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Season's Greetings from all at the Housing LIN!

## AUTUMN STATEMENT PAINTS A BLEAK PICTURE

This week saw the Lord Chancellor, George Osborne, set out the state of the government's finances in the Autumn Statement. Ahead of a general election in May next year, there were no surprises in relation to housing with care matters. It also provided confirmation that public finances will be extremely tight for whoever forms the next government.



Chancellor George Osborne delivering his Autumn Statement

Faced with this, and as we look to develop new specialist housing and sustain existing services, the danger is that rather than a "more for less" approach, commissioners, funders and providers could find themselves having to make the case for "more for nothing" or explain "no more" situations; the tin looks empty.

As I wrote in my opinion piece for SCIE (see p.4), we need to step back and have a fresh look at our canvas and redraw the way a more integrated housing, health and care can transform people's lives. Indeed, in the Autumn Statement, while there is mention of £2 billion for the NHS and a drive to build new housing under the National Infrastructure Plan, there is still much siloed thinking. However, they provide a useful reference to start painting a landscape of new and innovative ideas to frame growth in a tough economic climate. The Housing LIN looks forward to exhibiting these in 2015.

And lastly, Season's Greetings to all our friends and supporters!

We are grateful to Willmott Dixon for their support of this issue of *Housing with Care Matters*





## IN MEMORY

It is with the greatest sadness that we learned about the death of Professor Libby Burton, last month.

Libby was well known to the Housing LIN. She founded the WISE (Wellbeing in Sustainable Environments) research unit at the University of Warwick in 2004, and was passionate about promoting design for wellbeing in the built environment.

As featured on the Housing LIN 'design hub', Libby was partner in an EPSRC Research Consortium, *Inclusive Design for Getting Outdoors*, which investigated how the outdoor environment should be designed to optimise older people's wellbeing.

When she learned that she was terminally ill a year ago, Libby started writing a blog, in which she shared some very profound thoughts about life and dying: [www.libbysheehan.wordpress.com](http://www.libbysheehan.wordpress.com). At her Legacy Lecture entitled *The Pursuit of Happiness* (which can be accessed on YouTube) she talked very movingly about her passion for designing beautiful buildings and developing sustainable, healthy environments. She also talked about what she had learned about herself and life as a result of being terminally ill. Our thoughts are with her immediate family, close friends and colleagues, at this very difficult time.

## POLICY & FUNDING NEWS

*Relevant policy and funding news across housing, health and social care since our last newsletter includes:*

### Affordable Housing Programme 2015-2018

In a new bidding phase announced by the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) on 23 October, housing providers across England are invited to bid for a share of around £800 million Affordable Homes Programme (AHP) funding, through the HCA's Continuous Market Engagement programme. This programme is separate to the planned Phase Two of the Department of Health's forthcoming Care & Support Specialised Housing Fund but included in the AHP is supplementary information for those providers seeking to develop housing for vulnerable and older people. More on the HCA's capital arrangements on our dedicated 'Funding Matters' webpages at:

[www.housinglin.org.uk/Topics/browse/HousingExtraCare/FundingExtraCareHousing/Specialised-Housing/HCA-AHP-2015-2018/](http://www.housinglin.org.uk/Topics/browse/HousingExtraCare/FundingExtraCareHousing/Specialised-Housing/HCA-AHP-2015-2018/)

### Housing and the Care Act 2014

A fundamental component of the Care Act is the 'suitability of accommodation' in meeting the at home care and support needs of older and vulnerable people. The Act and the accompanying regulations and guidance outline how housing can support a more integrated approach and set out local implementation requirements by April 2015. Of particular note:

- A general duty to promote wellbeing makes reference to suitable accommodation
- Housing not just the 'bricks and mortar', also includes housing related support or services
- Housing must be considered as part of an assessment process that may prevent, reduce or delay an adult social care need
- Information and advice should reflect housing options, as part of a universal service offer
- Care and support delivered in an integrated way with cooperation with partner bodies, including housing

To view the regulation and guidance, click here: [www.gov.uk/government/publications/care-act-2014-statutory-guidance-for-implementation](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/care-act-2014-statutory-guidance-for-implementation)

