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"The mortgage advice market is in a strong position. The MMR means that those looking for a mortgage almost always need to take advice, while the strong demand for mortgages means this captive audience is regularly replenished."

- Rich Shepherd, Senior Financial Services
Analyst

This report looks at the following areas:

- Consumers need to be shown the benefits of advice
- Automation has a long way to go
- Transparent pricing is key to improving perception

In 2016, 97% of mortgages arranged were sold on an advised basis, with intermediaries taking a growing share of the market. Since the implementation of the MMR (Mortgage Market Review) it has become a regulatory requirement for almost all consumers looking to arrange a mortgage to receive advice. However, how consumers receive this advice is changing. The preference for in-branch appointments is becoming harder for banks to provide due to branch closures and, while consumers are open to the idea of online advice, many are reluctant to pay for it.

This Report examines the UK mortgage advice market. This includes discussion of the role of advice in the wider mortgage market, and where consumers receive advice. Mintel's exclusive consumer research looks at mortgage ownership and mortgage advice use in the UK, how consumers received their last mortgage advice service, and how satisfied they were with their experience. The Report also examines the main factors that consumers consider when choosing a mortgage adviser before finally looking at consumers' attitudes towards mortgage advice channels and mortgage advice in general.

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92% were satisfied with their most recent experience with an adviser

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