

2026 HOUSING LAW CONFERENCE SCHEDULE



THURSDAY

05.02.2026

10AM – 3.30PM

Please note agenda could be subject to change

REGISTRATION & REFRESHMENTS

9.40 – 10AM

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

10 – 10.10AM

A REVIEW OF AWAAB'S LAW IN PRACTICE

Matthew Lake, Weightmans LLP

Awaab's Law 3 months on. Where are we now? An exploration of the practical and legal consequences of Awaab's Law since Phase One's introduction on 27 October 2025.

10.10 – 10.50

EQUALITY ACT 2010 AND PROPORTIONALITY

Gary Lewis, Cobden House

This session will focus on the approach towards Equality Act defences to possession claims with a particular emphasis on the issue of proportionality.

10:00 AM

BREAK

11.30– 11.50

REGULATORY GOVERNANCE

Catherine Fearon, Legal Counsel and Company Secretary, Torus62 Limited.

This session will focus on the regulatory environment from the perspective of a Registered Provider. The key focuses, risks and plans to adapt to changes in the regulatory environment.

11.50 -12.30PM

JOHN HOAREY, HOUSING OMBUDSMEN

Topic TBC

12.30 – 1.10PM

LUNCH & NETWORKING

1:20 – 2PM

ASSESSMENT OF DAMPNESS IN RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY

Tom Dutton, Surveying Associates Ltd.
Tom will look at how dampness in residential property is being assessed by surveyors and what tools are commonly used when providing expert reports.

2 – 2.40PM

SELECTING AND APPOINTING YOUR EXPERT IN HOUSING DISREPAIR CLAIMS

Mo Makhtar, Surveying Associates Ltd.
Mo will discuss the many routes to becoming Chartered, and why this is important when appointing your expert in housing disrepair claims.

2.40 - 3PM

SUMMARY & THANKS

3.20 – 3.30

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