

## Consultations and Publications Aug 2010

### New consultations

**Title** ..... **Equity and excellence: Liberating the NHS**  
**Outline** ..... Secretary of State for Health Andrew Lansley today set out the Government's ambitious plans to reform the NHS during this Parliament and for the long-term. The White Paper 'Equity and Excellence: Liberating the NHS' published today, details how power will be devolved from Whitehall to patients and professionals.  
 Professionals will be free to focus on improving health outcomes so that these are amongst the best in the world. Improving the quality of care will become the main purpose of the NHS. Patients will get more choice and control, backed by an information revolution, so that services are more responsive to patients and designed around them, rather than patients having to fit around services. The principle will be "no decisions about me without me".  
 Under the new plans, patients will be able to choose which GP practice they register with, regardless of where they live, and choose between consultant-led teams. More comprehensive and transparent information, such as patients' own ratings, will help them make these choices together with healthcare professionals.  
 Groups of GPs will be given freedom and responsibility for commissioning care for their local communities. Providers of services will have new freedoms and they will be more accountable. There will be greater competition in the NHS and greater cooperation. Services will be more joined up, supported by a new role for Local Authorities to support integration across health and social care.  
 As a result of the changes, the NHS will be streamlined with fewer layers of bureaucracy. Strategic Health Authorities and Primary Care Trusts will be phased out. Management costs will be reduced so that as much resource as possible supports frontline services. The reforms build on changes started under the previous Government.  
 Today's White Paper is the start of an extensive consultation that will take place over the coming weeks. So far these include:

#### DH Draft Structural Reform Plan

**Outline:** The draft Structural Reform Plan provides further information on indicative timetables for elements of the implementation of the coalition agreement. The actions and timetable will be subject to decisions in the autumn Spending Review, and the Government's overall priority of deficit reduction. Read the document itself or comment on its contents in our commentable version.

**Web link:** [DH draft Structural Reform Plan](#)

#### Transparency in outcomes - a framework for the NHS

**Outline:** The White Paper set out how the Secretary of State for Health will hold the NHS Commissioning Board to account for delivering better health outcomes through a national NHS Outcomes Framework. We are now launching a full consultation and engagement process on how we should develop the NHS Outcomes Framework.

**Web link:** [Transparency and outcomes: a framework for the NHS](#)

**Published:** 19/07/2010

**Deadline date** 11 October 2010

#### Increasing democratic legitimacy in health

**Outline:** This consultation builds on the proposals in the White Paper to increase local democratic legitimacy in health. This will be achieved through local authorities: i) being given a stronger role in supporting patient choice and ensuring effective local voice ii) taking on local public health improvement functions, and iii) promoting more effective NHS, social care and public health commissioning arrangements.

**Web link:** [Increasing democratic legitimacy in health](#)

**Published:** 22/07/2010

**Deadline date** 11 October 2010

#### Commissioning for patients

**Outline:** The Government's White Paper, Equality and excellence: liberating the NHS, published on 12 July, sets out proposals for putting local consortia of GP practices in charge of commissioning services to best meet the needs of local people, supported by an independent NHS Commissioning Board. DH is now launching a consultation and engagement process on how we should implement these proposals.

**Web link:** [Commissioning for patients](#)

**Published:** 22/07/2010

**Deadline date** 11 October 2010

#### Regulating healthcare providers

**Outline:** This document is part of a public consultation on implementation of proposals in the White Paper and supporting papers. It further outlines proposals on foundation trusts and the establishment of Monitor as an independent economic regulator for health and adult social care. It seeks views on specific consultation questions

**Web link:** [Regulating healthcare providers](#)

**Published:** 26/07/2010

Deadline date	11 October 2010
<b>Supporting document: <i>Improving your NHS: what can you expect?</i></b>	
Outline:	A simple leaflet summarising the vision set out in Equity and excellence: Liberating the NHS.
Web link	<a href="#">Improving your NHS: what can you expect</a>
Published:	27/07/2010
Web link to general press release .....	<a href="http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/MediaCentre/Pressreleases/DH_117360">http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/MediaCentre/Pressreleases/DH_117360</a>
Links to further papers .....	<a href="http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Healthcare/LiberatingtheNHS/index.htm">http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Healthcare/LiberatingtheNHS/index.htm</a>
Date published.....	12 July 2010
Closing date for consultation .....	11 Oct 2010

