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***“Putting Good Relations
at the Heart of Social Housing”***



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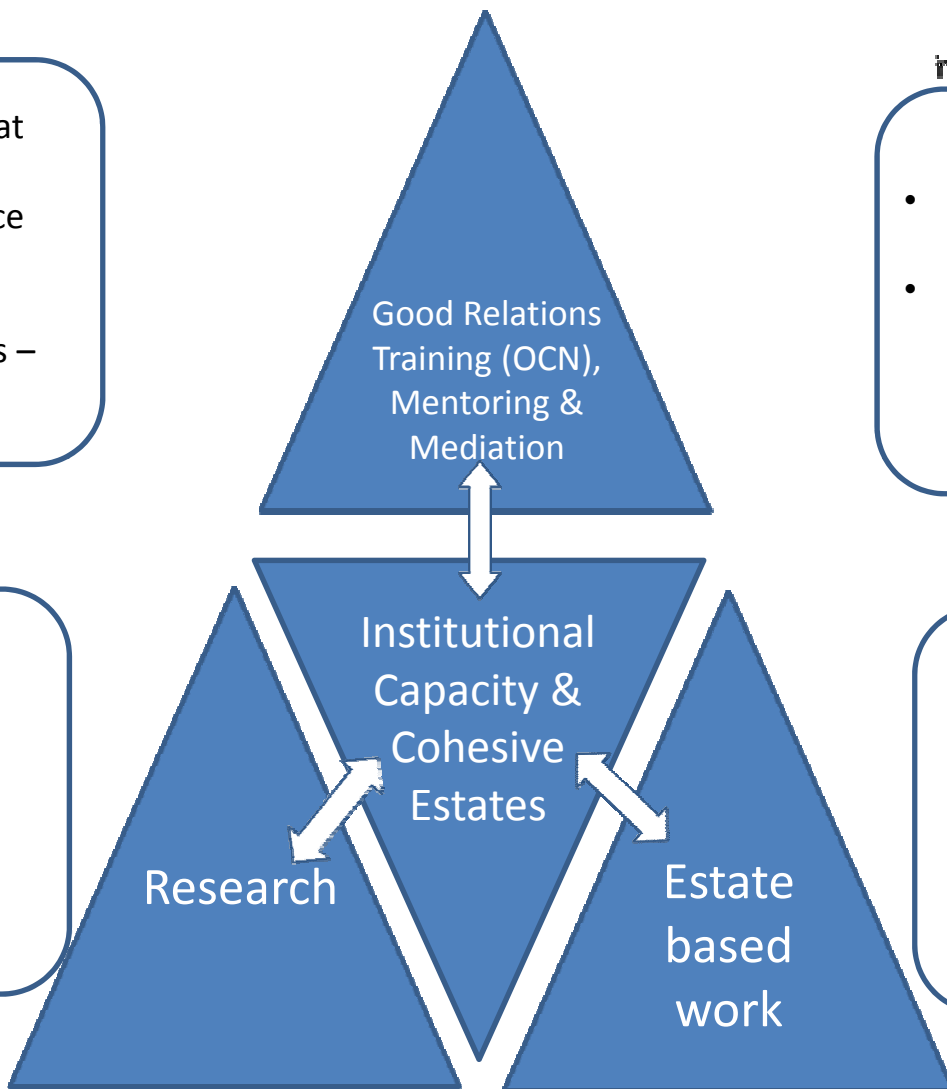
Context

- Housing became deeply segregated particularly in social housing sector. This continues to the present day
- Over 90% of social housing areas remain segregated into single communities (94% in Belfast with 88 Peace Walls).
- The demographics of today's society are also changing, with growing levels of new communities coming into Northern Ireland.
- Despite the reality of physical separation, the majority of people aspire to live in mixed neighbourhoods (80%) but are unaware of how to go about creating a shared atmosphere.

Source – “Mapping Segregation in NI” and “Life & Times” Survey 2008

- Good Relations at core of housing policy and service provision
- Cohesive estates – Intra/Inter

- Staff (approx. 500)
- Residents Associations (80)



- Regeneration
- Cross Border
- Interfaces - 3D visioning

- Good Relation Plans (80)
- Capacity Building
- Intra/Inter Relationship building
- Cohesion Projects (80)

Estate Selection Criteria

- Successful Completion of NIHE Shared Neighbourhood Programme (bric advocates)
- Constituted Residents Group
- **Member of Housing Community Network**
- Top 30% MDM including Rural top 30%
- 26 estates selected thus far
- Assessment exercise underway

Estate based work – the process



- Training (OCN), mentoring and mediation
- Capacity & relationship building
- Good Relations Plan (new or existing)
- Financial Support to realise plan – exclusions e.g. retrospective applications, match funding, on going running costs, capital projects and political/paramilitary activity/publicity
- Collaborative work with all key stakeholders
- Advocacy and mentoring



bric Staff and their roles



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6 Good Relations Officers – NIHE Area Office based

5 Trainers (with mediation experience)

2 Mediators



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