

Summary of 2025/26 changes – CORE Lettings

The 2025/26 CORE lettings collection will open on 1 April 2025.

Ahead of this, we have published the new 2025/26 lettings:

- questions
- bulk upload template
- bulk upload specification.

You should use these for any new tenancies starting on or after 1 April 2025.

You can find these materials under ‘Collection resources’ on the homepage of the CORE service [Submit social housing lettings and sales data \(CORE\) - GOV.UK](#)

This document lists the major changes for 25/26. Changes from 24/25 are shown in red in the paper forms and bulk upload materials.

Overarching

We no longer require CORE logs for tenancies in care homes.

Question numbers have been adjusted to ensure continuous numbering beginning at 1.

Set up this lettings log

Q8 – What is the rent type?

New response option:

(7) Specified accommodation – exempt accommodation, managed properties, refuges and local authority hostels

Property information

Question re-ordering

The following questions:

- Is this the first time the property has been let as social housing?
- What is the reason for the property being vacant?
- What type was the property most recently let as?

now start the section, followed by UPRN and the remaining questions as before.

Q14 – What type was the property most recently let as?

New response option:

(9) Specified accommodation – exempt accommodation, managed properties, refuges and local authority hostels

Q25 – Is this property older people’s housing? (Supported housing only)

Question wording updated from: Is this letting in sheltered accommodation?

Hint text updated to: This includes retirement living, sheltered housing and extra care housing. There is no national set limit for “older people”, please answer based on your own policies.

New response options:

(7) Yes – for tenants with low support needs

(8) Yes – other

Dropped response options:

(1) Yes – specialist retirement housing

(5) Yes – sheltered housing for adults aged under 55 years

(6) Yes – sheltered housing for adults aged 55 years or over who are not retired

Question has been moved from ‘Set up this lettings log’ to ‘Property information’.

Household characteristics

Q35 – What is the lead tenant’s nationality?

The question looks different on the paper form as we have removed the long list of nationalities to save space. However there is no material change.

In the online form, users still start typing the nationality and choose from the drop-down options.

For bulk upload, the 3-digit codes are still required and which are listed in the bulk upload specification.

Q37 etc. – Is person X the partner of the lead tenant?

Question wording updated from: What is the relationship of person X to the lead tenant?

All existing response categories dropped and replaced with new categories:

- (1) Yes
- (2) No
- (3) Tenant prefers not to say

Household situation

Q75 – How long has the household been on the local authority housing register (or waiting list) for the area of the new letting?

Question wording updated to reflect terminology for housing registers.

New response option:

- (13) Household not on housing register (waiting list) for area

Q76 – What is the tenant’s main reason for the household leaving their last settled home?

New response option:

- (55) Leaving foster care or children’s home

Q77 – Where was the household immediately before this letting?

New response options:

- (38) Older people’s housing for tenants with low support needs
- (39) Sofa surfing (moving regularly between family and friends, no permanent bed)

Amended response option:

- (28) Living with friends or family (long-term)

Dropped response options:

- (34) Specialist retirement housing
- (36) Sheltered housing for adults under 55 years

Q84 – What was the source of referral for this letting?

Question follows a new layered structure. New response categories also introduced.

New structure:

Direct

NEW (20) Homeless households owed a duty and not on a housing register on waiting list

AMENDED (2) Tenant applied directly for an available property

(8) Relocated through official housing mobility scheme

From a local authority housing register or waiting list

NEW (21) Local authority lettings

(3) PRP lettings nominated by a local authority

(4) PRP supported lettings referred by a local authority

NEW (22) Other

From a PRP-only housing register or waiting list (no local authority involvement)

AMENDED (1) Internal transfer from another property with the same landlord

AMENDED (10) A different PRP landlord

NEW (23) Other

Health and social care services

(15) Health service

(9) Community learning disability team

(14) Community mental health team

NEW (24) Adult social services

(17) Children's social care

Police, probation, prison or youth offending team

(18) With a custodial sentence

(19) No custodial sentence

(7) Voluntary agency

(16) Other

Income, benefits and outgoings

Dropped questions

Is this accommodation a care home?

How much does the household pay (care home charges)?