Title .....	<b>Supporting the Localism agenda - a skills analysis consultation</b>
Outline .....	<p>The Homes and communities Agency is carrying out a skills analysis consultation on the Place Making agenda. This is titled "Functional map consultation". The HCA's skills and knowledge team has created a draft functional map for place making to capture the breadth of activity in the sector and recognise the common skills and tasks that practitioners are using in their jobs. The map is the foundation of all qualification standards and the basis for identifying what skills and tasks are needed for people to do their jobs. This is your opportunity to provide feedback on the functional map or attend a consultation event in August 2010 to inform the development of this piece of work and ensure that it reflects the activities and skills involved in place making.</p> <p><b>What is a functional map and what will it achieve?</b> A functional map is the foundation of all skills and qualification standards. It is the basis for identifying what skills and tasks are needed for people to do their jobs. The map will define what skills are used and tasks completed commonly by people from across the sector and provide the starting point for the identification of existing, and development of new, National Occupational Standards (NOS). These standards explain what someone needs to know and be able to do to be competent in their job; they can be used to develop vocational qualifications, job descriptions, internal appraisal systems, person specifications and training programmes.</p> <p><b>How will it help?</b> Once we have a functional map, it will be possible to develop more fluid and modern career paths by defining a set of functions and future skills and tasks that organisations might want to develop. For individuals it will help them to identify where they are doing additional tasks, where they may be working at a higher level, where they may need to develop further and what tasks they might want to do in the future. For organisations it will help them to identify which functions staff are doing and how their skills can be developed further. New occupational standards will help organisations to work more effectively and efficiently.</p> <p><b>How do I complete the survey?</b> We'd be grateful if you would review the draft Functional Map for place making and provide your comments on the questions posed at the end of each section of the map by 31st August 2010. This should take about 30 minutes.</p> <p>You can respond to this consultation in two ways:</p> <p><b>Complete the questions on the functional map itself</b> Download the functional map and complete, save and then email the whole document to Adrian Smith at Pye Tait Consulting.</p> <p><b>Complete the online survey</b> Download the functional map to use as reference Use the information contained in this document to complete the online survey.</p> <p><b>AND you can attend a consultation event &amp; further information</b> Four consultation events are being held around the UK, if you are interested in attending, please email Adrian Smith at Pye Tait Consulting or call 01423 509 433. For England, it's at 110 Buckingham Palace Road, London, SW1W 9SA on <b>17th August 2010</b> 10am-2pm, with Lunch provided</p>
Web link .....	<a href="http://skills.homesandcommunities.co.uk/node/849">http://skills.homesandcommunities.co.uk/node/849</a>
Date published.....	June 2010
Deadline date.....	31 Aug 2010

Title .....	<b>21st Century Welfare</b>
Outline .....	<p>Consultation on a new welfare system. Through this consultation the Department for Work and Pensions seeks views to inform our thinking on reforms to the benefits and Tax Credits system, including the idea of a single integrated Universal Credit. The main consultation questions are:</p> <p><b>Q1.</b> What steps should the Government consider to reduce the cost of the welfare system and reduce welfare dependency and poverty?</p> <p><b>Q2.</b> Which aspects of the current benefits and Tax Credits system in particular lead to the widely held view that work does not pay for benefit recipients?</p> <p><b>Q3.</b> To what extent is the complexity of the system deterring some people from moving into work?</p> <p><b>Q4.</b> To what extent is structural reform needed to deliver customer service improvements, drive down administration costs and cut the levels of error, overpayments and fraud?</p> <p><b>Q5.</b> Has the Government identified the right set of principles to use to guide reform?</p> <p><b>Q6.</b> Would an approach along the lines of the models set out in chapter 3 improve work incentives and hence help the Government to reduce costs and tackle welfare dependency and poverty? Which elements would be most successful? What other approaches should the Government consider?</p>

