

PRESS INFORMATION

NALHI WELCOMES CONFIRMATION OF HIP PROGRAMME

The National Association of Licensed Home Inspectors (NALHI) welcomes the publication of the Home Information Pack Programme Timeline published by the ODPM last week.

All property professionals involved in the home buying and selling process should recognise the need to put in place now the training and processes required to ensure the smooth transition of HIPs.

For too long professional and trade bodies supposedly representing their members have conspired to confuse and create doubt over the Government's commitment to seeing through the benefits that HIPs bring to consumers when moving home. The Timetable sets specific milestones to be met and gives the whole industry confidence in making the necessary investment in both human and financial terms.

Hugh Dunsmore-Hardy, Chairman of the NALHI Board said, "There are thousands of candidates currently pursuing training and assessment towards getting their Diploma and practical experience needed to achieve certification. The time and financial commitment of both existing surveyors and new candidates to becoming Home Inspectors cannot be underestimated. The publication of the Timeline dispels any doubts created by some negative reporting that HIPs will become a reality and is welcomed by the Board of NALHI".

By August of this year the Secretary of State will have approved the first Certification Scheme which is the first essential step in enabling the Home Inspectors to start producing the new official Home Condition Report as part of voluntary packs commissioned by estate agents on behalf of sellers. This will encourage existing practitioners to complete their training and additional new entrants to continue signing on.

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Note to Editors-

The National Association of Licensed Home Inspectors was launched at the beginning of 2006 by a group of like-minded professional surveyors from around England and Wales. With the foresight to see that Home Inspectors of the future needed an independent trade body to represent and promote the interests of this new profession. A transitional Board governed by Constitution has been established to set the policy of this new organisation of which membership is now open and full details are obtainable from the website www.nalhi.org.uk.