

Invitation:

Focus groups to explore how social housing is allocated in England

The Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government (MHCLG) is carrying out an evidence collection exercise to improve our understanding of how the national framework for allocating social housing is working across the country.

MHCLG have commissioned RSM Economic Consulting to support this exercise which includes holding nine regional focus groups bringing together:

- local authority housing and homelessness officers
- housing associations
- other organisations with an interest in social housing allocation

The exercise was announced in the Social Housing Green Paper *A new deal for social housing*. It is designed to help understand whether the current system is striking the right balance between fairness, support and aspiration.

The dates and locations are as follows:

City	Location	Date	Time
London	RSM, 25 Farringdon Street, London, EC4A 4AB	Tuesday 21 January	11am-12.30pm
Birmingham	RSM, St Philips Point, Temple Row, Birmingham, West Midlands, B2 5AF	Tuesday 28 January	2pm-3.30pm
Manchester	RSM, 3 Hardman Street, Manchester, M3 3HF	Wednesday 29 January	10am-11.30am
Guildford	RSM, Third Floor, One London Square, Cross Lanes, Guildford, Surrey, GU1 1UN	Wednesday 5 February	3pm-4.43pm
Bristol	RSM, Hartwell House, 55-61 Victoria Street, Bristol, BS1 6AD	Thursday 6 February	9.30am-11am
Cambridge	RSM, City House, 126-130 Hills Road, Cambridge, CB2 1RE	Monday 10 February	2pm-3.30pm
Nottingham	RSM, Suite A, 7th Floor, City Gate East, Tollhouse Hill, Nottingham, NG1 5FS	Friday 14 February	2pm-3.30pm
Leeds	RSM, Central Square, 29 Wellington Street, Leeds, LS1 4DL	Thursday 27 February	2pm-3.30pm
Newcastle	RSM, 1 St James' Gate, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 4AD	Friday 28 February	10.30am-11am

Anonymity and privacy

Individuals attending the focus groups will not be named in the report published. Your contact details will be stored only for the duration of the study.

How to confirm your place

Please contact Tubo Adeaga: tubo.adeaga@rsmuk.com (or call 01223 544715) if you are able to attend one of these focus groups. Places will be confirmed in early January, and thereafter allocated on a first-come-first served basis.