



Homes &  
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Agency

## **THE REGULATOR OF SOCIAL HOUSING**

### **Decision Instrument**

Instrument number: 14

Title of Instrument: **Direction about notifications of disposal of social housing dwellings and of land other than a dwelling 2017**

## **Introduction**

- A Regulation of social housing in England under the Housing and Regeneration Act 2008 ('The Act') is the responsibility of the Homes and Community Agency acting through its Regulation Committee ('the Regulator').
- B The Act was amended by the Housing and Planning Act 2016 ('the HPA 2016'). The changes made include the:
- removal of the Regulator's disposal consent powers;
  - introduction of new requirements for private registered providers of social housing ('PRPs') to notify the Regulator of disposals of social housing dwellings in addition to existing requirements about notification of disposal of land other than a dwelling by non-profit PRPs;
  - introduction of a power for the Regulator to direct PRPs about the period within which notification must be made and/or content of such notifications; and
  - introduction of a power for the Regulator to direct that the requirement for notification is dispensed with.
- C The purpose of this document is to issue the directions made by the Regulator pursuant to its powers under section 176 of the Act.

- D The Regulation Committee has taken decisions to direct PRPs about the notifications they are required to make to the Regulator; and/or to dispense with notification requirements and to issue 'Guidance for private registered providers on how to notify the regulator about the disposal of social housing dwellings'.
- E The Regulator will make arrangements for bringing the direction to the attention of every PRP to which it applies.

## Decision

Date decision made: 14 March 2017


Decision made by: Regulation Committee

1	The Regulator, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 176 of the Act has made Directions in relation to notifications by PRPs pursuant to the requirements of the HRA 2008 in relation to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Disposals of social housing dwellings</li><li>• Disposals by non-profit PRPs of land that is not a dwelling</li></ul>
2	The direction comes into force on 6 April 2017

## Authentication

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Signature: 

## **Schedule 1 to Decision Instrument 14**

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