



UPRN Policy Principles

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About GeoPlace

GeoPlace LLP is the central source of information for all UK addresses and streets. We manage the data that officially defines more than 42.8 million addresses and 1.3 million streets in the UK.

- Established 2010
- Administering the Data Co-operation Agreement (DCA)
- Part of the Public Sector Geospatial Agreement (PSGA)
- Working alongside Local Government and Central Government departments



The role of Local Authorities

Roles of Address and Street Custodian set out in the Data Co-operation Agreement (DCA) – contract between Local Authorities and GeoPlace

Local Authorities commit to creating and maintaining high quality location data, and submitting regular updates to GeoPlace

In return, authorities receive OS products / updates through the PSGA at no extra cost: a value which runs into many £'000s each year

Underpins internal functions and service delivery

- approximately 80% of LA data has a location element

Central Government mandates the UPRN

Guidance

Identifying property and street information

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Use the [Unique Property Reference Number \(UPRN\)](#) and the [Unique Street Reference Number \(USRN\)](#) standards to identify geographic locations.

1. Summary of the standards' use for government

These standards contain unique numerical identifiers:

- UPRNs are the unique identifiers for every addressable location in Great Britain
- USRNs are the unique identifiers for every street in Great Britain

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

Yet at the Local Authority level...?

Annual Survey showed 54% (174 of 318) LAs had a policy mandating use of the UPRN

But in many cases this policy:

- Wasn't implemented
- Wasn't understood
- Wasn't held by the right service area

Best practice guidance needed to address these issues and allow LAs to benefit from their data

AUTHORITIES WITH A UPRN POLICY (2024)

■ Yes ■ No

