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## Looking back:

- Published reports on 22 LAs:
  - Grades: 1 x A, 2 x B, 12 x C, 7 x D
  - Lowest or equal lowest in 14 out of 16
- RSLs & section 5:
  - 2004/05 14.5% lets (11.4% excl. big three)
  - 2005/06 13.8% lets (8.3%)
  - 2006/07 15.5% lets (13.1%), 4% nomination to homeless
  - 2007/08 15.8% lets (13.0%), 5.4% nominations to homeless



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## **Shifts in focus:**

- Tenants' interests
- Monitoring progress towards SHQS
- Homeless prevention, 2012 target and the role of RSLs
- Cost control
- Asset management
- Implementing risk based assessment



## **The new(ish) approach:**

- Types of inspection:
  - Baseline – LAs and new RSLs
  - Risk based
  - Thematic
- Key questions:
  - How good are the services / organisation?
  - How well managed for improvement?
- Simplified single stage review



## **Homeless inspections:**

- Separate grade
- Scope
  - Access
  - Advice and prevention
  - Assessment
  - Securing accommodation
- Focus
  - Outcomes for homeless people
  - 2009 and 2012



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## **Future developments in regulation**

- Firm Foundation's proposals to modernise the regulation legislation
- Government's response to Crerar and the review of all public service scrutiny
- Relationship between central and local government