- Q7. Do you think we should increase the obligations on benefit claimants who can work to take the steps necessary to seek and enter work?
- Q8. Do you think that we should have a system of conditionality which aims to maximise the amount of work a person does, consistent with their personal circumstances?
- Q9. If you agree that there should be greater localism what local flexibility would be required to deliver this?
- Q10. The Government is committed to delivering more affordable homes. How could reform best be implemented to ensure providers can continue to deliver the new homes we need and maintain the existing affordable homes?
- Q11. What would be the best way to organise delivery of a reformed system to achieve improvements in outcomes, customer service and efficiency?
- Q12. Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the proposals in this document?
- Please note: paper attached to consultation register on changes to Local Housing Allowances*
- Web link to consultation page..... <http://www.dwp.gov.uk/consultations/2010/21st-century-welfare/>
- Web link to documents itself ..... <http://www.dwp.gov.uk/docs/21st-century-welfare.pdf>
- Deadline date..... 1st October.

- Title..... **Guidance on Evaluating the Extent of Rough Sleeping**
- Outline ..... Main changes proposed to Evaluating the Extent of Rough Sleeping guidance
- Q1. Conducting street counts to be a choice for individual local authorities based on their assessment of whether the local rough sleeping problem justifies counting. Counts to no longer be required by CLG when local authorities assess that they have more than 10 rough sleepers as was previously the case.
- Q2. Local authorities should submit an estimate of the number of people rough sleeping on a typical night, in consultation with all agencies dealing with rough sleepers in their area, including the local community, to help compile and agree the figure.
- Q3. The definition of rough sleeper to be expanded. The definition of what constitutes being "bedded down" to be changed to include rough sleepers about to bed down (e.g. sitting or standing near their bedding but not actually lying down). The definition would specifically include people in tents (not on campsites or on organised protests).
- Q4. The proposed guidance encourages neighbouring authorities to count on the same night and to count on a sub-regional or regional basis to avoid missing (or counting twice) rough sleepers who move back and forth between local authority areas.
- Q5. It also proposes an update to the recommended starting time for counts to 2.00am as the current start time of midnight means many rough sleepers are not yet bedded down (e.g. in city centres) and are not therefore being counted.
- Q6. CLG will no longer provide officials to attend and oversee that counts are being conducted in accordance with the agreed methodology. The responsibility for providing independent verifiers to attend counts will become a responsibility of Homeless Link and they will draw volunteers from their member agencies and interested faith groups.
- Web link ..... <http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/housing/evaluatingroughsleeping>
- Deadline date..... 6th September

- Title..... **Consultation on the Regional Growth Fund**
- Outline ..... Consultation paper seeking views on the design of the Regional Growth Fund, which was announced in the budget on 22 June 2010.
- The Coalition Agreement committed the Government to "create a fairer and more balanced economy, where we are not so dependent on a narrow range of economic sectors, and where new businesses and economic opportunities are more evenly shared between regions and industries." On 29 June, the Deputy Prime Minister launched a £1 billion Regional Growth Fund to provide support for projects that offer significant potential for sustainable economic growth and can create new private sector employment. The fund will particularly help areas and communities currently dependent on the public sector make the transition to private sector led growth and prosperity.
- This is an informal consultation that sets out the Government's objectives for the fund and asks questions to support its detailed design. The timing of the consultation has been aligned with the request already made for proposals on local enterprise partnerships and therefore closes on 6 September 2010.
- Summary of consultation questions
- Q1. Are there benefits to be had from allocating different elements of the fund in different ways?
- Q2. What type of activities, that promote the objectives outlined above, should the fund support and how should the fund be best designed to facilitate this?
- Q3. Do you think that these are the right criteria for assessing bids to the Regional Growth Fund?
- Q4. Do you think we should operate a two-stage bidding process?
- Q5. Should a Regional Growth Fund become a long-term means of funding activity that promotes growth?
- Open date..... 23 Jul 2010
- Closing date..... 06 Sep 2010
- Web link ..... <http://www.bis.gov.uk/Consultations/regional-growth-fund-consultation?cat=open>

- Title..... **Local referendums to veto excessive council tax increases - Consultation**
- Outline ..... The Coalition Programme for Government included a commitment to give residents a veto over excessive increases in their council tax bill. This consultation document sets out the basic principles underpinning the proposed scheme, and seeks views on the practicality and technical feasibility of the mechanisms for triggering and holding a referendum. Questions for consultation: We welcome your views on the mechanics of the process outlined above – including whether there are any practical difficulties with the system proposed or any unforeseen implications. In particular we would welcome

responses to the following questions:

