



National Housing Maintenance Forum – Ireland Branch

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What is NHMF Ireland

The National Housing Maintenance Forum (NHMF) – Ireland Branch was formed in the Autumn of 2016 by members from social housing providers across Ireland, its primary purpose is to promote good practice in Asset Management within Social Housing across the island of Ireland.

Why was it Needed

- **Hundreds of millions of pounds spend on response and planned maintenance on social housing on the island**
- **We all do thing differently:-**
 - **Procurement**
 - **Contracts**
 - **Service Level**
 - **Materials**
 - **Specifications**
 - **Benchmarking**
 - **Tenant Involvement**
- **No national forum on the island of Ireland for housing maintenance professionals to discuss issues and share advice, best practice and experiences**

Membership of the Branch

- **Membership of the branch is open to all Asset Management and Property Services staff working within the social housing sector in Ireland.**
- **The management committee made up of 6-8 members that will be responsible for overseeing the work of the branch.**
- **Where possible a minimum of 3 members of the committee will be from Northern Ireland and 3 from the Republic of Ireland.**

Committee & Meetings

- **Elected annually at AGM**
- **Meetings are held 3 times a year: February; June; and October**
- **Meetings alternating between the North & South**
- **The Chair of NHMF Ireland Branch also sits on the NHMF Committee**

Meetings

- **Meetings driven by the needs of the membership**
- **Standard agenda covering the following:-**
 - **Contract Issues**
 - **Procurement**
 - **Direct Labour**
 - **Benchmarking**
 - **Health & Safety**
 - **Subject Specific Presentations**

Mission Statement

**“To promote and raise the standards of
Asset Management within Social Housing
across the island of Ireland”**

Aims & Objectives

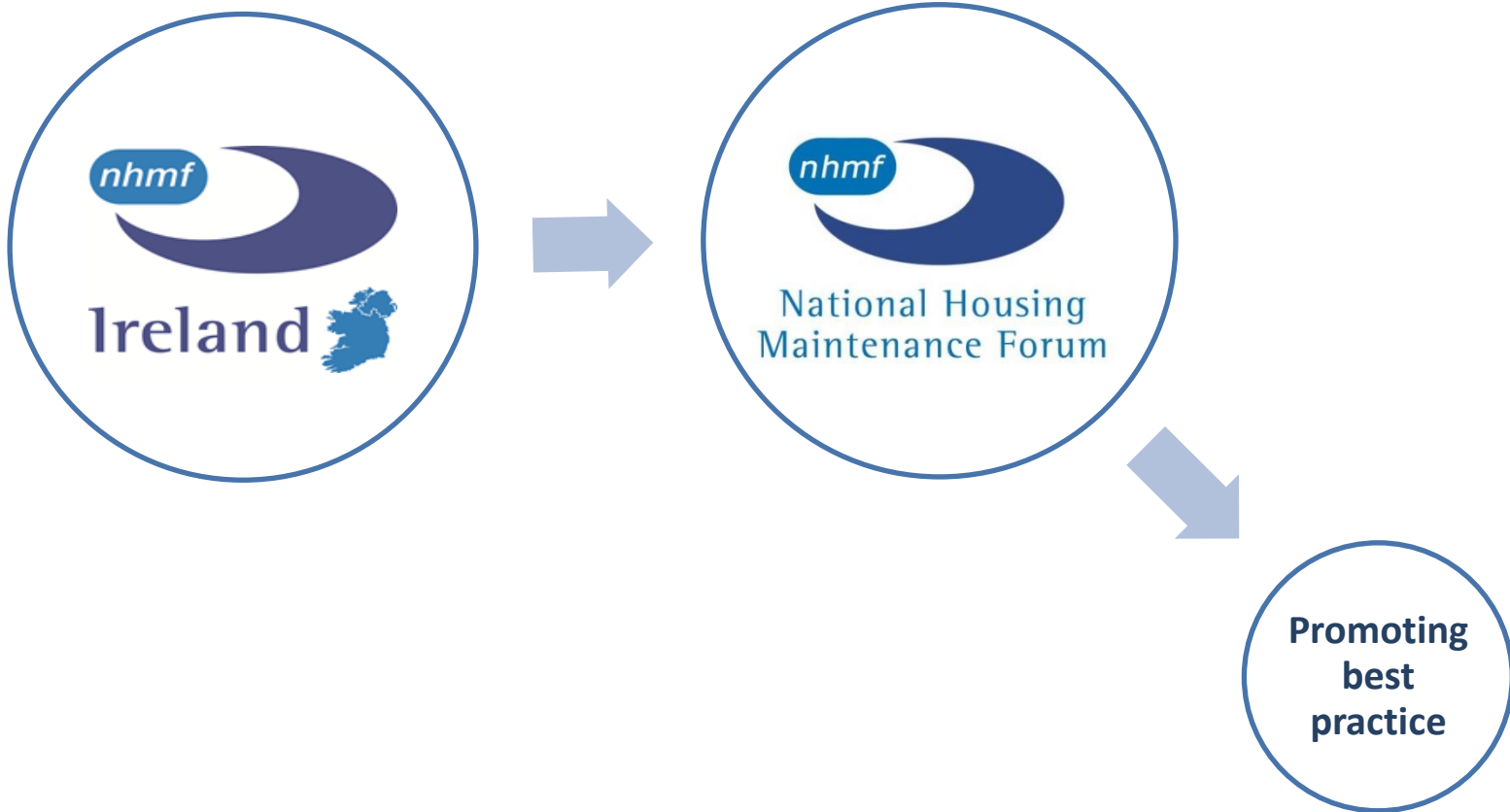
Share knowledge, information and experience to develop good practice in housing asset management, maintenance and estate regeneration

