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Empty Homes

Using the LoCTA Hub enables Empty Homes Officers to have instant access to Council Tax and Business Rates data, all refreshed weekly, alongside third-party data such as the Voters Roll, Deceased Data and Companies House records.

We've recently heard from Glasgow CC who were able to search the LoCTA Hub with a single email address and evidence a missing owner who had been registered for Council Tax in another Authority since 2009.

"We use GCC council tax systems every day to find alternative addresses/contact details for empty homeowners so LoCTA has been a very useful extension for this. The whole Scottish Empty Homes Officers Network also use the services of genealogist companies to trace owners (it's a free service we get via SEHP) but LoCTA might reduce the traffic to these very helpful companies as I think they get inundated sometimes.

I have a case where we are in the process of promoting a Compulsory Purchase Order, the only statutory action available for Empty Homes Officers. I did a LoCTA search last week for the Litigation team to evidence the missing owner (who had raised an objection with the Scottish Government) was registered for CT in another authority since 2009. I would have previously emailed my colleagues in CT to carry out the search, but it was so useful being able to do it myself as I knew exactly what I was looking for. I've also used the links on LoCTA to Companies House, etc although I already had them as shortcuts on my laptop, it was just easy whilst I had it opened".

LoCTA Hub helping Empty Homes Officers to bring unused houses back into use.

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