

Central Government mandates the use of the UPRN and USRN to reference addresses and streets

The Open Standards Board, via GDS has **mandated** UPRNs and USRNs as the public sector standard for referencing and sharing property and street information.

This announcement reflects the Government's recognition that UPRNs and USRNs provide lynchpins for the public sector's use of location data. When they are attached to data from different sources, they ensure that each organisation can provide the same identifier to any information on an addressable location or street, providing consistency and confidence in how they are labelled.

They remove any ambiguity in identifying a street or address, and the duplication of effort in attaching identifiers.



<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/open-standards-for-government/identifying-property-and-street-information>