

External Validation of Performance Reporting Systems of Housing Associations: Choice of Service Provider

Following the publication of the framework and guidance in August it has become apparent that a view exists within the HA sector that only those three firms stated on page 33 of the publication can provide the external validation service.

This is not the case. The list in the 'External Validation: Framework and Guidance' was of those service providers who were involved in testing the draft validation framework. The list should not be read as meaning that these firms are the only ones available to carry out external validation.

Below is an expanded list of firms providing the external validation service. However, this list will probably not capture all those firms with the necessary credentials to provide the external validation service.

Housing associations are free to choose their own firm, for example their external auditor, based on the selection criteria stated on page 12, section 3.7 'Selecting and Appointing A Service Provider' of the external validation framework and guidance.

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