10: Access to social housing

Outcome 11: Tenancy sustainment

Outcome 12: Homeless people

Outcome 13: Value for money

Outcomes 14 and 15: Rents and service charges

Outcome 16: Gypsy/travellers

ARC Indicators by Outcomes and Standards Outcomes													
Indicator	All outcomes	Outcome 1	Outcome 2	Outcome 3	Outcome 4	Outcome 5	Outcome 6	Outcome 7, 8, 9, 10	Outcome 11	Outcome 12	Outcome 13	Outcome 14,15	Outcome 16
1 - Percentage of tenants satisfied with the overall service provided landlord	~	~											
2 - Percentage tenants who feel landlord good at keeping them informed about services and decisions		~	~	~									
3 - Percentage of all complaints responded to in full - Stage 1 and Stage 2		~	~				~						
3 & 4 - Average time in working days for full response - Stage 1 and Stage 2		~	~				~						
5 - Percentage tenants satisfied with opportunities given to participate in landlord decision making		~	~	~									
6 - Percentage properties meeting SHQS year end					~	~					~		
7 - Percentage tenants satisfied with quality of home					~	~					~		
8 - Average hours to complete emergency repairs						~					~		
9 - Average working days to complete non-emergency repairs						~					✓		
10 - Percentage reactive repairs completed right first time						~					~		
11 - Number of times gas safety check not met						~							
12 - Percentage tenants satisfied with repairs service						~					~		
13 - Percentage tenants satisfied with landlord contribution to management of neighbourhood							~						
14 - Percentage tenancy offers refused					~	~	~						
15 - Percentage Anti-social behaviour cases resolved							~						
16 - Percentage new tenancies sustained more than a year by source of let									~	~			

Indicator	All outcomes	Outcome 1	Outcome 2	Outcome 3	Outcome 4	Outcome 5	Outcome 6	Outcome 7, 8, 9, 10	Outcome 11	Outcome 12	Outcome 13	Outcome 14,15	Outcome 16
17 - Percentage lettable self-contained houses that became vacant in year								~	~				
18 - Percentage of rent due lost through empty properties												✓	
19 - Households waiting for adaptations		<				>			~				
20 - Total cost of adaptations completed in year by source of funding (£)		>				>							
21 - Average time to complete adaptations		>				>			~				
22 - Percentage of the court actions initiated which resulted in eviction and the reasons for eviction.							~		~				
23 - Percentage of referrals under Section 5, and other referrals for homeless households made by the local authority, that result in an offer, and the percentage of those offers that result in a let (RSLs only)		>						~	~				
24 -Percentage of homeless households referred to RSLs under section 5 and through other referral routes (LAs only)		~						~	~				
25 - Percentage tenants who feel rent for property represents good value for money											>	~	
26 - Percentage collected of rent due												~	
27 - Percentage gross rent arrears of rent due												✓	
28 - Average management fee per factored property											~	~	
29 - Percentage factored owners satisfied with factoring service		~									>	✓	
30 - Average calendar days to re-let properties											✓		
31 - Average weekly rent per Gypsies/Travellers pitch											✓	✓	✓
32 - Percentage Gypsies/Travellers satisfied with landlord management of site		\									>	~	~

Indicator	All outcomes	Outcome 1	Outcome 2	Outcome 3	Outcome 4	Outcome 5	Outcome 6	Outcome 7, 8, 9, 10	Outcome 11	Outcome 12	Outcome 13	Outcome 14,15	Outcome 16
NEW - The number of times in the reporting year did you not meet the requirement to complete an electrical installation condition report (EICR) within five years of the last EICR					>	>							
NEW - Number of homes that do not have 'satisfactory equipment for detecting fire and giving warning in the event of fire or suspected fire' installed at the year end					>	>							
NEW - Average length of time taken to resolve cases of damp and/or mould					~	~							
NEW - Percentage of resolved cases of damp and/or mould that were reopened					~	~							
NEW - Number of open cases of damp and/or mould at the year end					~	~							
C1 Staff information, staff turnover and sickness rates. (RSLs only)													
C2 Number of lets by source of let		>						✓		~			
C3 Number of lets during the reporting year, split between general needs and supported housing		~						~					
C4 Properties abandoned							>		<				
C5 Percentage average weekly rent increase to be applied next year											✓	✓	
C6 The number of households for which landlords are paid housing costs													
directly and the total value of payments received in the reporting year													
C7 - Percentage former tenant rent arrears written off													
C8 Scotish Housing Quality Standard stock condition survey information					✓								
C9 Scotish Housing Quality Standard - stock summary					~	~							
NEW - The number of self-contained properties void at the year end and of those, the number that have been void for more than six months.								✓			~		





ADVISORY GUIDANCE FOR SOCIAL LANDLORDS

SCOTTISH SOCIAL HOUSING CHARTER TECHNICAL GUIDANCE FOR LANDLORDS

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Introduction

The <u>Scottish Social Housing Charter</u> was first introduced by the Scottish Government in March 2012. It sets the standards and outcomes that all social landlords should aim to achieve when performing their housing activities.

Landlords must provide accurate information on the Charter indicators and contextual indicators to us through their Annual Return on the Charter (ARC).

The ARC should contain information based on the year up to the end of March 31st of the year of submission. This guidance aims to help landlords with their submission. The first return that landlords will make based on this guidance will be April 2025 to March 2026.

This guidance may not cover every scenario that a landlord may encounter when collating information for the ARC. Where there is any uncertainty on what to submit, please:

- refer to the FAQs on our website; and/or
- take a common sense approach. You may wish to make us aware of your approach in the comments boxes. We encourage you to use the comments boxes when providing commentary; and/or
- contact us at shr.gov.scot.

Data accuracy

It is landlords' responsibility to ensure that the data they give us is accurate. Landlords should, as a matter of course for their own internal audit or for their performance management systems, retain the calculations and workings for the ARC. This evidence should be readily available to provide assurance about the accuracy and reliability of the reported data.

How we use and interpret the data

We take a wide approach to analysing the data submitted to us such as considering other related indicators, reviewing comments boxes and contacting landlords for clarification.

We know that some landlords will want to collect other data as part of their internal performance management monitoring.

We say more about how we gather, publish and use data in our <u>Regulatory</u> <u>Framework</u>.

RSL Governing Body approval

Before you submit the ARC to us, your full Governing Body or the delegated subcommittee must review and approve the information in it. If it is approved by a subcommittee then you should provide your full Governing Body with a complete copy at its next meeting.

Local Authority approval

The chief officer responsible for housing in the authority should review and approve the ARC before submission.

Satisfaction surveys

There are a range of approaches and methods that landlords can adopt when undertaking surveys. Landlords should do this at least every three years. Landlords can provide context to their tenants and other service users when seeking their views. Please see our <u>conducting surveys of tenants and service users advisory guidance</u>.

Feedback

Contact us at shr@shr.gov.scot if you have any suggestions on how this guidance or the FAQs could be improved. We will review the guidance each year and take any feedback into account. We may review the FAQs more frequently.

Summary listing – All indicators and data requirements

NUMBER	CHARTER INDICATORS
1	Percentage of tenants satisfied with the overall service provided by their landlord. (i) Number of tenants who were asked: 'Taking everything into account, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the overall service provided by (your landlord name)?' (ii) Number who responded: (a) very satisfied (b) fairly satisfied (c) neither satisfied nor dissatisfied (d) fairly dissatisfied (e) very dissatisfied (f) don't know/no opinion
2	Percentage of tenants who feel their landlord is good at keeping them informed about their services and decisions. (i) Number of tenants who were asked: 'How good or poor do you feel (your landlord) is at keeping you informed about their services and decisions?' (ii) Number who responded: (a) very good (b) fairly good (c) neither good nor poor (d) fairly poor (e) very poor
3 & 4 CLARITY	The percentage of all complaints responded to in full at Stage 1 and the percentage of all complaints responded to in full at Stage 2. The average time in working days for a full response at Stage 1 and the average time in working days for a full response at Stage 2. Number of: (i) 1st and (ii) 2nd stage complaints received in the reporting year. (iii) number of 1st and 2nd stage complaints carried forward from previous reporting year. (iv) Number of 1st and 2nd stage complaints at (i), (ii) and (iii) responded to in full by the landlord in the reporting year. (v) Time taken in working days to provide a full response for all stage 1 complaints. (vi) Time taken in working days to provide a full response for all stage 2 complaints.

5	Percentage of tenants satisfied with the opportunities given to them to participate in their landlord's decision making processes. (i) Number of tenants who were asked: 'How satisfied or dissatisfied are you that with opportunities given to you to participate in {your landlord's name} decision making processes?' (ii) Number who responded: (a) very satisfied (b) fairly satisfied (c) neither satisfied nor dissatisfied (d) fairly dissatisfied (e) very dissatisfied
6 CLARITY	Percentage of stock meeting the Scottish Housing Quality Standard (SHQS). (i) Total number of properties within the scope of SHQS at the end of reporting year and projected to end of the next reporting year (as supplied at C9(i)). (ii) Total number of properties meeting the SHQS at the end of reporting year and projected to end of the next reporting year (as supplied at C9 (v)) You do not need to give us information separately for this indicator. We will use the information supplied from the contextual indicators.
7	Percentage of tenants satisfied with the quality of their home. (i) Number of tenants who were asked: 'Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the quality of your home?' (ii) Number who responded: (a) very satisfied (b) fairly satisfied (c) neither satisfied nor dissatisfied (d) fairly dissatisfied (e) very dissatisfied
8	Average length of time taken to complete emergency repairs. (i) The total number of emergency repairs completed in the last year. (ii) The total number of hours taken to complete emergency repairs.
9 CLARITY	Average length of time taken to complete non-emergency repairs. (i) The total number of non-emergency repairs completed in the last year. (ii) The total number of working days taken to complete non-emergency repairs.

10	Percentage of reactive repairs carried out in the last year completed right first time. (i) Total number of reactive repairs completed during the reporting year.
AMEND	(ii) Of those, number of reactive repairs-completed right first time that were reported again during the reporting year.
	How many times in the reporting year did you not meet your statutory obligations to complete a gas safety check within 12 months of a gas appliance being fitted or its last check?
11 CLARITY	(i) The number of times you did not meet the requirement set out in The Gas Safety (Installation and Use) Regulations 1998 Section 36(3)a (as amended) to ensure that each appliance and flue is checked for safety within 12 months of being installed and at intervals of not more than 12 months since it was last checked for safety.
	At all times landlords should follow the latest Gas Safety Regulations first and foremost. Landlords must ensure that they meet these obligations.
	Percentage of tenants who have had repairs or maintenance
	carried out in last 12 months satisfied with the repairs and maintenance service. In relation to tenant satisfaction with the repairs service provided for those with a repair carried out in the reporting year please state:
12	12.1 Of the tenants who had repairs carried out in the year, how many answered the question, "Thinking about the LAST time you had repairs carried out how satisfied or dissatisfied were you with the repairs service provided by your landlord"
	12.2 Of the tenants who answered how many said they were:
	12.2.1 very satisfied
	12.2.2 fairly satisfied
	12.2.3 neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
	12.2.4 fairly dissatisfied
	12.2.5 very dissatisfied
13	Percentage of tenants satisfied with the landlord's contribution to the management of the neighbourhood they live in. (i) Number of tenants who were asked: 'Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with your landlord's contribution to the management of the neighbourhood you live in?'
13	 (ii) Number who responded: (a) very satisfied (b) fairly satisfied (c) neither satisfied nor dissatisfied (d) fairly dissatisfied (e) very dissatisfied

14 REMOVE	Percentage of tenancy offers refused during the year. (i) Number of tenancy offers made during the reporting year. (ii) The number of tenancy offers that were refused.
15 AMEND	Percentage of anti-social behaviour cases reported in the last year which were resolved within target. (i) Number of cases of anti-social behaviour reported in the last year (ii) number of cases of anti-social behaviour carried over from previous reporting years Of those at (i and ii) (iii) Number of cases resolved within locally agreed targets in the last year (iv) Total self-contained units
16	Percentage of new tenancies sustained for more than a year, by source of let. (i) Number of tenancies commenced during the previous reporting year by source of let: (a) existing tenants; (b) applicants who have been assessed as statutory homeless by the local authority; (c) applicants from your housing list; (d) nominations from local authority (RSLs only); (e) other. (ii) By source of lets (a) – (e) how many new tenants at (i) remained in their tenancy for more than a year? Percentage of lettable houses that became vacant in the last
17 CLARITY	year. (i) The number of empty dwellings that arose during the last year in self-contained lettable stock.
18 CLARITY	Percentage of rent due lost through properties being empty during the last year. (i) The total amount of rent due for the reporting year. (ii) The total amount of rent lost through properties being empty during the reporting year.
19 CLARITY	Number of households currently waiting for adaptations to their home. (i) The total number of approved applications on the list for medical adaptations as at the start of the reporting year plus any new approved applications during the reporting year. (ii) The number of approved applications completed between start and end of the reporting year. (iii) The total number of households waiting for applications to be completed at the end of the reporting year.

