

Specialist Advisory Networks

Terms of Reference



Purpose of the networks	<p>The purpose of Specialist Advisory Networks is to ensure that residents with a particular lived experience have their voices heard within Southern Housing and the resident governance structure.</p> <p>To deliver this purpose the networks will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Act as sounding boards for staff, Resident Strategy Group and resident governance networks who need to understand the views of residents with a particular lived experience • Bring together residents with a particular lived experience to provide feedback on how draft policies and strategies may affect them • Provide advice to the organisation on how it can better serve residents from the groups covered by the Specialist Advisory Networks.
Number of Special Advisory Networks	<p>There are two Specialist Advisory Networks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homeowners Network will be referred to as a Forum (Includes shared owners) • Supporting independence and care Network (includes residents living in care homes, independent living schemes and extra care).
Number of members	As these are informal groups convened to provide advice, there's no permanent fixed membership.
Membership	Any resident whose lived experience makes them eligible for membership is welcome to attend a meeting of a Specialist Advisory networks.
Quorum	Not applicable, as Specialist Advisory Networks are not formal decision-making networks.
Meetings	Meetings can be in person, remote (teleconference or video conference) or hybrid.
Frequency of meetings	The Specialist Advisory Networks will be convened on an ad hoc basis, as and when needed to provide advice.
Reporting	Specialist Advisory Networks are not required to formally report but can send key messages to other parts of the resident governance structure with advice or information.

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