- Q1. Do you agree that local precepting authorities, such as town and parish councils, should be included within the provisions for council tax referendums? If so, are there details about the budget setting process for local precepting authorities which need to be taken into account? And will the 'double lock' mechanism work to protect the majority of town and parish councils?
- Q2. Are the Local Authorities (Conduct of Referendums) (England) Regulations 2007 the right model for organising and administering council tax referendums?
- Q3. Are there any practical difficulties in requiring council tax referendums to take place no later than the first Thursday of May?
- Q4. What are the advantages and disadvantages of holding a council tax referendum on the same day as another local referendum, or jointly with a local and/or general election? Current regulations allow for higher expenses per elector in a referendum than in a local election – would this raise any concerns if both votes are held on the same day?
- Q5. What provision, if any, should be made for properties where the council tax payer is not a local elector?
- Q6. Does the timetable at Annex A provide sufficient stability and certainty for local authorities when planning their budgets? Does it provide sufficient time to organise and administer referendums?
- Q7. Is it right to give local authorities the discretion to issue new bills immediately, offer refunds at the end of the year or allow credits against liability in the following year?
- Q8. How should billing authorities treat bank interest earned on excessive increases that have been rejected in a referendum?
- Q9. What practical difficulties, if any, would there be for a billing authority seeking to recoup the cost of a referendum held on behalf of one or more precepting authorities?
- Q10. Are there any technical difficulties with the removal of alternative notional amount reports?
- Q11. With the abolition of capping, is there any reason why authorities should be required to calculate a budget requirement each year?

Web link ..... <http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/localgovernment/vetocounciltaxincreasesconsult>

Published ..... 30 July 2010

Deadline date ..... 10th September 2010

Title ..... **Cambridgeshire Supporting People strategy**

Outline The Supporting People Commissioning Strategy sets out the strategic direction of the programme in Cambridgeshire until a full review of the SP strategy takes place in 2010. A draft Strategy for 2010-15 has been agreed for formal consultation by the Supporting People Commissioning Body and endorsed by the Community Well-being Partnership Board. The Strategy is available on Cambridgeshire County Council's website, along with a letter explaining the consultation process and a questionnaire to help provide feedback.

The main aim of the consultation is to:

- \* Inform the delivery plan
- \* Establish whether there are other local objectives the programme can contribute to
- \* Ascertain what other personal outcomes the programme should focus on
- \* Confirm views on where we aim to be in five years time
- \* Seek views on other improvements that that should be included
- \* Ascertain how the SP programme could better meet your objectives
- \* Ask whether there are any other more relevant case studies that could be included.

**Aim 1 – Deliver more flexible and preventative services to improve the outcomes for the residents in Cambridgeshire**

- Q1 How could greater user control and direction be incorporated into housing support services? For example, clients. How can we ensure an improved focus on "how" people live, not just "where" people live?
- Q2 How would you like to see the role of housing related support develop over the next five years? (see figure on page 35 of the strategy)

**Aim 2 – Improve the quality of services and ensure the market is developed and managed appropriately to improve the outcomes for the residents of Cambridgeshire**

- Q3 Apart from additional funding, how would you like to see the quality of services improved and maintained?
- Q4 What improvements/changes would you like to see in the provision of services and how the provider market is managed?

**Aim 3 – Develop stronger partnership working to improve the outcomes for the residents of Cambridgeshire.**

- Q5 What examples are there of services that also have a focus on improving independence and how could they be delivered more closely with Supporting People?
- Q6 In your view, are there keys areas which should be prioritised beyond the Local Area Agreement (LAA) and why are these important?
- Q7 Are you aware of preventative services that could be delivered or jointly commissioned by the SP programme? Please provide some detail.
- Q8 Are there ways in which the programme could contribute to these more effectively?

**Aim 4 – Achieve a balanced budget within 3 years for achievement of the Priority Aims to be sustainable**

- Q9 What examples and evidence can be given to illustrate that it is worth investing more in housing support to deliver common objectives?
- Q10 We do not believe the Strategy discriminates any of the groups supported by the Supporting People programme – do you agree? If not, how does it discriminate, and what changes could we make to ensure that the strategy does not discriminate against any of the groups the programme aims to support?

