

Building Safety and Quality Forum

3 June 2026, 10:00am – 11:30am, Online, Teams

Agenda

- 10:00** Welcome, introductions and housekeeping
Sîan Humphreys, Interim Director of Property, Bristol City Council and Forum Chair
- 10:05** Actions or reflections from the previous meeting
In March we explored how person-centred retrofit and more inclusive, stigma-free engagement can reshape resident trust and safety—what reflections or shifts in thinking has this prompted since then.
- 10:15** Quality Homes: Regulatory Expectations and Emerging Sector Trends
This session will explore the latest regulatory developments, national performance trends and the practical legal realities of navigating life-critical building defects in 2026.
- John Wickenden, Research Manager, Housemark** will open this session with national data trends showing rising emergency hazards under Awaab’s Law and emerging trends in repairs performance, damp and mould, tenant satisfaction and wider operational pressures.
- John Loney, Partner at Knights**, will provide a practical overview of navigating critical defects under the Building Safety Act, covering remediation pathways, common barriers, funding and cost-recovery routes, and the evidence organisations need to progress cases confidently.
- Andrew Saunders, Operational Policy Advisor, Building Safety Regulator** will give an overview of Higher-Risk Buildings (HRBs) and safety cases, explaining what qualifies as an HRB, what a safety case must demonstrate, and how organisations are expected to evidence that their buildings are being managed safely.
- Speaker panel:*
Andrew Saunders, Operational Policy Advisor, Building Safety Regulator
John Wickenden, Research Manager, Housemark
John Loney, Partner, Knights
Sîan Humphreys, Interim Director of Property, Bristol City Council and Forum Chair
- 11:05** Interactive Q&A and a discussion
We will discuss how we are adapting to new regulatory requirements while still delivering consistently high-quality homes in a more challenging operating environment.
- 11:20** Wrap Up & Key Takeaways
- 11:30** Next Steps and close
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