Raise the profile and professionalism of maintenance and asset management, and ensure that these functions receive the appropriate consideration and profile within the social housing sector

Drawing on the expertise within the sector to influence innovation and progress government policy

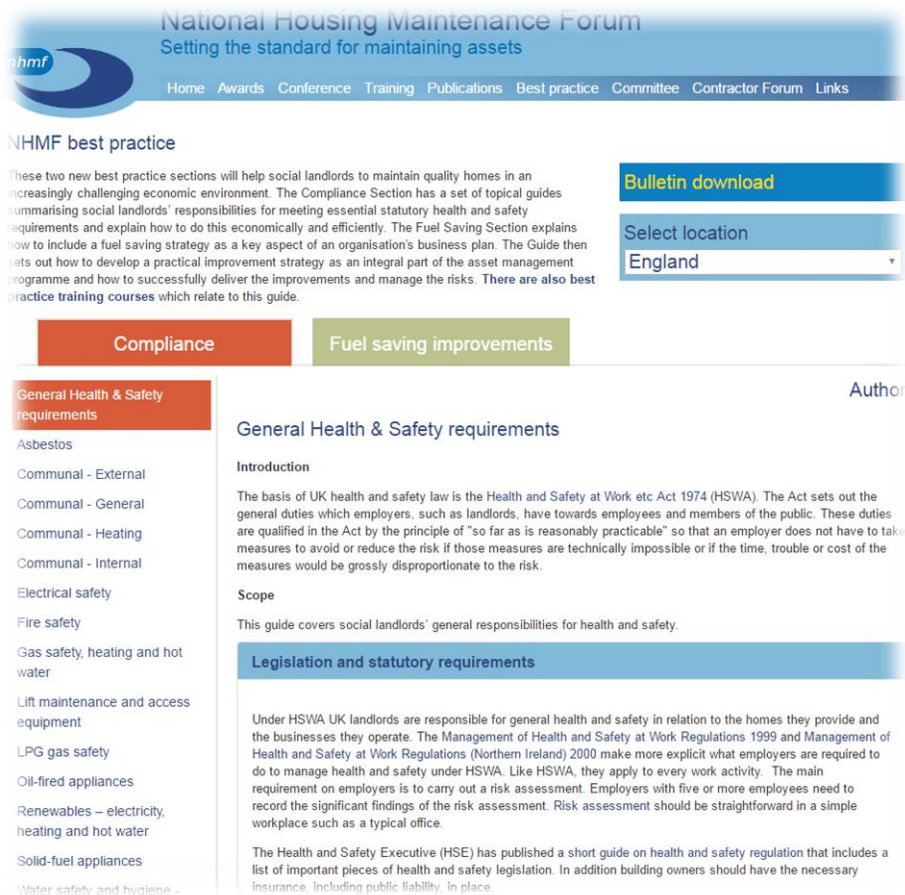
Holding of events and conferences for the wider membership in association with the National Housing Maintenance Forum and other designated partners

National Voice



Promoting best practice

NHMF Website



The screenshot shows the NHMF website with the following structure:

- Header:** National Housing Maintenance Forum, Setting the standard for maintaining assets. Navigation links: Home, Awards, Conference, Training, Publications, Best practice, Committee, Contractor Forum, Links.
- Main Content Area:**
 - NHMF best practice:** Text describing the purpose of the sections.
 - Bulletin download:** A button to download bulletins.
 - Select location:** A dropdown menu currently showing 'England'.
 - Compliance:** A red button.
 - Fuel saving improvements:** A green button.
- Left Sidebar:** A list of topics under 'General Health & Safety requirements': Asbestos, Communal - External, Communal - General, Communal - Heating, Communal - Internal, Electrical safety, Fire safety, Gas safety, heating and hot water, Lift maintenance and access equipment, LPG gas safety, Oil-fired appliances, Renewables – electricity, heating and hot water, Solid-fuel appliances, Water safety and hygiene.
- Main Content Area (Continued):**
 - General Health & Safety requirements:** The main heading for the selected topic.
 - Introduction:** Text explaining the basis of UK health and safety law (HSWA).
 - Scope:** Text stating the guide covers social landlords' general responsibilities.
 - Legislation and statutory requirements:** A blue button.
 - Text:** Detailed information about HSWA and the role of the Health and Safety Executive (HSE).

- Access NHMF Bulletins
- Enter the NHMF Awards
- NHMF Conference
- Access up-to-date information on best practice

Recognising excellence

NHMF Awards

Recognising **success** and **ingenuity**
within the housing sector

Showcasing projects and
organisations that have excelled in
improving the **quality** and
efficiency of their services



Categories

Best client

Best small client

Best contract

Most improved asset
management service

Best customer impact

How to get Involved

Next Meetings

21st June 2017 - ROI

Oaklee Housing, 36–39 James's Street, Dublin 8

18th October - NI

TBC

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Questions