	Total cost of adaptations completed in the year by source of funding (£).
20 REMOVE	The cost of adaptations undertaken in the reporting year: (i) The cost (£) that was landlord funded. (ii) The cost (£) that was grant funded.
	(iii) The cost (£) that was funded by other sources.
	(iv) The total cost (£) of all adaptations undertaken in the reporting year.
	The average time to complete adaptations.
	(i) The total number of days taken to complete all adaptations.
21	(ii) The total number of adaptations made during the reporting year.
	(iii) The total number of medical adaptations completed in the reporting year. This is a count of each individual adaptation completed in the year regardless of whether there are still outstanding adaptations on the household's application.
22	Percentage of the court actions initiated which resulted in eviction and the reasons for eviction. (i) The total number of court actions initiated during the reporting year. (ii) The number of properties recovered for non-payment of rent. (iii) The number of properties recovered for anti-social behaviour. (iv) The number of properties recovered for other reasons.
23 REMOVE	Homelessness (RSLs only) – the percentage of referrals under Section 5, and other referrals for homeless households made by the local authority, that result in an offer, and the percentage of those offers that result in a let. (i) The total number of individual homeless households referrals received under section 5. (ii) The total number of individual homeless households referrals received under other referral routes. (iii) The total number of individual homeless households referrals received under section 5 and other referral routes. (iv) The total number of individual homeless households referrals received under section 5 that result in an offer of a permanent home. (v) The total number of individual homeless households referrals received under other referral routes that result in an offer of a permanent home. (vi) The total number of individual homeless households referrals received under section 5 and other referral routes that result in an offer of a permanent home.
	offer of a permanent home. (vii) The total number of accepted offers.

24 REMOVE	Homelessness (LAs only) – the percentage of homeless households referred to RSLs under section 5 and through other referral routes. (i) The total number of individual homeless households referred to RSLs under section 5. (ii) The total number of individual homeless households referred to RSLs under other referral routes. (iii) The total number of individual homeless households referred to RSLs under section 5 and other referral routes. (iv) The total number of homeless households to whom the local
25	authority has a statutory duty to secure permanent accommodation. Percentage of tenants who feel the rent for their property represents good value for money. (i) Number of tenants who were asked: 'Taking into account the accommodation and the services your landlord provides, to what extent do you think that the rent for this property represents good or poor value for money? Is it' (ii) Number who responded: (a) very good (b) fairly good (c) neither good nor poor (d) fairly poor (e) very poor
26 CLARITY 27 CLARITY	Rent collected as percentage of total rent due in the reporting year. (i) The total amount of rent collected in the reporting year. (ii) The total amount of rent due to be collected in the reporting year (annual rent debit). Gross rent arrears (all tenants) as at 31 March each year as a percentage of rent due for the reporting year. (i) The total value (£) of gross rent arrears as at the end of the reporting year. (ii) The total rent due for the reporting year.
28 CLARITY	Average annual management fee per factored property. (i) Number of residential properties factored. (ii) Total value of management fees invoiced to factored owners in the reporting year.

29	Percentage of factored owners satisfied with the factoring service they receive. (i) Number of factored owners who were asked: 'Taking everything into account, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the factoring services provided by (landlord name)?' (ii) Number who responded: (a) very satisfied (b) fairly satisfied (c) neither satisfied nor dissatisfied (d) fairly dissatisfied (e) very dissatisfied
30	Average length of time taken to re-let properties in the last year.
CLARITY	(i) The total number of properties re-let in the reporting year.(ii) The total number of calendar days properties were empty.
31	Gypsy/Travellers – Average weekly rent per pitch. (i) The total amount of rent set for all pitches during the reporting year. (ii) The total number of pitches.
	For those who provide sites - percentage of Gypsy/Travellers satisfied with the landlord's management of the site.
32	(i) Number of Gypsies/Travellers who were asked:
	'How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with (your landlord's name) management of your site?'
	 (ii) Number who responded: (a) very satisfied (b) fairly satisfied (c) neither satisfied nor dissatisfied (d) fairly dissatisfied (e) very dissatisfied
	How many times in the reporting year did you not meet the requirement to complete an electrical installation condition report (EICR) within five years of the last EICR?
NEW	(i) The number of times you did not meet the requirement as set out in the Scottish Government's <u>SHQS Technical Guidance</u> where the recommended period for inspection of rented housing is intervals of no more than five years.
	Number of homes that do not have 'satisfactory equipment for detecting fire and giving warning in the event of fire or suspected fire' installed at the year end.
NEW	(i) Number of homes that do not have 'satisfactory equipment for detecting fire and giving warning in the event of fire or suspected fire'— as set out in the Scottish Government's SHQS Technical Guidance - installed at the year end.

NEW	Average length of time taken to resolve cases of damp and/or mould (i) Number of resolved cases of damp and/or mould (ii) Time taken in working days to resolve all cases of damp and/or mould Percentage of resolved cases of damp and/or mould that were reopened (i) Number of resolved cases of damp and/or mould (iii) Number of resolved cases of damp and/or mould that were reopened Number of open cases of damp and/or mould at the year end (iv) Number of open cases of damp and/or mould at the year end
NEW	The number of self-contained properties void at the year end and of those, the number that have been void for more than six months. (i) The number of self-contained properties void at the year end. (ii) The number of self-contained properties void for more than six months at the year end.

NUMBER	CONTEXTUAL INDICATORS
C1	Staff information, staff turnover and sickness rates. (RSLs only) A – Chief Executive / Senior Officer / Director (i) Name of Chief Executive (System generated, landlord needs to contact SHR to update changes of Chief Executive position) B - Staff employed by the landlord (i) Number of senior staff. (ii) Number of office based staff. (iii) Number of care / support staff. (iv) Number of concierge staff. (v) Number of direct labour staff. C - Staff turnover and sickness absence (i) Percentage of senior staff turnover during the reporting year. (ii) Percentage of days lost through staff sickness absence during the reporting year.

C2 AMEND	The number of lets during the reporting year by source of let. For ALL landlords: (i) the number of lets to existing tenants; (ii) the number of lets to housing list applicants; (iii) the number of mutual exchanges; (iv) the number of lets from other sources. (v) For LAs only: the number of lets to homeless applicants. (vi) For RSLs only: the number of applicants who have been assessed as statutorily homeless by the local authority; broken down by: • section 5 referrals (RSLs); • nominations from the local authority; • other. (vii) Breakdown of total at (vi) by local authority (viii) The number of other nominations from local authorities.
C3	Number of lets during the reporting year, split between general needs and supported housing.
REMOVE	(i) The number of general needs lets during the reporting year. (ii) The number of supported housing lets during the reporting year.
C4	Abandoned homes. (i) Number of abandoned homes during the reporting year.
REMOVE	,,
C5	Rent Increase
	(ii) Percentage average weekly rent increase to be applied in the next reporting year.
C6 CLARITY	The number of households for which landlords are paid housing costs directly and the total value of the payments received in the reporting year. (i) Number of households the landlord received housing costs directly for during the reporting year. (ii) Value of direct housing cost payments received during the reporting year.
C 7	Amount and percentage of former tenant rent arrears written off at the year end. (i) Total value of former tenant arrears at year end. (ii) Total value of former tenant arrears written off at year end.

C 8	Scottish Housing Quality Standard (SHQS) – stock condition survey information. (i) Date stock was last surveyed or assessed for SHQS compliance. (ii) Percentage of stock assessed fully for SHQS compliance in the last four years. (iii) Date next stock condition survey or assessment is due to be carried out. (iv) Percentage of stock to be fully assessed in the next survey for SHQS compliance. (v) Comments on method of assessing SHQS compliance.
C9	Scottish Housing Quality Standard (SHQS) – stock summary. SHQS Stock summary at the end of reporting year and projected to the end of the next reporting year (i) Total self-contained stock (ii) Self-contained stock exempt from SHQS.
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NEW	The number of self-contained properties void at the year end and of those, the number that have been void for more than six months. (i) The number of self-contained properties void at the year end. (ii) The number of self-contained properties void for more than six months at the year end.

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Inclusions/ exclusions	Please provide your most up to date data only Overall Service All services provided to tenants by the landlord. Survey guidance To ensure consistency in assessing performance across landlords, this question should always be asked first and as a stand-alone question. If it is asked after questions about other aspects of landlords' services, respondents are likely to answer differently (in most cases, more negatively). Ensure to include: B) (ii)(f) 'no opinion'. It is important that landlords give this option to tenants when asking the general satisfaction question.
SHR Calculation	To calculate the indicator we will divide: B)(ii)(a) number responding very satisfied + (b) number responding fairly satisfied. By: B)(i) number of tenants who responded to the question. Multiply by 100.

Indicator 2	Percentage of tenants who feel their landlord is good at keeping them informed about their services and decisions.
	(i) Number of tenants who responded to: 'How good or poor do you feel {your landlord name} is at keeping you informed about their services and decisions?'
	(ii) Number who responded: (a) very good (b) fairly good (c) neither good nor poor (d) fairly poor (e) very poor
Definition	Please provide your most up to date data only Keeping informed Covers all aspects of landlords' communication with tenants.
SHR Calculation	To calculate the indicator we will divide: (ii)(a) number responding very good + (b) number responding fairly good. By: (i) number of tenants who responded to the question. Multiply by 100.

Indicator 3	The percentage of all complaints responded to in full at Stage 1 and the percentage of all complaints responded to in full at Stage 2.
4	The average time in working days for a full response at Stage 1 and the average time in working days for a full response at Stage 2.
CLARITY	Number of:
	(i) 1st and (ii) 2nd stage complaints received in the reporting year.
	(iii) number of 1 st and 2 nd stage complaints carried forward from previous reporting year.
	(iv) Number of 1 st and 2 nd stage complaints at (i), (ii) and (iii) responded to in full by the landlord in the reporting year.
	(v) Time taken in working days to provide a full response for all stage 1 complaints.
	(vi) Time taken in working days to provide a full response for all stage 2 complaints.
Definition	Complaint
	An expression of dissatisfaction by one or more members of the public about the landlord's action or lack of action, or about the standard of service provided by or on behalf of the landlord.
	1st stage complaint is where the complaint is dealt with via a frontline solution.

2nd **stage complaint** is where the complaint is dealt with through investigation. For the purpose of this indicator landlords must include in the count the number of 1st stage complaints that progress to stage 2, along with direct stage 2 complaints.

Responded to in full

Where the landlord has either met the service user's expectations or, where this is not appropriate, provided a full explanation of the landlord's position.

It is understood landlords may be counting complaints received late in the reporting year and **not** reporting the outcome until the next reporting year and also reporting outcomes for complaints received in the previous year.

Time to respond in full

This is the total length of time in working days - from the date a complaint is received to the date it was responded to in full at Stage 1 and Stage 2.

More information can be found at www.spso.org.uk/spso

Inclusions/ exclusions

Do not include:

Complaints about a registered or non-registered subsidiary

Ensure to include:

Complaints about a contractor

SHR Calculation

The following calculations will be applied:

For all complaints

- (iv) number of 1st stage complaints responded to in full by the landlord. Divided by:
- (i) number of 1st stage complaints received in the reporting year plus (iii) number of complaints carried forward from the previous reporting year. Multiplied by 100.
- (iv) number of 2nd stage complaints responded to in full by the landlord. Divided by:
- (ii) number of 2nd stage complaints received in the reporting year plus (iii) number of complaints carried forward from the previous reporting year. Multiplied by 100.
- (v) the total number of days taken to respond in full to complaints at stage 1. Divided by:
- (i) number of 1st stage complaints responded to in full in the reporting year plus (iii) number of complaints carried forward from the previous reporting year.
- (vi) the total number of days taken to respond in full to complaints at stage 2. Divided by:

(i) number of 2 nd stage complaints responded to in full in the reporting
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reporting year.

