

Inspection announcement: An inspection of the Home Office's engagement with local authorities in the planning and development of asylum accommodation

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In line with his 2026-27 Inspection Plan, the Independent Chief Inspector of Borders and Immigration (ICIBI) has commenced an inspection of the Home Office's engagement with local authorities in the planning and development of asylum accommodation.

This inspection will examine how the Home Office plans, prepares, and engages with local authorities in developing asylum accommodation. There will be a particular focus on:

- the effectiveness of the Home Office's engagement strategy in enhancing the responsiveness, consistency and quality of engagement with local authorities
- local asylum accommodation delivery models and initiatives involving local authorities
- how the Home Office ensures that accommodation providers fulfil their responsibilities for engagement with local authorities on delivery of new accommodation
- consideration of the impact on local services and community cohesion during site selection processes.

The inspection will be conducted using the new ICIBI inspection framework. The Chief Inspector anticipates that he will submit his report to the Home Secretary in August 2026.

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