

QUESTION	REGIONAL BODY	RESPONSE
1) How many staff does your organisation employ?	EMR LGA	27 in total.
	EMRA	The EMRA employs the staff shown on the structure charts submitted by colleagues in EMRLGA. Some staff are on fixed term contracts and/or secondments. 20 in total.

## Appendix 1

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2) What is the role of your staff?	EMR LGA	Attachment provided
	EMRA	The roles of staff reflect the 3 roles of EMRA -1) Planning, 2) Scrutiny, 3) Policy. Attachment provided

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<b>3) Have there been any changes, or are there to be any changes, to the relationship between the LGA and Assembly, in light of the "no" vote in the recent North East referendum?</b>	EMR LGA	<p>EMRLGA have agreed at its meeting on 7/2- that there should be a review of Regional Relationships and the Group Leaders are meeting to discuss and agree terms of reference for the review which will be carried out by an independent person appointed by the Group Leaders on behalf of EMRLGA. EMRLGA`s overarching business plan was agreed at the Executive Committee on 7/2 when a decision was also taken to set up a Member working group to develop future business plan proposals. Copies of this document have already been supplied to your Organisation as part of the Executive Committee papers.</p>
	EMRA	<p>EMRA issued a press release following the NEast Referendum which indicated it would be 'business as usual' for EMRA as EMRA had never intended to seek elected Regional Assembly status as it performs as a regional strategic partnership. Both the EMRLGA and the Economic, Social and Environmental Partnership are key partners in the Assembly and will remain so in the future. The ODPM is currently consulting on the merger of Regional Housing Boards with Regional Assemblies as Regional Planning Bodies. The merger is expected to occur in 2005.</p>