Indicator 5	Percentage of tenants satisfied with the opportunities given to them to participate in their landlord's decision making processes.
	(i) Number of tenants who responded to: 'How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with opportunities given to you to participate in (your landlord's) decision making processes?'
	(ii) Number who responded:(a) very satisfied(b) fairly satisfied(c) neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
	(d) fairly dissatisfied (e) very dissatisfied
Definition	Please provide your most up to date data only
	Opportunities to participate in decision making processes How social landlords gather and take account of the views and priorities of their tenants; and how they help tenants to become more capable of involvement.
	Survey guidance Should be included alongside other indicators about communication and participation.
SHR	To calculate the indicator we will divide:
Calculation	(ii)(a) number responding very satisfied + (b) number responding fairly satisfied. By:(i) number of tenants who responded to the question. Multiply by 100.

Indicator 6	Percentage of stock meeting the Scottish Housing Quality Standard (SHQS).
CLARITY	(i) Total number of properties within the scope of SHQS at the end of reporting year and projected to end of the next reporting year (as supplied at C9 (i)).
	(ii) Total number of properties meeting the SHQS at the end of reporting year and projected to the end of the next reporting year (as supplied at C9 (v))
	You do not need to give us information separately for this indicator. We will use the information supplied from Contextual Indicators.
Definition	Please refer to the Scottish Government's SHQS Technical Guidance Annex L of SG's SHQS guidance covers the scope of the SHQS. Please note that SG updates this guidance from time to time.

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	Stock meeting SHQS Stock that has been assessed on and passed all of Criteria 1 – 5 of the Standard, both externally and internally. This information is to be further broken down into local authority areas.
Inclusions/	Do not include:
exclusions	 properties out with the scope of the SHQS; properties which have any element of the SHQS subject to an exemption or abeyance. Please refer to the Scottish Government's SHQS Guidance (March 2011 and since updated) (Annex I covers exemptions and abeyances). Failures to complete an EICR within a five year period within the reporting year that have since been completed before 31 March of the reporting year. These in-year failures will be captured by the new EICR indicator (however, outstanding actions noted on an EICR that cause SHQS failure should still be considered as an SHQS fail and should be recorded as such).
	Ensure to include:
	 scope of the SHQS as defined in the Scottish Government's guidance, "General principle: means self-contained homes, including a full range of facilities for the use of occupiers, provided for the purpose of social rents, and usually subject to tenancy agreements based on the model agreement for secure tenancies." only social rented housing stock.
SHR	To calculate the indicator, we will divide:
Calculation	(ii) total number of properties meeting the SHQS. By:
	(i) total number of properties within the scope of SHQS. Multiply by 100.

Indicator	Percentage of tenants satisfied with the quality of their home.
7	(i) Number of tenants who responded to: 'Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the quality of your home?'
	 (ii) Number who responded: (a) very satisfied (b) fairly satisfied (c) neither satisfied nor dissatisfied (d) fairly dissatisfied (e) very dissatisfied
Definition	Please provide your most up to date data only Quality of home Quality to which the home is repaired and maintained by the landlord. This includes:

	 the general state of repair of the property the standard of kitchen units and bathroom suites
	Survey guidance Should be included alongside other indicators about repairs and maintenance (including indicator 12).
SHR	To calculate the indicator we will divide:
Calculation	(ii)(a) number responding very satisfied + (b) number responding fairly satisfied. By:(i) number of tenants who responded to the question. Multiply by 100.

Indicator	Average length of time taken to complete emergency repairs.
8	(i) The total number of emergency repairs completed in the last year.
	(ii) The total number of hours taken to complete emergency repairs.
Definition	Emergency repair
	Repairs necessary to prevent serious damage to the building, danger to health, risk to safety or risk of serious loss or damage to the occupier's property.
	Emergency repair completion time The time expressed in hours between the earliest time a request is received by the landlord (from either the tenant or a repairs inspector) until completion of the work necessary to remove the emergency nature of the repair. This may mean either a repair to make safe or a permanent repair to resolve the issue.
	By 'made safe' we mean a repair necessary to prevent injury to the occupier or to prevent further damage to the building;
	Where follow-on repairs resulting from emergency repairs are treated as separate works orders these should be recorded as non-emergency repairs.
Inclusions/	Do not include:
exclusions	repairs to void properties; andrepairs to lock-ups or garages
	*Right to repair' repairs that in your opinion meet the above definition of an emergency repair. This may mean you include some repairs as emergency that have a longer target time than stated; out of hours repairs / out with normal office opening times.
SHR Calculation	To calculate the indicator we will divide: (ii) the total number of hours taken to complete all emergency repairs. By:

Indicator	Average length of time taken to complete non-emergency repairs.
9	(i) The total number of non-emergency repairs completed in the last year.
CLARITY	(ii) The total number of working days taken to complete non- emergency repairs.
Definition	Non-emergency repair Any reactive repair work which falls out-with the category of an emergency repair.
	Non-emergency repair completion time The time taken (expressed in working days) between the earliest date a request is received by the landlord (from either the tenant or a repairs inspector) until the work is satisfactorily completed in the opinion of the landlord.
	When calculating working days this excludes weekends and official public holidays. Other days when your office is closed (for example extended office closure over Christmas holiday period) should be counted as they are still working days.
	Follow-on repairs resulting from emergency repairs which are treated as separate works orders should be recorded as non-emergency repairs.
Inclusions/ exclusions	Po not include:
	 the time taken to carry out any pre-inspections in the length of time taken to complete a repair; 'Right to repair' repairs that in your opinion meet the above definition of a non-emergency repair; and repairs completed in the current reporting year, which were raised in the previous year, but not completed until the current year; the time awaiting parts, windows, doors and delays due to inclement weather.
SHR Calculation	To calculate the indicator we will divide: (ii) the total number of working days taken to complete all non- emergency repairs. By:

(i) the total number of non-emergency repairs completed in the last	
year.	

Indicator	Percentage of reactive repairs carried out in the last year completed right first time.
AMEND	(i) Total number of reactive repairs completed during the reporting year.
	(ii) Of those, number of reactive repairs completed right first time that were reported again during the reporting year.
Definition	Completed right first time
	 In order to meet the definition of "completed right first time" a reactive repair must be completed :within the appropriate target timescale agreed locally; and without the need for an operative to be recalled. Repairs have to be completed within target timescales agreed locally
	with tenants.
	Due to the nature of some repairs, one or more visits may be planned by the contractor to carry out the works. If the works are delivered as planned and discussed with the tenant, the repair is considered completed right first time.
	If a subsequent defect with the original repair is reported within the same reporting year i.e. the operative has to be recalled, then the original repair should not be considered to be completed right first time. The recall repair is then eligible as a repair 'right first time'.
	Reported again If a defect with a completed repair is reported within a 12-month period i.e. the operative has to be recalled, then subsequent repair(s) should be considered as 'reported again'.
	Due to the nature of some repairs, one or more visits may be planned by the contractor to carry out the works, if the works are delivered as planned, these visits should not be classed as 'reported again'.
	Total number of reactive repairs All non-emergency repairs completed during the reporting year – taking account of the exceptions listed below.
Inclusions/ exclusions	Ensure to include:
	 Do not include: emergency repairs; response repairs where the work will be done as part of cyclical or planned maintenance; complex repairs as determined by the landlord or where investigation work needs to be undertaken;

	 repairs to void properties; repair jobs where the tenant has failed to give access as arranged; repairs to lock-ups or garages; and repairs carried out under the defects liability period on any new build properties.
Calculation	To calculate the indicator we will divide: (ii) number of reactive repairs completed right first time that were reported again during the reporting year. By: (i) the total number of reactive repairs completed during the reporting year. Multiply by 100.

Indicator	How many times in the reporting year did you not meet your statutory obligation to complete a gas safety check within 12 months of a gas appliance being fitted or last checked.
CLARITY	(i) The number of times you did not meet the requirement set out in The Gas Safety (Installation and Use) Regulations 1998 Section 36(3)a (as amended) to ensure that each appliance and flue is checked for safety within 12 months of being installed and at intervals of not more than 12 months since it was last checked for safety.
	At all times landlords should follow the latest Gas Safety Regulations first and foremost. Landlords must ensure that they meet these obligations.
Definition	Gas safety records All landlords are required by the Gas Safety (Installation and Use) Regulations 1998 to maintain gas fittings and flues in tenanted homes in a safe condition and carry out safety checks for appliances and flues at intervals of not more than twelve months. The Regulations on safety checks do not apply when a house is unoccupied.
	MOT style certification – Gas Safety (Installation and Use) Regulations 1998 (GSIUR) as amended. Approved Code of Practice and guidance (hse.gov.uk)
	The 5th edition of the HSE guidance allows for renewal dates to be maintained if certificates are issued within the two months before the expiry date of a certificate
	Unoccupied Property For empty houses landlords must ensure that all appliances/flues are safe and have an up to date gas safety check record provided for the new tenants before they move in. For mortgage to rent properties, if the tenant (former owner) has a valid certificate this is acceptable. If not, the landlord should provide a certificate at the tenancy start as the norm.
	Capped installations/ gas supply Where gas installations or gas supply have been capped, the document detailing that the installations/supply were capped should

	be treated as a gas safety record purely for the purposes of this indicator.
Inclusions/ exclusions	Do not include: Non-residential properties that require a gas safety record, such as offices or other non-domestic premises.

Indicator 12	Percentage of tenants who have had repairs or maintenance carried out in last 12 months satisfied with the repairs and maintenance service.
	In relation to tenant satisfaction with the repairs service provided for those with a repair carried out in the reporting year please state:
	12.1 Of the tenants who had repairs carried out in the year, how many answered the question: "Thinking about the LAST time you had repairs carried out how satisfied or dissatisfied were you with the repairs service provided by your landlord"
	12.2 Of the tenants who answered how many said they were:
	12.2.1 very satisfied
	12.2.2 fairly satisfied
	12.2.3 neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
	12.2.4 fairly dissatisfied
	12.2.5 very dissatisfied
Definition	Please provide your most up to date data only Repairs or maintenance carried out in this indicator refer only to reactive repairs.
	Reactive repairs Is a repair which cannot be planned or included in a repair programme.
	'Last time' The most recent occasion when the tenant had repairs carried out in their property.
	Survey guidance The question should be asked of <u>all</u> tenants. This will allow landlords to carry out analysis of the whole sample to inform their own service improvement.
	However, in the statistical return, the results should be based on only those tenants who said they have had repairs carried out in the last 12 months.
	This information can be collected as part of a comprehensive survey or by collating feedback which is collected throughout the year using existing feedback tools. The guidance provides fuller explanation as to the methods landlords could use to collect/report this indicator.

	Should be included alongside other questions about repairs and maintenance (including indicator 7).
Inclusions/	Ensure to include:
exclusions	 only tenants who have had repairs carried out in the last 12 months.
SHR	To calculate the indicator we will divide:
Calculation	12.2.1 number responding very satisfied plus 12.2.2 number responding fairly satisfied. By:
	12.1 number of tenants who responded as having had repairs carried out in last 12 months. Multiply by 100.

Indicator	Percentage of tenants satisfied with the landlord's contribution to
13	the management of the neighbourhood they live in.
	(i) Number of tenants who were asked:
	'Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with your landlord's contribution to the management of the neighbourhood you live in?'
	(ii) Number who responded:
	(a) very satisfied
	(b) fairly satisfied
	(c) neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
	(d) fairly dissatisfied
	(e) very dissatisfied
Definition	Please provide your most up to date data only
	Neighbourhood The area that the landlord has defined as having some responsibility for.
SHR	To calculate the indicator, we will divide:
Calculation	(ii)(a) number responding very satisfied + (b) number responding fairly satisfied. By:(i) number of tenants who responded to the question. Multiply by 100.

Indicator	Percentage of tenancy offers refused during the year.
14	(i) Number of tenancy offers made during the reporting year.
REMOVE	(ii) The number of tenancy offers that were refused.
Definition	Tenancy offer When an applicant is offered in writing a particular property. The offer may be either a SST or short SST. Refusal

	Any situation other than an accepted offer.
Inclusions/ exclusions	Do not include: - Multiple requests for expression of interest; and - Verbal offers
	Ensure to include: - All refused offers of tenancy; - Multiple refusals on one property; - No response to offers; and - Withdrawn offers
SHR Calculation	To calculate the indicator, we will divide: (ii) the number of tenancy offers that were refused. By: (i) number of tenancy offers made during the reporting year. Multiply by 100.

