



Homelessness Prevention and Advice

Meet all the requirements of the
Homelessness Reduction Act
with our latest upgrade

- ✔ Tried and Tested System
- ✔ Developed with DCLG Trailblazer partners
- ✔ Fully Configurable
- ✔ Standalone module

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The Homelessness Reduction Act (HRACT) received Royal Assent on April 27, 2017. The Government is still to decide when to enact the new legislation. Many commentators anticipate it will be brought in by next Spring.

We are told that during the transitional period DCLG advisers will actively provide support and advice to local authorities to help them prepare.

£60 million of additional funding has also been ring-fenced to help cover implementation costs.

The Act fundamentally changes the homelessness legislation by introducing a statutory duty to help prevent applicants from losing their home and requiring action to help secure accommodation for applicants who are homeless. The new duties are 'blind' to whether an applicant has a priority need.

Local authorities have an excellent record for working successfully to prevent homelessness. However, there will be a need to look at wider Housing Options Structure, Triage arrangements and review the approach to prevention and working processes.

All Housing Options staff and other relevant teams will need to be fully trained on the new law, the prevention duties and how to implement the many other changes that the Act will make to the way the Part 7 statutory tests are assessed and applied.

Locata has worked with housing consultant Andy Gale to develop a brand-new set of Preventing Homelessness toolkits to help local authorities prepare for the changes.



**The HRACT-Ready toolkits
can be downloaded for FREE
at the Locata website**

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Homelessness Prevention and Advice

The fully integrated system for the step-by-step management of homelessness applicants

We've got the new Act covered

Our Homelessness Prevention and Advice system is tried and tested and extremely cost effective

- It was built at the request of our local authority partners
- Our Practitioner Partners guided us in the design of the system
- Launched in 2008 - more than 60 local authorities now use it
- The system is at the heart of our development relationship with DCLG Trailblazers
- An HRACT-Ready upgrade will be available in early 2018

And because we are a not-for-profit company owned by local authorities and RPs, we are required by our Board to share the benefits of the Practitioner-led upgrade to the HPA system



Configurable to your needs

- ✓ No installation costs
- ✓ No license fees for staff
- ✓ Annual support based on service required

Built around your requirement

- ✓ Built to meet your needs
- ✓ Configured to your specific service requirements
- ✓ Pre-designed specification for HRACT

Scheme approach for multiple partners

- ✓ Large scheme capability
- ✓ Single partners within a large scheme
- ✓ Standalone deployment where required

Tailorable customer outcomes

- ✓ Advice and Information
- ✓ Temporary Accommodation
- ✓ Referrals
- ✓ Outcome Notices

Customer focused portal

- ✓ Personal housing plan access
- ✓ Document uploads
- ✓ Latest application status
- ✓ Digital information delivery

HRA Application process

- ✓ Customisable Form
- ✓ Workflow enabled

More than 60 local authorities currently use our HPA software

We've got all the pieces in place

Our Homelessness Prevention and Advice system (HPA) is tried and tested. More than 60 local authorities already use it to carry out all the activities associated with the recording, management, monitoring and prevention of homelessness

We are now busy working with all our Practitioner Partners to finalise the upgrade to the system required by the **Homelessness Reduction Act** (HRACT)

Our Trailblazer programme with the DCLG is in full flow and we expect to be testing the HRACT-Ready Homelessness Prevention and Advice system in September 2017 – ready for roll out in early 2018

Don't start implementation of the Homelessness Reduction Act's requirements from scratch. We've got the HRACT covered:

- Fully configurable to your own system
- Integrates seamlessly with Housing Registers, Temporary Accommodation Management, Referrals, Social Lettings Agency
- Full management reporting - including P1e (England) and WHO12 (Wales) in seconds at the press of a button
- Digital communications hub – letters, emails and texts
- Personal Housing Plans automatically generated
- Task-based workflow for easy case management
- Ability to upload documents

We're
**HRACT
READY**
are you?

Get a head start
contact our team today on

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