



Changes to regulatory data returns for 2022/23

Introduction

This note provides an overview of the changes to data returns for 2022/23. 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 published judgement of a provider's compliance with the regulatory standards. Following the 2022 Statistical Data Return (SDR) collection the regulator will publish a list of all late or missing returns as it did in earlier years.
- 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.
- We also ask that you focus attention on your reporting of decent homes non-compliance to ensure that the submitted figures are an accurate reflection of your stock's performance against the requirements of the Decent Homes 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 2021 (Financial Forecast Return (FFR); Electronic Annual Accounts (FVA) and Quarterly Survey (QS)).

FFR

A small number of changes have been made to the FFR in 2022. The adjustments are primarily to ensure that the data requested is relevant to the current operating environment.

FVA

Minimal changes have been made to the FVA in 2022. Guidance notes will be updated, and providers should refer to these to ensure continued quality in data submission. The new Accounting Direction (published in January 2022¹) is applicable to accounting periods commencing 1 January 2022 and later.

¹ [Accounting Direction 2022 for private registered providers of social housing \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)



However, earlier adoption is encouraged, and it is recommended the Direction is reviewed alongside FVA submission.

QS

The Quarterly Survey will continue to collect data on key financial indicators and emergent sector risks. Guidance notes will be updated on a quarterly basis and providers should always refer to these to see if there are any changes to our requirements.

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

- Q20-Q23 have been modified to better capture contact details for fees and invoicing.

Part 3: Low cost home ownership

- Q2 has a text box added for providers to give a brief explanation for adjustments made to the number of units recorded in the previous SDR.
- Q5 has been reworked so that sales where the maximum allowable share has been sold, but where this is less than 100% of the equity, are excluded from the total sales.
- Q9 has a new line to allow the recording of the number of LCHO units in each ownership/management category where the maximum share that can be bought has been bought by the tenant (but where the maximum share is less than 100% of the equity).
- Q11 has two new columns to allow the recording of the number of LCHO units in each ownership/management category where the maximum share that can be bought has been bought by the tenant (but where the maximum share is less than 100% of the equity).

Part 6: Stock balance sheet

- Q2 a text box has been added for providers to give a brief explanation for adjustments made to the number of units recorded in the previous SDR.

Part 8: Small provider stock and rents data

- Q2 has a new line to allow the recording of the number of LCHO units in each ownership/management category where the maximum share that can be bought has been bought by the tenant (where the maximum share is less than 100% of the equity).

For more details on the SDR questions and changes please refer to the SDR Guidance materials available on the NROSH+ website including the **Changes to the SDR for 2022** document².

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.

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.

² Available from the document and templates section of NROSH+ <https://nroshplus.regulatorofsocialhousing.org.uk/>