Q11 Please provide any other additional comments you would like to make

Web link to general page ..... <http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/social/supportingpeople/schsupstratrevs.htm>

Web link to draft strategy ..... <http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/NR/rdonlyres/0A49A322-8EEE-4D8D-BE42-A1FCBF5E4088/0/SupportingPeopleStrategy20102015draft.pdf>

Web link to covering letter ..... <http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/NR/rdonlyres/019296E0-830F-4D79-AB33-3078C7A46A2A/0/Lettertoconsultees.doc>

Web link to questionnaire ..... <http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/NR/rdonlyres/805FE22B-A21F-482D-A583-A24F94536030/0/SPStrategyConsultationquestions.doc>

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Deadline date ..... 30th September 2010

## New publications

Title .....	<b>HCA Annual Report and Financial Statements 2009/10</b>
Outline .....	This is the annual report and financial statements for the Homes and Communities Agency in 2009-10. It also explains the department's role as an investment and enabling agency and describes the impact they are having on local communities around the country.
Web link .....	<a href="http://www.homesandcommunities.co.uk/annual-report-2010.htm">http://www.homesandcommunities.co.uk/annual-report-2010.htm</a>
Date published.....	29 July 2010

Title .....	<b>Homes and Communities Agency: Empty Homes</b>
Outline .....	This page sets out the Homes and Communities Agency's approach to housing and regeneration in response to the government's empty homes policy.
In April this year, we set out a delivery framework for the Empty Homes Capacity Building Programme (CBP). The programme was established following the allocation of £1m from the Communities and Local Government Department (CLG) to provide extra support for 17 local authorities <sup>1</sup> to drive efforts to get more empty homes back into use. And we've invested an additional £130,000 to build capacity in a further 60 local authorities <sup>2</sup> . The year-long programme will deliver bespoke skills, knowledge support and training for 17 local authorities, and a one-day training programme for 60 local authorities. We will also produce an E-learning module, an empty homes toolkit and GIS mapping of long-term empty homes. These tools will be part of the legacy of the CBP and will be available to internal and external stakeholders.	
On-line debate	As part of the programme we're hosting an on-line debate - How to Maximise the Use of Empty Homes? The debate runs until 31 August and will explore new ways to help bring more private sector homes back into use in the current economic climate. It will also address the key challenges that local authorities face, highlight innovative practice and generate practical solutions. To voice your opinion, visit <a href="#">Debate Place</a>
Web link .....	<a href="http://www.homesandcommunities.co.uk/Empty-homes">http://www.homesandcommunities.co.uk/Empty-homes</a>
Date published.....	28 July 2010

Title .....	<b>Decent Homes Need Decent Spaces: An action plan to improve the quality of open spaces within social housing areas</b>
Outline .....	CABE research considers how social landlords can provide more opportunities for people to enjoy the space on their doorsteps, whether they want to relax, experience nature, grow vegetables, play, compete in sport, or just chat with their neighbours. It sets out 10 priorities for change.
Web link .....	<a href="#">Decent Homes Need Decent Spaces: An action plan to improve the quality of open spaces within social housing areas (HTML format)</a>
Date published.....	6 July 2010

Title .....	<b>Rough Sleeping England - Total Street Count and Estimates 2010</b>
Outline .....	The Rough Sleeping England - Total Street Count 2010 statistical release, classified as Experimental Official Statistics, was published on 15 July 2010. Then on 23 July 2010, a further statistical release Rough Sleeping England - Total Street Count and Estimates 2010 was published, also classified as Experimental Official Statistics. The Rough Sleeping England - Total Street Count and Estimates 2010 table provides a breakdown of the 2010 total street count figure by local authority and the results of the street counts from 1998 to 2009 (as published on 15 July); and new rough sleeping estimates as at June 2010 for local authorities that did not carry out a count between January 2009 and May 2010. Key points from the 2010 Rough Sleeping Total Street Count and Estimates table are: * The 2010 total of street counts in authorities with a known or suspected rough sleeping problem was 440. This is down slightly on the 2009 total of 464 and is the lowest total count since the current methodology was introduced in 1998. * 70 local authorities conducted a street count. For the first time the 256 authorities that did not count were asked to provide estimates of the number of people sleeping rough on any given night. * Total of the estimates of rough sleepers in the 256 authorities that did not conduct a count was 807. * Combined total of estimates and counts of rough sleepers in England in 2010 was 1,247; this comprised 440 from the 70 authorities that conducted a count and 807 from the 256 authorities that provided estimates.