Indicator 15	Percentage of anti-social behaviour cases reported in the last year which were resolved within target.
AMEND	(i) Number of cases of anti-social behaviour reported in the last year.(ii) Number of cases of anti-social behaviour carried over from previous reporting years
	Of those at (i) and (ii):
	(iii) Number of cases resolved within locally agreed targets in the last year.
	(iv) Total self-contained units
Definition	Anti-social behaviour (ASB) As per Part 13 of the Anti-Social Behaviour (Scotland) Act 2004 this is defined as 'A person who acts in a manner that causes or is likely to cause alarm or distress or pursue a course of conduct that causes or is likely to cause alarm or distress, to at least one person who is not of the same household'.
	 where the landlord has taken appropriate measures, as set out in its ASB policies and procedures, to address the cause of the anti-social behaviour complaint and has advised the complainant of the outcome; or where the landlord does not have the authority or powers to resolve and it has provided a full explanation of the landlord's position to the complainant.
	Locally agreed target timescale Timescales set by the landlord, following consultation with its tenants, for managing their range of anti-social behaviour cases. It is acceptable for timescales to vary depending on the severity of the anti-social behaviour.

	A case
	 A case is opened when a tenant or service user or another organisation/body reports an incident of ASB to the landlord. A case can be made up of a single report/complaint of ASB; or Multiple reports/complaints about the same party, made whilst a case is still ongoing. Such further reports/complaints would not be counted as a further new case. Once a case is resolved and a further report/complaint of ASB
	is received, this should be treated as a new case.
Inclusions/	Ensure to include as a new case:
exclusions	 A closed case where a further service request is received
	Ensure to include as resolved:
	 Cases resolved in the reporting year which were reported in
	the previous reporting year
SHR	To calculate the indicator, we will divide:
Calculation	(iii) number of cases resolved within locally agreed targets in the last year. By:
	(i) and (ii) number of cases of anti-social behaviour reported in the last year plus number of cases if anti-social behaviour carried forward from the previous reporting year. Multiply by 100 to get percentage of cases of anti-social behaviour resolved within locally agreed targets.
	And
	(iv) landlord's total self-contained units divided by 100 to get x and then (i) and (ii) added together to get y and then y divided by x = number of cases of anti-social behaviour per 100 properties

Indicator 16	Percentage of new tenancies sustained for more than a year, by source of let.
	(i) Number of tenancies commenced during the previous reporting year by source of let:
	 (a) existing tenants; (b) applicants who have been assessed as statutory homeless by the local authority; (c) applicants from your housing list; (d) nominations from local authority (RSLs only); (e) other.
	(ii) By source of lets (a) - (e), how many new tenants at (i) remained in their tenancy for more than a year?
Definition	Tenancy Sustainment Of those tenants who commenced a tenancy in the year prior to the current reporting year what percentage as at 31 March for the reporting year, remained in their tenancy a year later. Joint tenancies transferring to a single tenancy and vice versa should be counted as remaining in the tenancy.
	Remained in their tenancy

	Tenancies ended as a result of any of the following would not count as having remained in the original tenancy: • Mutual exchange. • Succession. • Assignation / Transfer
	A person is counted as having remained in their tenancy for a year or more where the tenancy start date plus 365 days has been achieved.
	Short SSTs Where full SSTs are granted following on from a short SSTs these should be counted as a continuing tenancy.
Inclusions/	Ensure to include:
exclusions	 only those tenancies that commenced in the year prior to the current reporting year when calculating the length of tenancy.
SHR	The following calculations will be applied:
Calculation	By source of lets (ii) (a) - (e), how many new tenants at (i) remained in their tenancy for more than a year? Divided by:
	(i) number of tenancies commenced during the previous reporting year by source of let: Multiplied by 100.

Indicator	Percentage of lettable houses that became vacant in the last
17	year.
CLARITY	(i) The number of empty dwellings that arose during the last year in self-contained lettable stock.
Definition	Vacant The number of normal lettable self-contained dwellings that became empty during the last reporting year. For example, the number of tenancies that have ended or been repossessed during the reporting year.
	You should use the definition of a void as outlined in the "Terms we use in this document" when determining whether a property should be counted.
Inclusions/	Do not include:
exclusions	 properties which continue to be void from a previous reporting year; properties re-let during the current reporting year where the void commenced in the previous year; and mutual exchanges, successions, assignations and temporary accommodation 'flipped' to a secure tenancy.
	 Ensure to include: all self-contained dwellings which became empty over the starting and end of the reporting year, regardless to whether the property is still empty or has been let.

SHR Calculation	To calculate the indicator, we will divide:
	(i) the number of empty dwellings that arose during the last year in your self-contained lettable stock. By:
	(ii) the total number of lettable self-contained stock (as calculated at indicator C17). Multiply by 100.

Indicator	Percentage of rent due lost through properties being empty during the last year.
CLARITY	(i) The total amount of rent due for the reporting year.
	(ii) The total amount of rent lost through properties being empty during the reporting year.
Definition	The total amount of rent due The total annual charges levied by the landlord in respect of rent and service charges for all dwellings. Subject to the exclusions listed below.
	The rent loss for an empty property in relation to a new let is the amount of lost rental income (including services charges) for the time – measured in calendar days – from the date of handover to the landlord following the issue of the certificate of practical completion and the start date of the first tenancy. Subject to the exclusions listed below.
	The rent loss for an empty property for a re-let is the amount of lost rental income (including services charges) for the time – measured in calendar days – between the date of termination of a previous tenancy or repossession and the start date of a new tenancy. Subject to the exclusions listed below.
Inclusions/ exclusions	 When calculating the total rent due and the rent loss do not include: Lock-ups and garages Sharing owners Properties used for temporary homeless lets Leased properties Rent (including services charges) for periods when properties are empty subject to an insurance claim being raised because of fire or flood damage Rent for properties where the keys are held by the Police to assist with their investigation Empty properties awaiting or undergoing major repairs/structural work during which period it would be unsafe for them to be occupied. (N.B. Following completion of major repair work any subsequent void period occurring until the date of re-let should be counted as a void (i.e. any void period from the date of completion of major repair work to the start date of a new

	tenancy is to be included in reported rent lost through
	properties being empty and rental income lost))
	Rent lost due to periods of time when major
	improvement/modernisation works are being undertaken. So major that it cannot reasonably be occupied
	Rent lost due to reasonable time taken to clear the house
	 following a tenant's death as per your policy and procedures Properties held for decanting tenants
	Properties which are empty and subject of a Governing
	Body/Sub-Committee/Council decision that they are not to be
	let because they are surplus to long-term requirements, or to be transferred, disposed of or demolished; or reconfigured.
	Financia to include:
	Ensure to include:
	 only the amount (£'s) of rent lost for the current rent accounting year when reporting loss for a property that spans across two rent accounting years; and
	service charges in the calculations.
SHR	To calculate the indicator, we will divide:
Calculation	
Calcalation	(i) the total amount of rent due for the reporting year. By:
	(ii) the total amount of rent lost through properties being empty during the reporting year. Multiply by 100.

Indicator	The number of households currently waiting for adaptations to their home.
19	
CLARITY	(i) The total number of approved applications on the list for adaptations as at the start of the reporting year, plus any new approved applications during the reporting year.
	(ii)The number of approved applications completed between the start and end of the reporting year.
	(iii) The total number of households waiting for applications to be completed at the end of the reporting year.
Definition	Applications An application relates to one household and there may be more than one adaptation on an application. This indicator counts the number of households, not the number of adaptations. The application is classed as approved from the date of the outcome of an assessment by the appropriate department/person.
	Adaptations A collective term for a broad range of products and changes to the fabric of a building that enable people of all ages to carry out ordinary activities of daily life that have been affected by:
	 impairment; ill health; traumatic injury; or the effects of ageing.

	This includes assistive technology
	Waiting for an adaptation The start point for a 'wait' is when the housing service receives a referral e.g. from social work or an occupational therapist. Referrals can come from a range of sources including members of staff. The end point is when the adaptations work is completed.
Inclusion/ exclusions	stage 2 adaptations as these are completed during construction of the property; or adaptations carried out on properties which are not owned by the landlord (e.g. adaptations carried out by the council in privately owned properties).
	 e only applications where all adaptations have been completed; e adaptations to the property for any member of the household; e all outstanding applications brought forward from the last reporting year when calculating the number completed; and e if 19(iii) does not equal 19(i) minus 19(ii) add a note in the comments field.
SHR Calculation	The following calculation will be applied: The number of households currently waiting for adaptations to their home 19(iii) = 19(i) minus 19(ii).

Indicator 20 REMOVE	Total cost of adaptations completed in the year by source of funding(£). (i) The cost(£) that was landlord funded; (ii) The cost(£) that was grant funded; and (iii) The cost(£) that was funded by other sources.
Definition	(iv)The total cost of all adaptations undertaken in the reporting year. This indicator counts the number of adaptations, not the number of applications. There may be more than one adaptation on an application.
Inclusion/ exclusions	Do not include: stage 2 adaptations as these are completed during construction of the property; adaptations carried out on properties which are not owned by the landlord (e.g. adaptations carried out by the council in privately owned properties) Ensure to include: all completed adaptations on an application; and adaptations to the property for any member of the household.

SHR	The following calculation will be applied:
Calculation	The total cost of all adaptations completed in year 20(iv) = 20(i) plus 20(ii) plus 20(iii).

Indicator	The average time to complete adaptations.
21	(i)The total number of working days taken to complete individual adaptations.
	(ii) The total number of adaptations completed during the reporting year.
	(iii) The average time to complete adaptations.
Definition	Time taken to complete adaptations See the definition of Waiting for an adaptation at indicator 19 above for guidance on start and end points.
Inclusion/ exclusions	stage 2 Adaptations as these are completed during construction of the property; and adaptations carried out on properties which are not owned by the landlord (e.g. adaptations carried out by the council in privately owned properties).
	 Ensure to include: adaptations completed for anyone living in the household; all outstanding adaptations brought forward from the last reporting year when calculating the number completed; and only completed adaptations from an application.
SHR Calculation	The following calculations will be applied: 21(iii) average time to complete adaptations = 21(i) divided by 21(ii).

Indicator 22	Percentage of the court actions initiated which resulted in eviction and the reasons for eviction.
	(i) The total number of court actions initiated during the reporting year.
	(ii) The number of properties recovered for non-payment of rent.
	(iii) The number of properties recovered for anti-social behaviour.
	(iv) The number of properties recovered for other reasons.

Definition **Recovery of Possession (Eviction)** Section 16 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2001 as amended by Section 153 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2010, sets out the grounds on which a court can issue an order to terminate a SST and gives the landlord the right to recover possession of the property. Where landlords seek possession on the grounds of non-payment of rent, they must confirm to the court that they have met the pre-action requirements, as set out in the Housing (Scotland) Act 2010. Court actions initiated Following the issue of a notice of proceedings and raising a court order a landlord may initiate court action. It is appreciated you may be reporting based on actions raised late in the previous reporting year and **not** reporting the outcome of actions granted late in the current reporting year. Any sisted and continued cases should be counted as a single case. Reasons for eviction When an action has been taken based on both rent arrears and antisocial behaviour, record the main reason. Inclusions/ Ensure you include: exclusions tenants that you have actively evicted; and tenants that abandoned their home after you had obtained decree. SHR The following calculations will be applied: Calculation (ii) the number of properties recovered for non-payment of rent. Divided by: (i) the total number of court actions initiated during the reporting year. Multiplied by 100. (iii) the number of properties recovered for anti-social behaviour. Divided by: (i) the total number of court actions initiated during the reporting year. Multiplied by 100. (iv) the number of properties recovered for other reasons. Divided by: (i) the total number of court actions initiated during the reporting year. Multiplied by 100. To calculate the overall percentage of court actions initiated which resulted in eviction we will add: (ii) + (iii) + (iv) divided by: (i) the total number of court actions initiated during the reporting year.

Indicator	Homelessness (RSLs only) – the percentage of referrals under
	Section 5, and other referrals for homeless households made by

Multiplied by 100.

