



Changes to regulatory data returns for 2021/22

Introduction

This note provides an overview of the changes to data returns for 2021/22. These changes have been made to ensure that they continue to most effectively support our operational approach and reflect provider structures and risks.

Key messages

The following points are applicable to all returns:

- Timely and accurate data submission is a cornerstone of the co-regulatory settlement and we rely on the information you supply us to ensure proportionate and risk-based regulation. Failure to provide accurate and timely data may be reflected in our judgement of a provider's compliance with the regulatory standards. Following the 2021 Statistical Data Return (SDR) collection the regulator will publish a list of all late or missing returns as it did in 2020.
- It is essential that providers read the guidance available on the NROSH+ website prior to starting any of the returns.
- Providers have a responsibility to correctly categorise and record their stock according to the latest applicable legislation. We ask that you pay particular attention to the classification of units to ensure they align with the 2020 rent standard.
- During the checking of submissions, we may contact some providers to discuss their data returns before signing them off for further analysis. Subsequently, we may contact a minority of providers where there are any regulatory issues arising from this analysis of the validated data.
- Please access NROSH+ via <https://nroshplus.regulatorofsocialhousing.org.uk/>. For help and advice please refer to the guidance available and contact the Referrals and Regulatory Enquiries Team (NROSHenquiries@rsh.gov.uk and 0300 1245 225).

Financial data

The regulator will keep the same suite of standard financial data returns that we collected in 2020/21 (Financial Forecast Return (FFR); Electronic Annual Accounts (EVA) and Quarterly Survey (QS)).

FFR

Minimal changes have been made to the FFR in 2021. The adjustments are primarily to ensure that the data requested is relevant to the current operating environment.

FVA

There are no changes to the FVA since 2020. Guidance notes have been updated and providers should refer to these to ensure continued quality in data submission.

QS

The Quarterly Survey will continue to collect data on key financial indicators and emergent sector risks.

Please refer to the RSH website for our interim correspondence arrangements during the current period of social isolation due to Covid-19. If you need to contact us by post, you should do so via the Leeds address: Regulator of Social Housing, 1st Floor, Lateral, 8 City Walk, Leeds LS11 9AT.

However, please note that post may not reach us in a timely manner or at all, and contact via email would be safer.



Statistical data

The following changes have been made to update terminology and to ensure the SDR continues to provide us with data required to support our operational activity.

Part 1: Entity level information

- Q3 has been modified to seek only confirmation of Almshouse classification.

Part 2: Low cost rental and rents

- Q2 has been reordered and the Affordable Rent category has been split to provide details on Affordable Rent general needs and Affordable Rent supported housing. Validations have been updated to reflect this change across this and the Affordable Rent section.
- Age bands relating to date of construction (Q6) have been modified and expanded to allow for recording of units constructed after 2020.
- Terminology in rent questions (Q10 to Q14) has been updated to reflect the terminology used in the 2020 Rent Standard and to reflect the rollout of Universal Credit.

Part 7: Affordable Rent

- Age bands relating to date of construction (Q3) have been modified and expanded to allow for recording of units constructed after 2020.

Part 8: Small provider stock and rents data

- Q1 has been reordered and the Affordable Rent category has been split to provide details on Affordable Rent general needs and Affordable Rent supported housing. Validations have been updated to reflect this change across this and the Affordable Rent section.

For more details on the SDR questions and changes please refer to the SDR Guidance materials available on the NROSH+ website including the **Changes for 2021 Collection document**¹.

Disposal notifications

Providers are required to notify us about disposals made in line with our Direction on disposal notification. The Direction and supporting guidance, available on our website, sets out the detail of what must be notified and the type of information that must be provided. Providers should read the Direction and associated guidance on NROSH+ prior to completion of the Disposal Notification Form.

Other returns

The Coronavirus Operational Response Survey (CORS) is currently under review and subject to what we see in CORS returns for the period up to and including 31 March 2021, we intend to withdraw this survey at that time. The next planned CORS, covering the period up to and including 31 March, will launch on 1 April 2021 with a deadline of 9 April 2021. We will confirm our position on further CORS before the end of April 2021.

Organisational data

The NROSH+ website requires your organisation to enter and maintain a suite of organisational and contact details. It is the responsibility of each individual provider to ensure that this contact information is kept updated and accurate throughout the year. This is important because we use this information to contact your organisation on regulatory matters. We take our duties in relation to data protection seriously, but to do this we rely on providers updating their contact information in a timely fashion. Guidance on how to access and amend this data is available on the NROSH+ website.

¹ <https://nroshplus.regulatorofsocialhousing.org.uk/>