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## Welsh Housing Conditions Survey 2017/18 – recruiting now!

You may be aware that the **Welsh Housing Conditions Survey (WHCS)** is going into the field this year after a nine-year break. It was last undertaken in 2008, when it was branded as ‘Living in Wales’.

**The Building Research Establishment (BRE) is looking to recruit 44 surveyors** to work on the survey between July 2017 and March 2018. BRE will manage all aspects of the WHCS on behalf of the Welsh Government. We will also be working with the Office of National Statistics (ONS), who will manage the preceding National Survey of Wales interview, from which the **WHCS sample of 2,500 homes** will be drawn.

The survey design, which is similar to the English Housing Survey, will reflect the current housing policy needs of the Welsh Government. It will collect information on the age, type, tenure, size, condition, and energy performance of the home. The data will be used to model the state of repair of the housing stock, energy efficiency (SAP), fuel poverty, the Welsh Housing Quality Standard and the HHSRS.

At this stage we are looking for expressions of interest from Wales-based EHP’s, with **experience of housing improvement and the HHSRS**, who are prepared to undertake approximately **55 surveys over a nine-month period**. These will be organised at your convenience and can take place during evenings, weekends and days off from full time employment. The pay rate for completed surveys is attractive and broadly comparable with the English Housing Survey (EHS), which will be in the field at the same time.

**Full training will be given over a five-day period** at a high quality venue in **Swansea at the beginning of July 2017**. We have a **particular need for Welsh-speaking EHP’s** who live in, or work out of, Welsh-speaking areas.

If you wish to be considered for selection, **email your CV to Louise Jamal at [Louise.Jamal@bre.co.uk](mailto:Louise.Jamal@bre.co.uk) by 28 February 2017**. Please let us know whether you are fluent in spoken and written Welsh.

As with previous surveys, once we have received an expression of interest, we will require you to undertake a pre-selection exercise and confirm whether there is an appropriate space before offering a contract.



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