23	the local authority, that result in an offer, and the percentage of those offers that result in a let.
REMOVE	
	(vi) The total number of individual homeless households referrals received under section 5 and other referral routes that result in an offer of a permanent home. (vii) The total number of accepted offers.
	Please refer to the FAQs on our website for a worked example.
Definition	Homeless households
	Households assessed as statutorily homeless by a local authority and to whom a LA has a duty to provide permanent housing.
Inclusions/ exclusions	 Section 5 referrals, include those housed as a result of a section 5 referral. Nomination from local authority, for households whom the local authority has assessed as statutorily homeless. This may be applicable for RSLs who have not agreed a section 5 arrangement with a local authority. Other, for those landlords that operate a Choice Based Lettings scheme this will include homeless households who have a priority pass due to the statutory assessment. It will also include those whom a local authority has assessed as statutorily homeless and who the RSL has selected from a common housing register.
	 Do not include: Homeless households assessed as statutorily homeless by a LA but who are housed directly from your own housing list. Referrals you receive more than once for the same homeless household.

SHR	The following calculations will be applied:
Calculation	For the percentage of referrals under section 5, and other referrals for homeless households made by a local authority, that result in an offer—(iv) divided by (i) plus (ii) multiply by 100. For the percentage of those offers that result in a let—(vii) divided by (vi) multiply by 100.

Indicator 24	Homelessness (LAs only) – the percentage of homeless households referred to RSLs under section 5 and through other referral routes.
REMOVE	(i) The total number of individual homeless households referred to RSLs under section 5.
	(ii) The total number of individual homeless households referred to RSLs under other referral routes.
	(iii) The total number of individual homeless households referred to RSLs under section 5 and other referral routes.
	(iv) The total number of homeless households to whom the local authority has a statutory duty to secure permanent accommodation.
Definition	Homeless households
	Households assessed as statutorily homeless by the local authority and to whom the LA has a duty to provide permanent housing.
Inclusions/	Ensure to include:
exclusions	 All individual homeless households referred to RSLs under section 5.
	 All nominations for households whom the local authority has assessed as statutorily homeless. This may be applicable for RSLs who have not agreed a section 5 arrangement with the local authority. All Other referrals (e.g. for those RSLs which operate a Choice Based Lettings scheme this will include homeless households who have a priority pass due to the statutory assessment).
	Do not include:
	 Multiple referrals for homeless households e.g. where a household is referred to 2 or more RSLs then this would count as 1.
SHR Calculation	For the percentage of referrals under section 5, and other referrals for homeless households made by the local authority, that result in an offer — (i) plus (ii) divided by (iv) multiply by 100.

Indicator	Percentage of tenants who feel the rent for their property
25	represents good value for money.
	(i) Number of tenants who responded to:

	'Taking into account the accommodation and the services (your landlord name) provides, do you think that the rent for this property represents good or poor value for money? Is it' (ii) Number who responded: (a) very good (b) fairly good (c) neither good nor poor (d) fairly poor (e) very poor
Definition	Please provide your most up to date data only
	Rent A payment made periodically to a landlord in return for the use of a property. Survey guidance The question should be asked of all tenants.
Inclusions/	Ensure to include:
exclusions	Service Charges
SHR	To calculate the indicator we will divide:
Calculation	(ii)(a) number responding very good + (b) number responding fairly good. By:(i) number of tenants who responded to the question. Multiply by 100.

Indicator 26	Rent collected as percentage of total rent due in the reporting year.
CLARITY	(i) The total amount of rent collected in the reporting year.
CLARITY	(ii) The total amount of rent due to be collected in the reporting year (annual rent debit).
Definition	Measures the total amount of rent collected over the financial year as a proportion of the total amount of rent due to be collected that financial year.
	Rent collected The total amount of rent collected over the year from both current and former tenants for the current and past years (this includes rent arrears collected) and housing costs received directly by the landlord. Reported to the nearest pound (£).
	Rent due to be collected The total annual charges levied by the landlord in respect of rent and service charges for occupied properties. Subject to the exclusions listed below.
	(This rent due figure is different to the 'rent due figure at Indicators 18 and 27 because this indicator is for occupied properties only)
	Pre-payment of rent

Where a tenant makes a payment in the last rental period for the next financial year (i.e. payments made slightly in advance of a rent debit being raised).

It is possible for a landlord to report over 100% collection.

Inclusions/ exclusions

Do not include:

- lock-ups and garages
- sharing owners
- properties used for temporary homeless lets
- leased properties
- rent (including services charges) for periods when properties are empty subject to an insurance claim being raised because of fire or flood damage
- rent for properties where the keys are held by the Police to assist with their investigation
- rent for empty properties awaiting or undergoing major repairs/structural work during which period it would be unsafe for them to be occupied. N.B. Following completion of major repair work any subsequent void period occurring until the date of re-let should be counted as a void (i.e. any void period from the date of completion of major repair work to the start date of a new tenancy is to be included in reported rent lost through properties being empty and rental income lost))
- rent lost due to reasonable time taken to clear the house following a tenant's death as per your policy and procedures
- properties held for decanting tenants
- properties which are empty and subject of a Governing Body/Sub-Committee/Council decision that they are not to be let because they are surplus to long-term requirements, or to be transferred, disposed of or demolished or reconfigured.
- Costs not directly part of the rent such as court costs as rent due or rent collected.

In the rent due

• The value of current and former tenant arrears brought forward from the previous year.

Ensure to include:

- Service charges in the calculations.
- Housing costs paid directly to the landlord (i.e. housing benefit or universal credit) for the reporting year as 'rent collected' for the purposes of this indicator; and
- Pre-payments of rent from the previous reporting year

SHR Calculation

To calculate the indicator, we will divide:

- (i) the total amount of rent collected in the reporting year. By:
- (ii) the total amount of rent due to be collected in the reporting year. Multiply by 100.

Indicator Gross rent arrears (all tenants) as at 31 March each year as a percentage of rent due for the reporting year. 27 (i) The total value (£) of gross rent arrears as at the end of the **CLARITY** reporting year. (ii) The total rent due for the reporting year. **Definition Gross arrears** The value (to nearest £) of current and former tenant rent arrears as at 31 March each year (year-end) prior to any arrears write-off. Rent paid in advance should not be used to offset the overall value. Arrears accrued while Universal Credit applications are being processed should be included in the gross arrears figure. Unpaid payment plan arrears should be included in the gross arrears figure. **Total rent due** The value (to the nearest £) of the total annual charges levied by the landlord in respect of rent and service charges for dwellings. Subject to the exclusions listed below. Arrears written-off Where the arrear is uneconomical to pursue or there is no prospect of recovery, e.g. debtor cannot be found or communicated with despite all reasonable attempts to trace or where the debtor is deceased and there is no likely settlement from the estate or next of kin, the debt is written off in accordance with the landlord's policy of irrecoverable debt. Inclusions/ Ensure to include: exclusions service charges in the calculations; the value of arrears prior to any write offs for the reporting the value of sequestrated arrears written off for the reporting arrears accrued while Universal Credit applications are being processed: and unpaid payment plan arrears. Do not include: (i) as arrears: offset credits; sharing owner arrears; lock ups and garages; properties used for temporary homeless lets; leased properties; the value of overpayments of housing costs (housing benefit/universal credit) **debited** to tenants' rent accounts: the value of any outstanding payments from people who have an agreement to pay their rent slightly later than the landlord's normal monthly rent cycle i.e. agreements to make payments in the next rental cycle; and

	 the value of any outstanding housing benefit/universal credit payments due for the reporting year but not received until after the start of the new reporting year.
SHR Calculation	 (ii) when calculating the total rent due do not include the rent for periods when: properties are empty subject to an insurance claim being raised because of fire or flood damage; properties are empty awaiting or undergoing major repairs/structural work (e.g. modernisation) during which period it would be unsafe for them to be occupied. N.B. Following completion of major repair work any subsequent period when a property is empty until the date of re-let should be included in the reported rent loss and rent due; major improvement/modernisation works are being undertaken. so major that it cannot reasonably be occupied; reasonable time taken to clear the house following a tenant's death as per your policy and procedures; keys are being held by the Police to assist with their investigation; houses are held for decanting tenants; and properties are empty and subject of a Governing Body/Sub-Committee/Council decision that they are not to be let because they are surplus to long-term requirements, or to be transferred, disposed of or demolished; or reconfigured. To calculate the indicator, we will divide:
Calculation	(i) the total value of gross rent arrears. By:
	(ii) the total rent due for the year. Multiply by 100.

Indicator	Average annual management fee per factored property.
28	(i) Number of residential properties factored.
CLARITY	(ii) Total value of management fees invoiced to factored owners in the reporting year.
Definition	Property factored A property is factored where a landlord is responsible for the delivery of a management service to the owner of the property.
	Management fee This is the charge a landlord levies on an owner to cover the cost of administering the delivery of services.
	Such management fees may be invoiced on behalf of a landlord by other organisations, including unregistered subsidiaries or by outsourcing to third parties. This should exclude VAT.
	Factored owners

	These are property owners who have an arrangement with the
	landlord to deliver factoring services.
	Total value of management fees invoiced The total amount (£'s) invoiced for management fees from owners during the last reporting year.
	It is understood that landlords may issue invoices at set points during the year for management services provided and the figure provided may be for services provided in previous reporting year.
Inclusions/	Do not include:
exclusions	cost of repairs and other works;
	cost of insurance premiums;
	commercial properties; and
	 shared owners in the number of properties factored or the value of the management fees.
	Ensure to include:
	all management fees invoiced during the reporting year; and
	 management fees invoiced on the landlord's behalf by other organisations.
SHR	To calculate the indicator, we will divide:
Calculation	(ii) total value of management fees invoiced to factored owners in the reporting year. By:
	(i) the number of residential properties factored.

Indicator 29	Percentage of factored owners satisfied with the factoring service they receive.
	(i) Number of factored owners who responded to: 'Taking everything into account, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the factoring services provided by { LANDLORD NAME}'
	(ii) Number who responded: (a) very satisfied (b) fairly satisfied
	(c) neither satisfied nor dissatisfied (d) fairly dissatisfied (e) very dissatisfied
Definition	Please provide your most up to date data only
	Factoring services A property is factored where a landlord is responsible for the delivery of a management service to the owner of the property.
	Survey guidance This indicator would <u>not form</u> part of a comprehensive satisfaction survey of tenants. Instead, it should form part of a separate satisfaction survey of factored owners.

SHR	To calculate the indicator, we will divide:
Calculation	(ii)(a) number responding very satisfied + (b) number responding fairly satisfied. By:
	(i) number factored owners who responded to the question. Multiply by 100.

Indiants:	Average length of time taken to us let managerica in the last con-			
Indicator	Average length of time taken to re-let properties in the last year.			
30	(i) The total number of properties re-let in the reporting year.			
CLARITY	(ii) The total number of calendar days properties were empty.			
Definition	Lets Lettings in this context are lets to individual tenants. Properties leased during the year to other organisations (i.e. to Social Work Department) should not be recorded as a let in this part of the return The houses may be managed by the landlord itself or by an agent of its behalf.			
	A re-let A property where the previous tenancy has ended, or the property has been repossessed and a new tenancy has commenced.			
	Houses remaining empty at the end of the year are to be included in the following year's return when they are let.			
	Time taken to re-let This is measured in calendar days, between the date of termination of a previous tenancy or repossession (i.e. the first date from which the rent loss is charged to voids) and the start date of a new tenancy (i.e. the last date from which the rent loss is charged to voids) subject to the exclusions listed below:			
Inclusions/ exclusions	 When calculating the total number of properties that are re-let, do not include: mutual exchanges, successions, assignations and temporary accommodation 'flipped' to a secure tenancy; new lets; tenancies on properties acquired through the mortgage to rent scheme, stock transfer as re-lets at the point of acquisition. Any subsequent changes in these tenancies would be recorded in the normal manner; lets for lock-ups and garages; and houses held for decanting tenants. 			
	 When calculating the time taken to re-let, do not include periods where the property was empty due to: an insurance claim because of fire or flood damage; awaiting or undergoing major repairs/structural work during which period it would be unsafe for it to be occupied; a Governing Body/Sub-Committee/Council decision that they are not to be let because they are to be transferred; reconfigured or disposed of/demolished or are surplus to long-term requirements; 			

	 the periods of time when major improvements/modernisation works are being undertaken. so major that it cannot reasonably be occupied; a reasonable time taken to clear the house following a tenant's death as per your policy and procedures; and keys being held by the Police to assist with their investigation. 	
	Ensure to include:	
	 following completion of major repair work any subsequent period when the property is empty until the date it is re-let only properties that were re-let during the year to the end of the reporting year; and in the re-let calculation the total number of days, where a 	
0110	re-let period spans two reporting years.	
SHR	To calculate the indicator we will divide:	
Calculation	(ii) the total number of calendar days properties were empty (subject to the exclusions). By:	
	(i) the total number of properties re-let in the last year.	

