

TAB launches hot desk facility for brokers

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Bridging lender TAB is to invite brokers to use its new office at *The Grain Yard*, in Borehamwood, as a hot desk base.

TAB is offering brokers a private room to work with access to all the lender's amenities including the breakout space and unlimited tea and coffee.

The hot desks facility has been set up for brokers who are currently working from home or are near London.

Duncan Kreeger, CEO and founder of TAB, said: *"I hope this becomes a useful option for brokers who want a break from working on their own. The offices are modern and provide a professional environment in which to work. Whether you fancy taking a break from working from home, you're having a meeting with one of the team, or if you're just in the area, we are open to all TAB brokers. Get in touch with your BDM to book in a slot. With TAB having recently moved to new premises, we now have the space and facilities to offer this option for our broker clients."*

While many professionals in the UK have been working from home on-and-off for two years, a third say they miss physical meetings, according to research from recruiter Randstad UK. The HR services company asked workers how they viewed physical meetings in retrospect: almost half (49 per cent) said the pandemic had not changed their view of physical meetings - while more than a third (34 per cent) reported missing them.

Victoria Short, CEO of Randstad UK said: *"Almost twice as many people working from home miss physical meetings than think they now look outdated. The chance to get out of the house and have some free biscuits is clearly valued more highly than the time people win back by working from home or the benefits or choosing when you work. Working remotely also appears to be damaging people's mental health to a degree."*

The employees Randstad polled reported a slight dip in their mental health when working from home, with 27% saying it had deteriorated since they started working from home. **Duncan Kreeger said,** *"I don't want to overdo it but I think there's a potential mental health benefit here, too. Brokers are naturally outgoing people. I don't know many that thrive in a solitary environment."*

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