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Dear Chief Executive

Transitional information on deregulatory measures and consultation on the Tenant Involvement and Empowerment (TIE) Standard

Today we have published information on the deregulatory measures and their immediate implications for registered providers. We have also launched a related consultation on some proposed revisions to the TIE Standard.

In summary, the following **legislative changes** will take effect on 6 April 2017:

- removal of the constitutional consents regime
- removal of the disposals consent regime
- introduction of new notification requirements
- the requirement for a decision on the registration of a new body arising from certain restructures
- changes in requirements about the Disposal Proceeds Fund (DPF)
- amendment of the power to appoint board members and managers.

We have published a [page on our website dedicated to deregulation](#) and any related changes to the Regulatory Framework. A detailed overview of the legislative changes is available on this page.

Until 6 April, the regulator's consents powers remain in force and we will continue operating the consents regime for both disposal and constitutional consents in line with the current statutory requirements.

Our webpage includes guidance setting out how we intend to approach the transition from the current consent regime to the new environment. It explains how we will approach applications in progress, for either disposal or constitutional consents and applies to ongoing restructures, including mergers.

You may need to consider the effect and/or the timing of the introduction of these changes on restructures or disposals due to be progressing over the next quarter. Where restructure applications are currently in progress, we expect to contact providers directly where we think the timing of the new requirements will impact on whether consent will still be required.

We will update the [dedicated webpage](#) regularly – please consult it for the latest information. We expect to publish further guidance in early March 2017.

In June last year, we consulted on changes to the Registration Criteria. We intend to implement those changes from 6 April 2017 to coincide with the commencement of the deregulatory measures.

While the measures will give greater freedoms to providers, you will need to take full account of obligations such as lender covenants, grant restrictions and charitable status (where appropriate).

Consultation on Tenant Involvement and Empowerment Standard

We are also making some further changes to the Regulatory Framework as a result of the withdrawal of the consents regime. Today we have launched a consultation on proposed changes to the TIE Standard to clarify and strengthen our requirements around your consultation with tenants when you are proposing to change their landlord or making a significant change in their management arrangements.

The consultation will run for six weeks until **Wednesday 22 March 2017**. The [consultation document](#) can be downloaded from our website and responses can be made via [SurveyMonkey](#). Please do contribute your views.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Fiona MacGregor', is positioned above the typed name.

Fiona MacGregor
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