

## Technical Review of Approved Document B - workplan overview

- MHCLG is undertaking a programme of research to inform policy options for changes to Approved Document B.
- This research programme covers a series of discrete, but interconnected, workstreams that reflect the range of advice covered by Approved Document B.\*
- All workstreams are being taken forward as a priority but due to the nature of work involved, outcomes are expected to be delivered in phases. The sequencing of research outcomes is shown by theme and anticipated duration of research in the table below.\*\*

Aspect of ADB to be reviewed	Anticipated duration of the research being commissioned to inform the review		
	Short term	Medium term	Longer term
Property protection Purpose groups Age distribution Construction details			
Access and facilities for the FRS Balconies Specialised housing and care homes Trigger heights and thresholds Means of escape for disabled people			
Means of escape in blocks of flats Smoke and toxicity Classification of external wall construction review Compartmentation and fire resistance Construction technologies and design Basements Space separation			

\*The scope of the review was informed by responses received to the Government's call for evidence:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/technical-review-of-approved-document-b-of-the-building-regulations-a-call-for-evidence>

\*\* In some instances, initial research may indicate a need for further investigation.