### Five Year Forward View

NHS England, in partnership with Health Education England, the NHS Trust Development Authority, Public Health England, the Care Quality Commission and NHS England, have published a 5 year forward thinking report on what measures need to take place to maintain quality health care, develop new models of care

and prevent ill health. With an emphasis on more integrated care closer to home in local communities, there is surprisingly little on the role of housing. However, getting closer to prevention, providing more health and rehabilitation services, and delivering care needs that meet patient outcomes, outlined in the report provide an opportunity for housing and housing related services to facilitate the move to closer at home care and support. Read in full at: [www.housinglin.org.uk/pagefinder.cfm?cid=9381](http://www.housinglin.org.uk/pagefinder.cfm?cid=9381)



### National Infrastructure Plan 2014

On the eve of the Autumn Statement, DCLG published a progress report on the 2010 Plan. It highlights some targeted investment in housing



to unlock sites in Barking, Barnet, Ebbsfleet and Northstowe, near Cambridge. In addition, another outlet is Bicester with the proposed development of a new 'garden city' with 13,000 homes. More on the NIP at: [www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-infrastructure-plan-2014](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-infrastructure-plan-2014)

### Better care plans to help elderly and reduce hospital visits

The plans, which will also provide more dignity for older people and reduce the length of stay in hospital, are funded by the government's £5.3 billion Better Care Fund. It was originally set at £3.8 billion but has increased significantly following additional local investment. More at: [www.gov.uk/government/news/better-care-plans-to-help-elderly-and-reduce-hospital-visits](http://www.gov.uk/government/news/better-care-plans-to-help-elderly-and-reduce-hospital-visits)

Also see new report from the Royal Voluntary Service on p.8.

### Adult social care funding: 2014 state of the nation report

Local government has faced unprecedented cuts, impacting dramatically on the delivery of adult social care. The scope for further savings is reduced and there are concerns about the affordability of the Care Act. As outlined in this report from ADASS and the LGA, longer term, more resource is needed and the Spending Review must pave the way for a bigger Better Care Fund with an accompanying transformation fund. Read at: [www.local.gov.uk/documents/10180/5854661/Adult+social+care+funding+2014+state+of+the+nation+report/e32866fa-d512-4e77-9961-8861d2d93238](http://www.local.gov.uk/documents/10180/5854661/Adult+social+care+funding+2014+state+of+the+nation+report/e32866fa-d512-4e77-9961-8861d2d93238)

## MARKET NEWS

*In this section we capture key news affecting growth and investment in the world of housing with care. For local information on extra care housing developments, check our regional updates.*

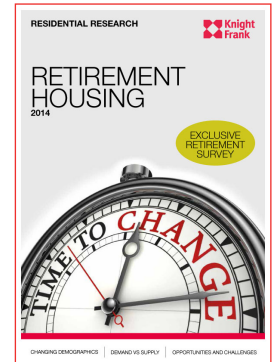
### Knight Frank Retirement Housing 2014

New research on the state of the Retirement Housing Market 2014 shows that the population in the UK is ageing, fast. New research by Knight

Frank suggests millions of older people across the UK would consider moving into some sort of retirement housing, but at present, developments allocated as "elderly" or "sheltered" accommodation account for less than 3% of the supply pipeline. This report examines the demand and supply for purpose-built housing for older people across the UK. It includes an exclusive survey into those aged 55 and over, giving insight into how many will consider retirement housing, and what they would look for in such developments. Interestingly, of those interviewed, over 60% expressed a preference for bungalows. Download at:

[www.housinglin.org.uk/pagefinder.cfm?cid=9372](http://www.housinglin.org.uk/pagefinder.cfm?cid=9372)

You may also be interested in our recent viewpoint on bungalow living, available at: [www.housinglin.org.uk/Bungalow\\_Viewpoint](http://www.housinglin.org.uk/Bungalow_Viewpoint)



### Places for People acquires Girtings

With generation rent (PRS) hitting the headlines, Places for People have acquired 100% of the issued ordinary share capital of Girtings Retirement Rentals Limited. (source: Stock Market Wire, 2nd October 2014).