Indicator 31	For those who provide Gypsy/Travellers sites – Average weekly rent per pitch. (i) The total amount of rent set for all pitches during the reporting year. (ii) The total number of pitches.
Definition	A pitch A defined serviced area provided by the landlord where mainly gypsies and travellers place their homes.
Inclusions/ exclusions	Rent set for all pitches whether occupied or empty.
SHR Calculation	To calculate the indicator we will divide: (i) the total amount (£s) for rent set for all pitches during the reporting year. By: (ii) the total number of pitches. Divided by 52.

Indicator 32	For those who provide sites - percentage of Gypsy/Travellers satisfied with the landlord's management of the site.
	(i) Number of Gypsies/Travellers who responded to: 'How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with {your landlord name's} management of your site?'
	(ii) Number who responded:(a) very satisfied(b) fairly satisfied

	(c) neither satisfied nor dissatisfied (d) fairly dissatisfied (e) very dissatisfied	
Definition	Please provide your most up to date data only	
	Site management services All services provided by the landlord to ensure sites are well maintained and managed.	
	Survey guidance This indicator would <u>not form</u> part of a comprehensive satisfaction survey.	
	We have allowed for flexibility in how this data is collected. For example, landlords may choose to carry out exit surveys to gather feedback from those leaving during the year. More information can be found in our conducting surveys of tenants and service users advisory guidance.	
SHR Calculation	To calculate the indicator, we will divide: (ii)(a) number responding very satisfied + (b) number responding fairly satisfied. By: (i) number of Gypsies/Travellers who responded to the question.	
	Multiply by 100.	

Indicator	How many times in the reporting year did you not meet the requirement to complete an electrical installation condition report (EICR) within five years of the last EICR?	
NEW	(i) The number of times you did not meet the requirement as set out in the Scottish Government's <u>SHQS Technical Guidance</u> where the recommended period for inspection of rented housing is intervals of no more than five years.	
Definition	Electrical installation condition report (EICR)	
	Safe electrical systems form part of the Tolerable Standard. In order to demonstrate compliance with this, landlords must organise electrical safety inspections by a competent person at intervals of no more than five years. More details can be found in the Scottish Government's SHQS Technical Guidance Please note that SG updates this guidance from time to time.	

Indicator	Number of homes that do not have 'satisfactory equipment for detecting fire and giving warning in the event of fire or suspected fire' installed at the year end
NEW	(i) Number of homes that do not have 'satisfactory equipment for detecting fire and giving warning in the event of fire or suspected fire'— as set out in the Scottish Government's SHQS Technical Guidance - installed at the year end.

Definition	Satisfactory Fire Detection
	A house meets the tolerable standard if it complies with the rele
	requirements in relation to satisfactory smoke and heat alarms.
	details can be found in the Scottish Government's SHOS Techn

evant s. More details can be found in the Scottish Government's SHQS Technical Guidance. Please note that SG updates this guidance from time to time.

Please also refer to the Scottish Government Guidance Fire and smoke alarms: tolerable standard guidance where landlords are also reminded that alarms should be regularly maintained and tested in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.

Indicators	Average length of time taken to resolve cases of damp and/or	
-	mould	
	(i) Number of resolved cases of damp and/or mould	
	(ii) Time taken in working days to resolve all cases of damp and/or mould	
-	Percentage of resolved cases of damp and/or mould that were reopened	
	(i) Number of resolved cases of damp and/or mould	
	(iii) Number of resolved cases of damp and/or mould that were reopened	
	Number of open cases of damp and/or mould at the year end	
-	(iv) Number of open cases of damp and/or mould at the year end	
NEW		
Definition	Cases of damp and/or mould Any repair that has been reported as or assessed as a case of damp and/or mould.	
	Case of damp and/or mould resolution time The time taken (expressed in working days) between the earliest date a request is received by the landlord (from either the tenant/tenant's representative or landlord's member of staff/contractor) until the work is satisfactorily completed in the opinion of the landlord.	
	When calculating working days this excludes weekends and official public holidays. Other days when your office is closed (for example extended office closure over Christmas holiday period) should be counted as they are still working days.	
	Reopened Damp and/or mould cases which are reopened should be counted where a report has been made of an instance of damp and/or mould within a property, a resolution has been carried out to that case of damp and/or mould and it is deemed as satisfactorily complete in the	

opinion of the landlord, following which the same case is required to be revisited within a 12 month period. The 12-month period starts from the date the case was originally deemed as resolved/closed.

Further information

We worked with ALACHO (Association of Local Authority Chief Housing Officers), Chartered Institute of Housing (CIH) Scotland and Scottish Federation of Housing Associations (SFHA) to publish a briefing note to provide the social housing sector with improved information on how they can respond to damp and mould.

Inclusions/ exclusions

Do not include:

- repairs carried out under the defects liability period on any new build properties;
- repairs to void properties;
- repairs to lock-ups or garages; and
- any 'no access' cases (i.e. where a contractor has been unable to access the property to carry out the repair).

Ensure to include:

- the time taken to carry out any pre-inspections in the length of time taken to complete a repair;
- 'Right to repair' repairs that in your opinion meet the above definition of a case of damp and/or mould; and
- cases resolved in the current reporting year, which were raised in the previous year, but not resolved until the current year.

SHR Calculation

To calculate the average length of time take to resolve damp and/or mould cases:

(ii) Time taken in working days to resolve all cases of damp and/or mould

By:

(i) Number of resolved cases of damp and/or mould

To calculate percentage of resolved cases of damp and/or mould that were reopened we will divide:

(iii) Number of resolved cases damp and/or mould cases that were reopened

By:

(i) Number of resolved cases of damp and/or mould

Indicator Staff information, staff turnover and sickness rates (RSLs only) C1 A – Chief Executive / Senior Officer / Director (i) Name of Chief Executive (System generated, RSL needs to contact SHR to update changes of Chief Executive position) B – Staff employed by the RSL (i) Number of senior staff. (ii) Number of office based staff. (iii) Number of care / support staff. (iv) Number of concierge staff. (v) Number of direct labour staff. C – Staff turnover and sickness absence (i) Percentage of senior staff turnover in the year to the end of the reporting year. (ii) Percentage of total staff turnover in the year to the end of the reporting year. (iii) Percentage of days lost through staff sickness absence in the reporting year. Definition Staff employed by RSL B (i)-(v) Permanent or temporary staff employed by the RSL or by any of its subsidiaries as at 31 March each year which carry out duties for the RSL. The number of senior staff must only be counted at B (i). The number of staff should be reported in terms of full-time equivalents (FTE). For example, if the hours of two people working part-time are added together that might be the same as one full-time iob. Senior staff Senior staff are chief executives, directors and section heads or other posts seen as senior within the organisation. Senior staff turnover This is the number of senior staff that left in the year as a percentage of senior staff. Total staff turnover This is the number of all staff that left in the year as a percentage of total staff. Days lost D(iii) This means the percentage of the total working days available for the groups of employees which are lost through sickness absence in your organisation.

Working patterns often vary both between and within organisations. However, each period of work (working day, day shift or night shift) should be measured as one unit (that is, counted as one day). Part time employees should be treated in the same way. For example, where an employee works four hours per day that should be counted as a unit of work (one day). So, if an organisation has 1,000 full-time staff and 500 part-time staff, the number of working days is $(224 \times 1,000) + (224 \times 500)$. The 224 working days appears in the example at the end of these definitions.

Periods of sickness

These periods should be recorded in whole days or units of work; sickness leave for just part of a day or work period should not be included. Only days which form part of an employee's normal working week should be counted as sick leave.

Sickness absence

Sickness absence is defined as an absence from the place of employment because of the employee's illness or injury for which sick leave entitlement is used. This may include self-certification, absence supported by a doctor's certificate, long-term sickness absence and industrial injury. You should not include authorised absences which are not sickness absences, such as compassionate leave, career leave and special leave/unpaid leave, maternity and paternity leave, and maternity support.

Employees who work for periods of less than a complete month during the year should not be included in your answer.

Complete month

A complete month means the period between a date in one month and the immediately preceding date in the following month (for example, 15 February to 14 March inclusive).

Working days

Working days can, depending on local circumstances, vary between organisations. For example, because of the number of local public holidays employees receive. The number of working days should exclude weekends (except for employees who work these periods as part of their normal working week), public holidays and local holidays, rest days and annual leave.

Here is an example of a calculation of working days available per year:

Example	Full-time and part-time employees	Temporary employees
Base	365 days	92 days
Less:		
Weekends	104 days	26 days

	Annual leave	25 days	5 days
		25 days	5 days
	Public / local holidays	12 days	1 day
	Working days per year	224 days	60 days
Inclusions/ exclusions	Temporary employees Organisations manage the In the example above, we your organisation may not annual leave during the pand may pay them for this contracted to work for the days annual leave (that is days per year). Do not include: agency staff;	e have included and tot allow a temporary teriod they have been s instead. For examo ee months would no	nual leave. However, employee to take en contracted to work aple, an employee ormally be entitled to five
	carry out duties for Ensure to include:	or the RSL. any of the RSL's so	ubsidiaries who do not ubsidiaries who carry out
SHR Calculation	To calculate the 'total number of staff' we will add B(i), (ii), (ii), (iv) and (v).		
RSL Calculation	The RSL will calculate the 'staff turnover and sickness absence' at (C) by applying the following calculations:		
	C(i) The turnover of senion percentage of the total set by the system.		
	C(ii) Total staff turnover to percentage of the total st	•	
	C(iii) The percentage of v	• •	rough absences
	100. Equals:	` ,	e per year. Multiplied by

Indicator

The number of lets during the reporting year by source of let.

C2

For ALL landlords:

AMEND

- (i) the number of lets to existing tenants;
- (ii) the number of lets to housing list applicants;
- (iii) the number of mutual exchanges;
- (iv) the number of lets from other sources.
- (v) For LAs only:

the number of lets to homeless applicants.

(vi) For RSLs only: by local authority area

the number of applicants who have been assessed as statutorily homeless by the local authority; broken down by:

- section 5 referrals (RSLs);
- nominations from the local authority;
- other.

(vii) The number of other nominations from local authorities.

Definition

Lets to existing tenants

Lets to those who were already tenants in one of the landlord's properties, who applied through the landlord's housing list/s. (This covers all lists. For example, waiting or transfer lists or common housing registers).

Lets to housing list applicants

Lets to people who were not existing tenants and who were on the landlord's housing list or the common housing register in which the landlord participates. Do not include section 5 referrals or LA nominations.

Mutual exchange scheme

Where two tenants (whether or not from the same landlord) exchange homes and tenancies either locally or nationally. If the mutual exchange is between two of the landlord's tenants, then this should be counted as two lets and if only one of the landlord's tenants mutually exchanges then this should be counted as one let.

Lets from other sources

This includes any lets made which are not covered by (i) Lets to existing tenants and (ii) Lets to housing list applicants i.e referrals from other groups or agencies. Ukrainian refugees given a SST or SSST should be included unless one of the other sources are applicable.

(For LAs only) Lets to homeless applicants

Lets to people assessed as statutorily homeless by the local authority and to whom the LA has a duty to provide permanent housing.

(For RSLs only) Lets to people who were assessed by the LA as statutorily homeless and to whom the LA has a duty to provide permanent housing.

- **Section 5 referrals,** include those housed as a result of a section 5 referral.
- Nomination from local authority, for people whom the local authority has assessed as statutorily homeless. This may be applicable for RSLs who have not agreed a Section 5 arrangement with the local authority.
- Other, for those landlords that operate a Choice Based Lettings scheme this will include homeless people who have a priority pass due to the statutorily assessment. It will also include those whom the local authority has assessed as statutorily homeless and who the RSL has selected from a CHR.

Breakdown by Local Authority (RSLs only)

Breakdown of ALL Lets to people who were assessed by the LA as statutorily homeless and to whom the LA has a duty to provide permanent housing by Local Authority area.