<sup>1</sup> Torbay, St Helens, Ipswich, Mansfield and Bolsover, Luton, Bolton, Liverpool, Stoke, Doncaster, Corby, East Northamptonshire and South Northamptonshire, MK, Durham, Cornwall and Warwick

<sup>2</sup> Babaergh, Bassettlaw, Boston, Breckland, Broxtowe, Chesterfield, Christchurch, Copeland, Crawley, Dacorum, Daventry, East Dorset, Eden, Forest Heath, Gedling, Halton, Hambleton, Harlow, Havent, High Peak, Hincely, Kings Lynn, Lichfield, Malvern, Mole Valley, Newark and Sherwood, N E Derbyshire, North Herts, North Norfolk, North Shropshire, North Somerset, Northumberland, North Wiltshire, Oadby, Reading, Redditch, Richmondshire, Rutland, Ryedale, Sedgemoor, South Cambs, South Shropshire, Surrey Heath, Tamworth, Tendring, Tewksbury, Tynedale, Uttlesford, Wansbeck, Waverly, Welwyn and Hatfield, West Dorset, West Oxford, Winchester, Wokingham

District/ borough	Count or estimate	Date of count
Cambridge	6	22/04/2010
Fenland	1	Est.
East Cambridgeshire	4	Est.
Huntingdonshire	3	Est.
South Cambridgeshire	0	Est.
Forest Heath	3	Est.
St Edmundsbury	0	Est.

Web link ..... <http://www.communities.gov.uk/documents/statistics/xls/1648099.xls>  
 Date published ..... 23 July 2010

**Title** ..... **Rural housing: Save our villages campaign**  
**Outline** ..... NHF website: We want to halt the decline of rural England. That's why we are campaigning to ensure every rural area is covered by an action plan for affordable homes. We are urging local authorities to review housing needs in rural areas every three years and to publish a plan to show how that need will be met.  
 \* Find out more [about the campaign](#)  
 \* Read the [Summer 2010 campaign newsletter](#) (PDF, opens new window)  
 \* [Get involved](#) and support the Save our villages campaign  
 \* Use our [resources](#) to help promote the campaign in your area  
 What's new: Farmers fear being priced out of the countryside by shortage of affordable homes, 12 July 2010. Young farmers face being priced out of the countryside by a chronic shortage of affordable housing – threatening the future of countryside life, a coalition of leading farming and housing groups warned today. Read more [latest news](#)  
 \* Supporter map: Whether you are a housing association, MP, councillor or a member of the public, please show your support for the campaign by adding your name to our interactive [supporter map](#).  
**General web link** ..... <http://www.housing.org.uk/rural>

**Title** ..... **Affordable Housing – keeping villages alive**  
**Outline** ..... The CRC has been very pleased to be able to work with the NHF, CPRE, the Countryside Alliance, and ACRE in producing a new report. Dr. Stuart Burgess, today, has launched *Affordable Housing – keeping villages alive*. Over the last year the NHF has been working on raising the profile of affordable rural housing as a means to creating more vibrant and sustainable rural communities. Villages have a long history of resilience and self help. In tackling today's challenges, many rural communities have identified affordable housing as part of the solution. Typically, just a handful of well designed homes can help sustain more local services and jobs for local people. The current reality is that there is a massive shortage of rural affordable housing. Rural council waiting lists show a marked increase from 428,045 in 2005 to 474,970 in 2008 – a growth of 11%. Affordable housing provides decent homes to people who have been priced out of the open market. It is particularly important in rural areas, where house prices are significantly higher than the national average but household incomes are lower. The booklet shows how a small number of new affordable homes in villages can ensure rural England has a bright future.  
**Web link** ..... [Download 'Affordable Housing – keeping villages alive'](#)  
**Date published** ..... 13 July 2010