### Homes used as 'cash machines'

Research by the Equity Release Council (ERC) reveals that one in five retired home owners are considering equity release to fund home improvements so that they can receive care in their homes. Figures released by ERC in their Equity Release Market Autumn Report, show that more than £375 million was borrowed in the period July to September 2014. In many parts of the country, rising house prices means that older people have a growing pool of equity at their disposal. As reported in the Daily Telegraph last month, "the affluent elderly seem to be one of the genuine growth markets left!". Read the ERC report at: [www.housinglin.org.uk/pagefinder.cfm?cid=9384](http://www.housinglin.org.uk/pagefinder.cfm?cid=9384)

### HCA market bulletin

The housing market bulletin by the HCA provides the latest information on the housing market, the economy and the housebuilding industry. Read the latest issue at: [www.gov.uk/government/publications/housing-market-bulletin](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/housing-market-bulletin)



## NATIONAL HOUSING FOR OLDER PEOPLE AWARDS

Sponsored by Legal & General, a total of thirty seven Awards were presented to providers of retirement and sheltered housing yesterday. Nominations for the awards were submitted by the residents themselves through an innovative game of cards designed to stimulate discussions and capture satisfaction ratings on all aspects of housing for later life. An impressive 3,300 residents, living in 300 specialist housing schemes, got involved rating their scheme on a variety of statements relating to both the quality of the property and the care (where relevant), support and general sense of wellbeing they enjoy there.

This year, the Housing LIN supported two categories. They were: the Best Housing-with-Care Schemes in the category 30 - 44 units and the category 100 units and over. We are delighted to announce that the winner of the first category was Brunel Court, Wolverhampton, managed by The ExtraCare Charitable Trust, and our second category winner, West End Village, Stoke-on-Trent, managed by Staffordshire Housing Association Ltd. Our congratulations go out to the residents at both schemes who were overjoyed to receive their gold awards.



Brunel Court,  
Wolverhampton



West End Village,  
Stoke-on-Trent

To view the full list of winners, go to:  
[www.housingcare.org](http://www.housingcare.org)

## NEW HOUSING LIN PUBLICATIONS

*Keeping you informed on latest policy, practice and thinking, we are pleased to bring you an excellent selection of new and diverse publications from the Housing LIN. Keep them coming in!*

### NEW HOUSING LIN BLOGS

**Housing providers build homes. It's obvious, isn't it?**

Jeremy has recently written two thought-provoking blogs. The first is an opinion piece, published by SCIE entitled, 'Liberate your mind and service

users'. In this, he challenges the way we case manage care and use this to ration resources rather than developing creative caring solutions. View in full at: [www.housinglin.org.uk/Topics/type/resource/?cid=9405](http://www.housinglin.org.uk/Topics/type/resource/?cid=9405)



In the second, a feature in Housing Association Building and Maintenance journal this month, Jeremy writes about 'Improving the immovable'. This timely piece considers how housing associations should be striding forward to create a clear 'market space' for better integrated services and improved housing conditions for an ageing resident profile. Find at: [www.housinglin.org.uk/Topics/type/resource/?cid=9413](http://www.housinglin.org.uk/Topics/type/resource/?cid=9413)

### NEW HOUSING LIN REPORT

**Deck access, balconies and bungalows: new trends in HAPPI award-winning buildings**

Every year two Housing Design Awards are given out to the best residential schemes for elderly living, as part of the HAPPI (Housing our Ageing Population: Plan for Implementation) programme. This illustrated case study report for the Housing LIN by David Birkbeck, Design for Homes, explores recurring design strategies adopted by past and recent winners, and the lessons that can be learnt to inform and influence future 'age-friendly' mainstream housing and purpose-built specialist housing. Download at: [www.housinglin.org.uk/HAPPIBuildings\\_CaseStudyReport](http://www.housinglin.org.uk/HAPPIBuildings_CaseStudyReport)



And for more case studies and guides on HAPPI, visit our online 'design hub' at: [www.housinglin.org.uk/HAPPI](http://www.housinglin.org.uk/HAPPI)

### NEW HOUSING LIN CASE STUDIES

*In this issue, we feature a selection of diverse and interesting new case studies published by the Housing LIN in recent months. They include:*

#### Converting to HAPPI at St. Bede's, Bedford

This case study by Lorraine Mansfield showcases the award-winning HAPPI Independent Living Scheme for people over the age of 55, at St. Bede's in the heart of Bedford. It highlights the features of the scheme that make it such an attractive prospect for older people. Unlike traditional developments



for the over-55 customer, there is a focus on independent living in a community environment, with state of the art facilities.

