

Press release



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Working together for health and safety

East Durham Homes and Dale and Valley Homes are now working in partnership to provide health and safety support and advice. Both companies have recently created an in-house health and safety role with Geoff Parker starting at East Durham Homes in July 2010 and Terry Cranston starting at Dale and Valley Homes in April 2010.

It is planned that both officers will work closely together on new initiatives, sharing best practice and providing cover for holidays to ensure there is always a health and safety representative available for both companies.

Their roles will involve monitoring safe working practices during decent homes refurbishment schemes and routine repairs and maintenance works which will ensure a safer environment for our tenants and members of the public. They will also support in-house managers in relation to making sure any departmental risks are adequately controlled.

Geoff and Terry are both looking forward to their roles and the challenges that lie ahead. Working together means they can ensure an excellent standard of health and safety across both companies.

Peter Chaffer, Dale and Valley Homes Chief Executive said: "This initiative demonstrates both organisations willingness to work together to deliver more efficient services for our customers."

Paul Tanney, East Durham Homes Chief Executive added: "This will be the first of hopefully many joint initiatives to share ideas and best practice that will benefit both organisations and our customers."

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Photograph attached: (l-r) Health and safety advisers Terry Cranston and Geoff Parker

Notes to editors: East Durham Homes and Dale and Valley Homes are Arms Length Management Organisations (ALMOs) of Durham County Council.

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