Nominations from local authorities

With the exception of those assessed by the LA as statutorily homeless to whom it has a duty to provide permanent accommodation. It may include those whom the LA has assessed as homeless but to whom it has no duty to secure permanent accommodation.

Indicator	Number of lets during the reporting year, split between 'general
C3	needs' and 'supported housing'.
	(i) The number of 'general needs' lets during the reporting year.
REMOVE	(ii) The number of 'supported housing' lets during the reporting year.
Definition	Lets
	Lets in this context are lets to individual tenants. Properties leased
	during the year to other organisations, e.g. to Social Work
	Department, should not be recorded as a let in this part of the return.
	The houses may be managed by the landlord or by an agent.
	A let may be either a 'new' let or a 're-let'.
	 A new let is a property which is let for the first time following receipt of a certificate of practical completion.
	 A re-let is a property where the previous tenancy has ended
	or the property has been repossessed and a new tenancy has commenced.
	Supported housing
	The following are types of supported housing:
	 Sheltered housing
	Very sheltered housing
	Medium dependency housing

- Wheelchair housing
- Ambulant disabled
- Other specially adapted housing

Sheltered

Properties where the main form of support is a warden service and / or an emergency call service, connecting each house to a warden system.

Very sheltered

Properties which generally have all the features of sheltered housing but will usually have special bathroom facilities as well. There will also be a greater level of care and support offered through the service of extra wardens, full-time carers or domiciliary assistance and the provision of at least one meal a day.

Medium dependency

Properties' design based on the standards of general needs housing but with the addition of other features of the above sheltered housing definition.

Wheelchair housing

Properties built or adapted to give extra floor area, whole house heating, special features in the bathroom and kitchen, and other features.

Ambulant disabled

Properties for people who have disabilities but are not confined to wheelchairs. Such accommodation is built or adapted to general needs housing standards but with a level or a ramped approach, a WC and bathroom at entrance level, and other special features.

Other specially adapted

Dwellings with other adaptations, for example the installation of renal dialysis equipment, should be included here if information is available.

Inclusions/ exclusions

Do not include

- mutual exchanges, successions and assignations;
- lets for lock-ups and garages;
- houses held for decanting tenants;
- lets for temporary accommodation;
- tenancies on properties acquired through the mortgage to rent scheme, stock transferas re-lets at the point of acquisition. However, subsequent changes in these tenancies in the normal manner should be included.

SHR Calculation

To calculate the indicator, we will add:

- (i) the number of 'general needs' lets during the reporting year. To:
- (ii) the number of 'supported housing' lets during the reporting year.

Indicator	Abandoned properties.
C4	The number of abandoned properties during the reporting year.
REMOVE	
Definition	Abandoned property
	As defined by the Housing (Scotland) Act 2001, a property is abandoned where a landlord under a Scottish Secure Tenancy has reasonable grounds to believe that: - the house is unoccupied; and
	 the tenant does not intend to occupy the property as their home. It is appreciated that landlords may be reporting based on actions raised late in the previous year (e.g. March 2013) and not reporting the outcome of actions granted late in the current reporting year (e.g. March 2014).
Inclusions/ exclusions	Do not include: • properties abandoned where the tenant was subject to eviction actions. (These should be included in Indicator 22) Ensure you include:
	only properties which were abandoned following the abandonment procedures as set out in Sections 17 and 18 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2001.

Indicator	Rent increase
C5	(i)Percentage average weekly rent increase to be applied in the next reporting year
Definition	Rent increase
	This is the average percentage increase in the rents to be in the next reporting year, as approved by the authorised body of the landlord (i.e. the rent increases approved before 31 March for implementation during the year beginning 1 April).
	The figure should be reported to two decimal places.
	For organisations with a policy of differential rent increases, further details can be supplied.

Indicator C6	Number of households for which landlords are paid housing costs directly and the total value of the payments received in the reporting year.
CLARITY	(i) Number of households the landlord received housing costs directly for during the reporting year.

	(ii) Value of direct housing cost payments received during the reporting year.
Definition	Number of households for which direct payment of housing costs are made A count of the number of households a landlord received housing costs directly for either through housing benefit or the housing element of universal credit over the reporting year. Value of payments received The total amount (£s) of housing costs (housing benefit /universal credit) paid directly to the landlord during the reporting year.
Inclusions/ exclusions	 Households in temporary homeless accommodation Ensure to include: every household which has had a direct payment of housing costs made to the landlord during the reporting year, even if the tenancy has been subsequently ended or entitlement to assistance with housing costs have ceased. households only once in the count regardless to the number of times throughout the reporting year there is entitlement to housing costs which are paid directly to the landlord. (E.g. if a household has a break in entitlement only count this household once.)
	ensure to deduct: • any overpayments of housing costs recovered from direct payments received (regardless to which year the recovery is in respect of), when calculating the value of payments received.

Indicator C7	Amount and percentage of former tenant rent arrears written off at the year end. (i) Total value of former tenant arrears at year end. (ii) Total value of former tenant arrears written off at year end.
Definition	Former tenant arrears Rent that is lawfully due and is unpaid by former tenants prior to write off being applied. All recoveries of overpayments of benefit (Housing Benefit or Universal Credit) towards housing costs that have been debited to rent accounts should be excluded from all rent arrears. Rent arrears relating to garages, lock-ups and service charges are to be included.(see 'terms used' for further information)
Inclusions/ exclusions	 Do not include: Housing Benefit overpayments debited to rent accounts. Ensure to include: All rent written off during the reporting year;

	 Rent arrears relating to garages, lock-ups and service charges; and The value of sequestrated arrears written off during the reporting year.
SHR	To calculate the indicator we will divide
Calculation	(ii) the total value of former tenant arrears written off at year end. By:(i) the total value of former tenant arrears at year end. Multiply by 100.

Indicator C8	Scottish Housing Quality Standard (SHQS) – Stock condition survey information. (i) Date stock was last surveyed or assessed for SHQS compliance. (ii) Percentage of stock assessed fully for SHQS in the last five years. (iii) Date next stock condition survey or assessment is scheduled to be carried out. (iv) Percentage of stock to be fully assessed in the next survey for SHQS compliance. (v) Description of how the survey data at (ii) was used to establish overall SHQS compliance.
Definition	Stock surveyed or assessed Properties within the scope of SHQS that have been assessed for SHQS compliance in line with the Scottish Government's Technical Guidance. Stock surveyed/assessed on a continuous basis should be reported as the month the stock database was last updated. Assessed fully for SHQS compliance Where a property has been surveyed/assessed against criteria 1 - 5 as either pass, fail or exempt.
	Overall SHQS compliance Landlords must advise briefly their use of: surveys and continuous assessment of their stock; sample survey data that is representative of their housing stock; targeted surveys to address gaps in stock data databases and their cloning of data to project overall compliance and failure rates.
Inclusions/ exclusions	Onot include:

 stock that has been assessed fully for SHQS both externally and internally.

Indicator Scottish Housing Quality Standard (SHQS) – Stock summary C9 SHQS Stock summary at end of reporting year and projected to end of the next reporting year **CLARITY** (i) Total self-contained stock (ii) Self-contained stock exempt from SHQS. (iii) Self-contained stock in abeyance from SHQS (iv) Self-contained stock failing SHQS (a) number failing one criterion, (b) number failing two or more criteria. (v) Stock meeting the SHQS. (vi) Breakdown of stock meeting the SHQS at (v) by local authority. *Please provide details of the figures supplied at C9.4.3 (total stock failing SHQS) in the comments box at the end of this section. Definition Further technical support on the SHQS can be found by referring to the Scottish Government's Technical Guidance. The Scottish Government's EESSH 2020 deadline still applies to SHQS compliance. Interim guidance for social landlords was issued in October 2022. Energy Efficiency Standard for Social Housing post 2020 (EESSH2) review: interim guidance for social landlords gov.scot (www.gov.scot) Please note that SG updates this guidance from time to time. **Total self-contained stock** Self-contained stock within the scope of the SHQS as at the end of the reporting year and projected for the next reporting year Please refer to the Scottish Government's SHQS Guidance (March 2011 since updated) (Annex L covers the scope of the SHQS). Stock exempt from SHQS The total number of self-contained properties with exemptions as at the end of each reporting year. Please refer to the Scottish Government's SHQS Guidance (March 2011 since updated) (Annex I covers exemptions). Stock in abeyance The total number of self-contained properties in abeyance as at the end of each reporting year. Please refer to the Scottish Government's SHQS Guidance (March 2011 since updated) (Annex I covers abeyances). Failing SHQS

	A property failing will have at least one primary element failure or two secondary element failures from the Free from Serious Disrepair criterion.
	For all other criterions, a single elemental failure will trigger an overall criterion and property failure.
	Failing one or more criterion Some dwellings will have elemental failures within more than one criterion (e.g. a dwelling may require loft insulation in the <i>Energy Efficiency</i> criterion and adequate kitchen sockets within the <i>Modern Facilities and Services</i> criterion). Such a property will be recorded as failing two or more criteria.
	Stock meeting SHQS Stock that has been assessed on and passed both externally and internally. This information is to be further broken down into local authorities.
Inclusions/ exclusions	Do not include:
	stock that has been assessed fully for SHQS both externally and internally
	 as exempt, properties which have a combination of failing and exempt elements.

Indicator C-	The number of self-contained properties void at the year end and of those, the number that have been void for more than six months.
NEW	(i) The number of self-contained properties void at the year end.(ii) The number of self-contained properties void for more than six
Definition	months at the year end.
Definition	Void property This is a property which forms part of your normal lettable self contained stock which is unlet at the year end.
	Void period This is the void period which commences the first day there is no rent debit. It ends the day before a new rent debit is raised. The total void period should be counted regardless if it spans across two accounting years.
	The number of self-contained_properties void for more than six months at (ii) is a subset of (i).
Inclusions/	Do not include:
exclusions	lock-ups and garages;void periods for non self contained units;

- properties that are empty and subject of a governing body/subcommittee/council decision that they are not to be let because they are surplus to long-term requirements, or to be transferred, disposed of or demolished, or reconfigured;
- periods when:
 - properties are empty subject to an insurance claim being raised because of fire or flood damage;
 - properties are empty awaiting or undergoing major repairs/structural work (e.g. modernisation) during which period it would be unsafe for them to be occupied.
 N.B. Following completion of major repair work, any subsequent void period occurring until the date of re-let should be counted as a void (i.e. any void period from the date of completion of major repair work to the start date of a new tenancy is to be included in the calculation);
 - properties are held for decanting tenants.

Terms we use in this document

Abandonment Procedures

As prescribed in the Housing (Scotland) Act 2001, section 18, a landlord wishing to take possession of a house under section 17(4) must serve on the tenant a notice,

- (a) stating that the landlord has reason to believe that the house is unoccupied and that the tenant does not intend to occupy it as the tenant's home;
- (b) requiring the tenant to inform the landlord in writing within 4 weeks of service of the notice if the tenant intends to occupy the house as the tenant's home; and
- (c) informing the tenant that, if it appears to the landlord at the end of that period that the tenant does not intend so to occupy the house, the tenancy will be terminated with immediate effect.

Arrears

Rent that is lawfully due and is unpaid by current and former tenants.

Arrears write-off

Landlords will have their own individual policies on irrecoverable debt and how they deal with this.

There are a number of key reasons why a landlord may wish to write-off a

debt. These may include:

- The debt is uneconomical to collect (i.e. the cost of collection is greater than the value of the debt).
- The debt is time barred, where the statute of limitation applies.

 Generally, this means that if a period of five years has elapsed since the debt was last demanded the debt cannot be enforced by legal action.
- The debtor cannot be found or communicated with despite all reasonable attempts to trace the debtor.
- The debtor is deceased and there is no likely settlement from the estate or next of kin.
- Hardship, where permitted, on the grounds that recovery of the debt is likely to cause the debtor serious financial difficulty.
- Insolvency where the organisation or person has gone into bankruptcy and there are no assets to claim against.

Assignation

Where landlord consents to a tenant signing over their tenancy to another party (i.e. spouse). Section 32 of the Housing (Scotland) 2001 Act defines the approach that landlords should take on assignations.

Choice Based Lettings (CBL)

A system where available properties are advertised by a landlord and applicants submit bids for homes they are interested in, that are suitable for their needs.

Common Housing Register (CHR)

A system where a single application can be completed allowing applicants to be considered for social rented housing from a range of landlords participating in the CHR.