**Title** ..... **HCA monthly housing market research**  
**Outline** ..... The HCA regularly produce reports analysing trends in the housing market, the economy and the housebuilders industry. These reports help inform our regeneration and housing projects and are available here for external reference. The Housing Market Bulletin provides the latest information on the housing market, the economy and the housebuilding industry. The information is drawn from several different sources. It includes:  
 \* House price changes from top house price indices including Nationwide, Halifax, Land Registry, RICS  
 \* Housing market forecasts  
 \* Housing starts and completions as reported by Communities and Local Government and updates on key housebuilders  
 \* Mortgage trends and overall economy information  
**Announcement** ..... [http://www.homesandcommunities.co.uk/housing\\_market\\_research](http://www.homesandcommunities.co.uk/housing_market_research)  
**Web link** ..... [http://www.homesandcommunities.co.uk/public/documents/Monthly\\_Housing\\_Bulletin\\_June\\_2010.pdf](http://www.homesandcommunities.co.uk/public/documents/Monthly_Housing_Bulletin_June_2010.pdf)  
**Date published** ..... 30 June 2010

**Title** ..... **HCA: surplus public sector land**  
**Outline** ..... The Homes and Communities Agency works closely with the government and local authorities to develop surplus public sector land for new and affordable housing. This page gives more information.

For our sub-region, it includes:

**The Register of Surplus Public Sector Land - June 2010**

County	Local Authority	Originating Body	Description	Town	Area (ha)
Cambridgeshire	East Cambridgeshire	Defence estates	Married quarters housing	Ely	0.26
Cambridgeshire	East Cambridgeshire	Forest Enterprise England	Ditton Park Woodland	Newmarket	74.00
Suffolk	Forest Heath	Suffolk Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust	Detached former residential property for people with learning disabilities-8 occupants Edwardian with large rear garden	Newmarket	0.09
Cambridgeshire	Huntingdonshire	Ministry of Defence	Sewage treatment works at RAF Molesworth	Molesworth	0.76
Cambridgeshire	Huntingdonshire	Ministry of Defence	Agricultural land (residual from original site which included 28 houses).	Ramsey	3.68
Cambridgeshire	Huntingdonshire	Ministry of Defence	RAF Brampton	Brampton	31.93
Cambridgeshire	Huntingdonshire	HQ	Site of former Hinchingsbrooke Health Centre	Huntingdon	0.72
Cambridgeshire	Huntingdonshire	Defence Estates Molesworth	Sewage Treatment Works	Huntingdon	0.76
Cambridgeshire	South Cambridgeshire	Defence Estates	Office Building and grounds	Cambridge	3.72
Suffolk	St Edmundsbury	British Railways Board (Residuary) Ltd	Bury St Edmunds: Part of goods yard	Bury St Edmunds	0.60
Suffolk	St Edmundsbury	Suffolk PCT	Thingoe House	Bury St Edmunds	0.47
Suffolk	St Edmundsbury	Suffolk Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust	144a is a 2 storey end terrace house built about 35 years ago	Haverhill	0.03
Suffolk	St Edmundsbury	Defence Estates	Stradishall Army Training Area	Stradishall	225.00

Web link ..... [Homes and Communities Agency: Surplus public sector land](#)

Date published ..... 25 June 2010

Title ..... **St Edmundsbury's Local Investment Plan (draft)**

Outline ..... Sharing this link to help other districts in the sub-region see St Edmundsbury's work so far on the almost-complete LIP. Final version to be launched imminently. Link takes the reader to draft LIP for member approval.

Web link ..... [http://www.stedmundsbury.gov.uk/sebc/live/councildiary/report\\_display.cfm?Report=5954&themeeting=1448&com=Cabinet&datecom=2010-07-28%2000:00:00.0&timecom=1900-01-01%2017:00:00.0&comnumber=72](http://www.stedmundsbury.gov.uk/sebc/live/councildiary/report_display.cfm?Report=5954&themeeting=1448&com=Cabinet&datecom=2010-07-28%2000:00:00.0&timecom=1900-01-01%2017:00:00.0&comnumber=72)

Date published ..... Not finalised for publication yet