

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUESTS

A total of three FOI requests were made as a result of the failure of either DCLG or Tribal to place information on the monitoring and impact of the innovative £50 million EHCP programme into the public domain. These requests resulted in access to new information including:

- A) Tribal end of Programme report
- B) Tribal end of Programme survey
- C) An answer to specific questions on programme outcomes

While it is important that the FOI request has brought new information into the public domain, there is a need for caution in interpreting some of this material. A commentary and assessment by the research team has drawn out the key information on learning about EHCP and identified implications for future programmes.

## KEY LEARNING ABOUT EHCP

- **Nationally 1297 HOMES and 3025 BEDROOMS were brought back into use through EHCP. This leads Tribal to state the contribution of the programme to the supply of affordable housing as follows:**  
*‘although the statistics indicate that the number of affordable homes is decreasing, EHCP has made a small contribution by bringing 1297 affordable homes back into use’ (p.34).*
- **Table 9 of the end of programme report shows that in all regions except London and the South East, EHCP either met (within 5%) or exceeded the targets that had been set:**

*Table 9: – Programme targets and achievements by region at 31.03.15*

Region	Target Homes	Target bedrooms	% Homes achieved	% Bedrooms achieved
East Midlands	121	316	101.65%	100%
East	17	84	105.88%	102.38%
London	115	230	68.69%	69.13%
South East	17	76	94.11%	85.52%
South West	60	139	98.33%	104.31%
West Midlands	126	295	101.58%	103.05%
North West	253	616	101.18%	96.91%
Yorkshire & Humber	388	880	101.28%	100.56%
North East	228	498	99.56%	98.19%
Totals	1,325	3,134		

## **IMPLICATIONS FOR FUTURE PROGRAMME**

While there are no programme outturn figures on the mix of lease and repair and purchase and repair models in the end of programme report, Tribal draws on the end of programme survey to confirm the popularity of purchase and repair, confirming the findings of our own evaluation:

## **SOME ISSUES WITH THIS EVIDENCE**