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### **Cross-sector Building Safety Alliance publishes golden thread tools**

The Building Safety Alliance, a cross-sector collaboration of leading industry figures and various associations and bodies, have published detailed guidance around the golden thread concept.

The Building Safety Act 2022 requires accountable persons to demonstrate the effective assessment and management of building safety risks through the collation and maintenance of information. The Building Safety Alliance guidance has been published in three parts including a master list of documents and other information sources currently used by industry, which can be used to identify the key data which needs to be specified for the golden thread information requirements.

The work builds on the Construction Leadership Council's golden thread guidance released last year and has been undertaken over several years of voluntary effort by an expert panel. While this edition of the guidance is aiming to support technical people familiar with the legislation and its golden thread requirements, the publication signals a soft launch. Stakeholders are invited to join the collaboration to adapt this standardised approach to the wider range users and personas in the built environment that need to meet golden thread duties.

Anthony Taylor, Chair of the Building Safety Alliance, said: *“I’m proud to be part of this cross-sector collaboration, which included experts from across the digital built environment, experts in information requirements, data structuring, management and labelling - our thanks in particular go to Mark Snelling and Alison Verdin, the technical authors of the prescribed documents table, nima, the BIM for social housing toolkit team, the policy teams at MHCLG and the Building Safety Regulator and the Chair of the group Gordon Mitchell who brought his experience in ISO/ and European Data standards to bare. The aim of the soft launch is to ensure that we can now adjust the standardised framework and guidance to various personas and audiences across the built environment so that we can continue to simplify the complex regulatory environment for those needing to navigate it.”*

Gordon Mitchell, Chair of the Building Safety Alliance Special Interest Group 3, said: *“Our aim was to integrate existing standards and industry frameworks - such as ISO19650, various safety standards and Uniclass, - to enable harmonisation and compatibility, streamline processes, and enhance information sharing across the built environment. But we’re not done yet, we’re seeking to deliver on a long-term vision of a fully integrated and digitally enabled built environment of the 2050 world and will continue to collaborate in the building safety space to that end.”*

To download the guidance for free and for more information about supporting the Building Safety Alliance’s work, please visit [buildingsafetyalliance.org.uk](https://buildingsafetyalliance.org.uk).

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## Notes to the editor

1. The Building Safety Alliance became a Charity in January 2025. It is comprised of organisations representative of, and from across the industry sector managing the occupation phase. The 'Council' of the Building Safety Alliance include supporters and experts coming from the social housing sector, commercial and residential management, facilities managers, principal designers and fire safety experts.
2. Representatives want to drive culture change and competence in buildings to give residents safe homes. Many of whom first worked together as Working Group (WG8) to develop the competence framework for Building Safety Managers, under the auspices of the Competence Steering Group. WG8's report [Safer people, safer homes: Building Safety Management](#) was published on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020.
3. The Building Safety Act 2022 requires accountable persons to demonstrate the effective assessment and management of building safety risks. Since engaging in Government consultations for the legislation, the Building Safety Alliance has been developing guidance to enable the sector to comply with the legislation's objectives and its regulatory requirements regarding the golden thread.
4. SIG 3 consists of people from across the built environment spectrum with experience in the driving of information standards and competences and the enabling of digitisation across the sector. Although the initial focus has been on delivering outputs related to building safety, the end goal is to deliver overall information exchange and digitisation across all usage areas. For that purpose, we will continue to need people from beyond building safety information sector. As a cross-sector group, SIG 3 is dedicated to meeting the evolving needs of individuals, businesses, and the broader industry. Our focus extends to various aspects, including naming and classification requirements, information management, security, and model needs throughout the entire building safety life cycle.
5. SIG 3's vision is to deliver a competent built environment that provides safe and sustainable buildings through optimised information exchange between relevant stakeholders, building on existing standards, open data standards and collaborative projects.
6. The information model included in the excel spreadsheet has been designed to be a minimum viable solution that would work even for those with minimal resources and capability (even as a simple standards spreadsheet and paper form), but with a structure that can be built upon throughout the roadmap towards a fully digital, interoperable data

and information management solution. We have been collaborating with nima to ensure full alignment with the Information Management Initiative Mandate.

7. The guidance is published in three parts:

- i. Information management & the golden thread – The BSA Prescribed information and documents table (Excel Spreadsheet, including The List)
- ii. Information management & the golden thread - How to use the 'Prescribed information and documents table'. Practical guidance on collating, keeping and assuring golden thread information (19 Pages)
- iii. Information management & the golden thread - Supporting Information to assist in the use of the 'Prescribed information and documents table' – A Selection of key regulatory information requirements. (12 Pages)

8. SIG 3 members include:

Gordon Mitchell – Chair BSA Special Interest Group 3 – Wholus – Chair IWFM Data and Tech SIG, convenor for ISO TC 267/WG 6  
Alison Verdin – Gardiner & Theobald  
Allan Binns – Project Four Safety  
Andrew Bulmer – The Property Institute  
Anne Kemp – Atkins Realis and nima  
Anthony Taylor – Chair of the Building Safety Alliance and Member of the Industry Competence Committee and Resolve Risk Ltd  
Chris Lees – Data Clan and nima  
Dan Hughes – Alpha Property Insight and Digital Property Risk  
Dan Rossiter – BSI, nima and CIAT  
Garry Collins – Foreign Office London  
Jack Ostrofsky – London Councils  
Jonathan Zokay – Clarion Housing Group  
Kirsty Villiers – Southern Housing  
Mark Snelling – Association for Project Safety and Safetymark  
Matthew Scott – Chartered Institute of Housing  
Melanie Robinson – Okana Global  
Sofie Hooper – Association for Project Safety (formerly for the Institute of Workplace and Facilities Management)

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