



# NLIS

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NEXT GENERATION NLIS:

## What local land charges teams need to know

**In March 2027 we'll be switching over all local authorities from the existing NLIS connection to Next Gen NLIS. This new platform, funded by the Government's Regulatory Innovation Office\*, will be fully independent and regulated by Land Data.**

The move to Next Gen NLIS is designed to support local land charges teams by improving how Official Search requests are received, processed and managed, while maintaining continuity of service.



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## How is Next Gen NLIS different?

The Next Gen NLIS will do everything the existing NLIS Hub does, with many improvements. The platform will:

- streamline and simplify the process of responding to Official Search requests
- be intuitive and straightforward to use, with short Land Data training sessions available
- reduce follow-up queries through improved technology and use of the UPRN where possible, helping to save time
- take the form of a 'Trust Framework'. This is a shared set of rules that makes it clear: who can access data, what the data can be used for, where it comes from and what protections are in place.
- signpost LLC teams to trusted third party organisations who will offer payment and helpdesk facilities. These won't be provided by Next Gen NLIS or Land Data.

## What's staying the same?

Importantly, Next Gen NLIS platform will ensure that companies requesting Official Searches using the current NLIS Hub, can continue to do so, as well as other search intermediaries you work with.

These paid-for searches are crucial revenue sources for local authorities, enabling data to be properly maintained, safeguarding your residents.

## Working with your teams

We will soon be in touch with your Chief Executives, IT teams, legal teams and finance teams to explain:

- how the switch over to Next Gen NLIS will work
- why the new platform is important for local land charges services now and in the future, as well as your wider local authority
- how their teams can support a smooth switch over

We are also working closely with local authority IT software suppliers to manage the technical aspects of the switch over.





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# Questions?

For any other questions about Next Gen NLIS, please post them on the Land Data forum (there is a new **Next Gen space**), or email **info@land-data.org.uk**. We're compiling an FAQ for local authorities, so your questions will really help!

To read more about our journey so far in developing Next Gen NLIS, please visit our blog series: <https://www.land-data.org.uk/blog/categories/evolving-nlis>

## **About our funding**

\* The UK Government's Regulatory Innovation Office (RIO) funds regulators and local authorities to trial new and innovative regulatory approaches enabling businesses to bring innovative products to the market quicker. In September 2025, through the Fourth Round of Regulators' Pioneer Fund, the RIO awarded Land Data a grant of £999,592, via the Regulators' Pioneer Fund (RPF) to deliver Next Gen NLIS.