Complaints

A complaint is an expression of dissatisfaction by one or more members of the public about an organisation's action or lack of action, or about the standard or service provided by or on behalf of the organisation

Flipping

Where a temporary placement in temporary accommodation is 'flipped' to a secure tenancy.

Housing list

A register of applicants and tenants who have applied for housing with a particular landlord.

Landlord

For the purpose of this return a landlord is a 'social landlord', as defined in section 165 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2010, as 'a registered

social landlord (RSL), local authority (LA) landlord or a local authority which provides housing services'.

Lettable and unlettable stock

For the purpose of this return, lettable stock includes all:

- dwellings owned and managed by the landlord; and
- dwellings owned by the landlord but managed by a another organisation

Lettable stock does not include:

- stock managed by the landlord on behalf of another body;
- any properties originally developed for partial or outright sale (for example, improvement for sale, shared ownership, shared equity, equity sharing);
- properties held for use as decants (which should be included as unlettable stock);
 or
- wardens' and caretakers' accommodation, tied housing.

Unlettable stock

This is the number of self-contained and non-self-contained properties which at the end of the reporting year are not actively being re-let due to:

- an insurance claim because of fire or flood damage;
- awaiting or undergoing major repairs/structural work during

- which period it would be unsafe for it to be occupied;
- houses are held for decanting tenants;
- reasonable time taken to clear the house following a tenant's death as per your policy and procedures;
- keys being held by the Police to assist with their investigation; or
- properties are empty and subject to a Governing Body/ Sub-Committee/Council decision that they are not to be let because they are to be transferred, reconfigured or disposed. of/demolished or are surplus to long term requirements.

Low cost home ownership

(including shared equity / shared ownership) are properties built for sale through Scottish Government funded schemes such as the low cost investment for first time buyers scheme (LIFT) which helps people on low incomes purchase their own homes. This covers the open market shared equity scheme and the new supply shared equity schemes.

Mid market rent

Properties not let under a SST and rented at a rate that is higher than the rent charged for social housing properties, but below that charged in

the local market for private rented properties.

Mortgage to rent

A scheme supported by the Scottish Government to prevent homelessness through mortgage repayment default. An owner sells their home to a landlord which then rents it back to them.

Mutual exchange

Where two tenants (whether or not from the same landlord) exchange homes and tenancies. Section 33 of the 2001 Act allows for mutual exchanges and defines the circumstances under which landlords can refuse them.

New let

This is a property which is let for the first time following receipt of a certificate of practical completion. The houses may be managed by a landlord or by an agent on its behalf.

Properties acquired through mortgage to rent scheme or stock transfer should not be reported as new lets on first time of letting.

Occupancy agreement

An arrangement that allows a person to occupy a property or part of a property for an agreed length of time stating any conditions of occupancy that apply. For example, an agreement to rent a room in a group home run by

a landlord, where communal rooms are shared with other people.

Parent organisation

For the purpose of this return a parent organisation is the landlord that holds or controls one or more subsidiaries.

Reactive repairs

These are repairs which cannot be planned or included in a repair programme.

Reactive repairs - Emergency repairs

Repairs necessary to prevent serious damage to the building, danger to health, risk to safety or risk of serious loss or damage to the occupier's property.

Reactive repairs - Emergency repairs completion time

Procedures for dealing with emergency repairs differ across landlords. Depending on local factors and the nature of the repair the matter may be put right straight away or a two part approach may be taken by first attending or making safe. Landlords will have their own target times to match their procedures and it is not for SHR to participate in local choices made by landlords in consultation with their tenants. However, SHR needs assurance that emergency situations are put right promptly and that the 'emergency' nature of a repair is

resolved quickly. Any remaining work then falls into the category of a nonemergency repair.

Therefore, for the purpose of this return the time taken to complete an emergency repair should be measured as the time expressed in hours between the earliest time a request is received by the landlord (from either the tenant or a repairs inspector) until completion of the work necessary to remove the emergency nature of the repair. This may mean either a repair to make safe or a permanent repair to resolve the issue.

By 'made safe' we mean a repair necessary to prevent injury to the occupier or to prevent further damage to the building.

Reactive repairs - Non emergency repairs

Any remaining repairs which do not fall into the category of emergency repair.

Reactive repairs - Non emergency completion time

The time taken to complete all other non-emergency repairs should be measured as the time expressed in working days between the earliest date or time a request is received by the landlord (from either the tenant or a repairs inspector) until completion of the work necessary

to fix the repair issue to the satisfaction of the landlord.

Re-let

A re-let is a property where the previous tenancy has ended and a new tenancy has commenced. Only properties that were re-let during the reporting year are to be included. Houses remaining empty at the end of the year are to be included in the following year's return.

Reporting year

For the purpose of this return a reporting year means the period beginning on 1st April (or for financial indicators, the first day of the landlord's accounting year), and ending on 31st March of the following year (or for financial indicators, the last day of the landlord's accounting year).

RSL Governing Body

When we refer to the governing body, we mean the management committee or board of management of an RSL.

SHQS - Scottish Housing Quality Standard (the Standard)

The return monitors progress towards the Standard as defined by the Scottish Government. The Scottish Government's guidance on the Standard and the policy on exemptions and abeyances can be found on its website.

The Scottish Government has published clarification on exactly which types of properties are included in the SHQS target. This is available in Annex I of the Scottish Government SHQS guidance.

In general, social housing within scope of SHQS for the purposes of the 2015 target are self-contained homes, which include a full range of facilities for the use of occupiers. They are provided for the purpose of social rents and usually subject to tenancy agreements based on the model agreement for secure tenancies.

SHQS - Abeyance

An abeyance is a type of exemption. As outlined in the Scottish Government's Guidance Annex I, this can arise when work cannot be done for 'social' reasons relating to tenants' or owner-occupiers' behaviour (for example, where owner occupiers in a mixed ownership block for common elements of SHQS such as roofs, hallways, etc. do not wish to pay for their share).

SHQS - Cloned data

Full survey data which has been copied from a specific property type to properties where survey data is missing based on similar characteristics – age, construction, size, flat/house, street, scheme, etc. Cloned data should be replaced with

actual survey data once an SHQS assessment has been carried out.
Cloned data can help to provide a reasonable assessment of overall stock compliance where actual survey data is missing.

SHQS - Compliance

Housing stock within the scope of the SHQS should be assessed for compliance against all 55 elements (where applicable). Elements will be classified as being either a pass, a fail, exempt or in abeyance.

SHQS compliance relates to properties that fully pass the Standard. Not all property types can be assessed against all 55 elements. For example, non-applicable elements could be door entry systems in houses or flats with private access or loft insulation in ground floor flats.

SHQS - Criterion / Element

The SHQS is a set of five broad housing criteria which must all be met if the property is to pass SHQS. These criteria, in turn, consist of 55 elements and nine sub-elements against which properties need to be measured.

The Scottish Government provides guidance on how to measure each element and the pass requirements.

SHQS - Exemption

A property can only be classified as an exemption, if it passes all other

elements of the SHQS. Properties with a combination of failing and exempt elements should be reported as a fail. The Scottish Government provides guidance on exemptions which is available at Annex I.

SHQS - Failing the Standard

A property failing the Standard will fail at least one primary element or two secondary elements from the *Free from Serious Disrepair* criterion or at least one element from any of the other criterions.

SHQS - Meeting the Standard

Stock within the scope of the SHQS that pass all 55 elements and have no elements failing, exempt or in abeyance, in line with the Scottish Government's guidance which details how a pass should be measured.

Scottish secure tenancy (SST) and Short (SST)

Under the Housing (Scotland) Act 2001 (the 2001 Act) a tenancy will only be a Scottish secure tenancy (SST) if:

- the house is let as a separate dwelling;
- the tenant is an individual and the house is the tenant's only or principal home;
- the landlord is a local authority landlord, a registered social landlord (RSL), or a water or sewerage authority;

- where the landlord is an RSL which is a co-operative housing association, the tenant is a member of the association; and
- the tenancy was created on or after such date as specified by order or before that date if of a description specified by order.

In prescribed circumstances a SST can be converted to a SSST.

In specifically defined circumstances set by the 2001 Act, social landlords are able, but not obliged, to offer a short SST instead. The basic conditions for the short SST to apply are that:

- it would have been an SST otherwise;
- it is for 6 months or more; and
- the landlord has served a notice on the prospective tenant that this type of tenancy will be offered.

The circumstances in which a short SST may be used are set out in

1-7 of Schedule 6 to the 2001 Act, but Scottish Ministers may modify this list by order.

Further guidance and model agreements are available on the Scottish Government website.

Section 5 referral

A request from a local authority issued to an RSL, under Section 5 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2001, to provide housing within a reasonable time, usually within six weeks, to applicants assessed as statutorily homeless.

Self-contained stock

A unit is self-contained if it has the exclusive use of a bath/shower, inside WC and cooking facilities.

The apartment size of a property is based on counting only the number of bedrooms and living/dining rooms. Kitchens, bathrooms, toilets and utility rooms are not counted (for example, a 1-apt is a bed-sit, a 2 apt is one-bedroom dwelling with a living room, and a 3-apt is 2-bedroom dwelling with a living room etc).

Service Charges

Costs, in addition to rental charges, levied against a property for communal services

Shared Ownership

Landlord run scheme to encourage those who cannot afford outright ownership, but who can afford more than an affordable rent, to become part owners. The private owner must buy at least 25% of the value of the house initially, but can buy more later. An occupancy charge is paid on the portion of the house remaining in the

landlord's ownership. The sharing owner is responsible for all maintenance to their home.

Social letting

Properties rented as Scottish secure tenancies (SSTs) or short SSTs.

Source of let

Lets to existing tenants, which include:

- Lets to those who were already tenants in one of the landlord's properties, who applied through one of the landlord's housing lists (this covers all lists, for example, waiting/transfer lists) or common housing registers.
- Lets to people who were assessed by the LA as statutory homeless and to whom the LA has a duty to provide permanent housing.
- Housing list applicants. This is lets to people who were on the landlord's housing list or common housing register who were not existing tenants.
 Section 5 referrals or LA nominations must be excluded.
- Local authority nominations, with the exception of those assessed by the LA as statutory homeless to whom it has a duty to provide permanent accommodation. It may include those whom the

- LA has assessed as homeless but to whom it has no duty to secure permanent accommodation.
- Other lets, include lets made
 which are not covered by the
 above (e.g. referrals from other
 agencies or groups). Ukrainian
 refugees given a SST or SSST
 should be included unless one
 of the other sources are
 applicable.

Stage 2 adaptations

Adaptations to properties at new build stage.

Subsidiary

Under Section 82 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2001 a subsidiary is a company with respect to which one of the following conditions is fulfilled:

- the landlord is a member of the company and controls the composition of the board of directors;
- the landlord holds more than half in nominal value of the company's equity share capital;
- the company is a subsidiary, within the meaning of the Companies Act 1985 (c.6) or the Friendly and Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1968 (c.55), of another company which, by virtue of paragraph

(a) or (b), is itself a subsidiary of the landlord.

Succession

Where a landlord awards a tenancy to a member of the household on the tenant's death. Section 22 of the Housing (Scotland) 2001 Act sets down the rules governing succession.

Temporary accommodation

For the purpose of this return, temporary accommodation is the type of accommodation made available to a homeless applicant for a limited period of time in order to:

- give the landlord time to investigate and assess a homeless application;
- give the applicant a reasonable opportunity to find alternative accommodation for their self;
- give the landlord a reasonable opportunity to find permanent accommodation for the applicant.

Tenancies - General needs lets
Lets for people who do not need any
special support.

Tenancies - Supported housing

Lets for sheltered tenancies (where the main form of support provided is a warden service and/or an emergency call service, connecting each house to a warden system) and very sheltered and other supported tenancies (this refers to all other tenancies where some form of support is provided to allow the tenants to live independently in the community).

Transfer

A transfer is when a tenant has been re-housed by its landlord in another of the landlord's properties.

Void

A void is a property owned by a landlord which has no tenant, and it is held on the Housing Revenue Account (HRA), for Local authorities, or the Income and Expenditure Account, for RSLs. A property may be counted as void on more than one occasion during the year.

Void period

The void period is the time, **measured** in calendar days, between the date of termination of a previous tenancy or the date the property was repossessed to the start date of a new tenancy.

Mutual exchanges, successions and other transfers are not to be reported as void properties.