The development consists of 104 one and two bedroom luxury apartments, with an exceptional range of communal facilities including a restaurant, cafe, hair salon and shop, all set amongst landscaped gardens. With 51 apartments available at affordable rent and 53 available as shared ownership, the scheme aims to make independent living affordable for all. View at:

[www.housinglin.org.uk/StBedes\\_CaseStudy](http://www.housinglin.org.uk/StBedes_CaseStudy)

### A Catalyst for change: The role of Extra Care Housing in the regeneration of Dee Park, Berkshire

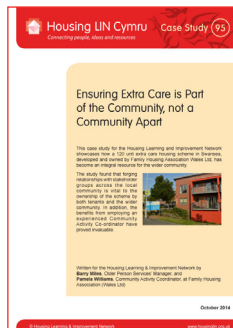


Oak Tree House is a 60 unit extra care housing scheme owned and managed by Catalyst Housing Ltd, situated in Dee Park, Reading, Berkshire. It is the first purpose-built extra care housing scheme completed in Reading. As featured in our South and South West Housing LIN conference last month, the Dee Park Estate

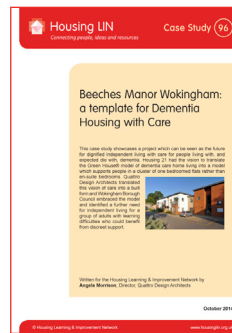
is currently undergoing a major regeneration to create a mixed tenure estate of flats and houses, developed in partnership between Reading Borough Council and the Dee Park Partnership (DPP), a Joint Venture of Catalyst Housing Limited and Willmott Dixon Prime Place, and designed by architects HTA Design LLP. This case study by Sue Terry describes the achievements to date. Read at: [www.housinglin.org.uk/Catalyst\\_CaseStudy](http://www.housinglin.org.uk/Catalyst_CaseStudy)

### Ensuring Extra Care is Part of the Community, not a Community Apart

This case study showcases how a 120 unit extra care housing scheme in Swansea has become an integral resource for the wider community. The study found that forging relationships with stakeholder groups across the local community is vital to the ownership of the scheme by both tenants and the wider community. In addition, the benefits from employing an experienced Community Activities Co-ordinator have proved invaluable, generating substantial inreach and outreach activities and helping to sustain the vibrancy of Hazel Court as a resource for the local community. More at: [www.housinglin.org.uk/HazelCourt\\_CaseStudy](http://www.housinglin.org.uk/HazelCourt_CaseStudy)



### Beeches Manor Wokingham: a template for Dementia Housing with Care



This case study by Angela Morrison features a project which can be seen as the future for dignified independent living with care for people living with, and expected to die with, dementia. Housing & Care 21 had the vision to translate the Green House® model of dementia care home living into a model which

supports people in a cluster of one bedroomed flats rather than en-suite bedrooms. Quattro translated this vision of care into a built form and Wokingham Borough Council embraced the model and identified a further need for independent living for a group of adults with learning difficulties who could benefit from discreet support at Beeches Manor.

Download at:

[www.housinglin.org.uk/BeechesManor\\_CaseStudy](http://www.housinglin.org.uk/BeechesManor_CaseStudy)

### North Tyneside Living: an integrated housing, health and social care model to deliver preventative and enabling sheltered housing services

In the UK, the government is questioning our readiness for an ageing population, with concerns about housing provision and the restructuring of and reduction in, services to support older people. This case study by Professor Glenda Cook et al reports on an innovative service partnership in North Tyneside, between housing, health and adult social care, for the delivery of a preventative and enabling sheltered housing service.

This service delivery model provides support for all aspects of a rich and satisfying life, from nurturing and/or maintaining social engagement and activities, to promoting good physical health, or supporting people to manage their chronic conditions and disabilities.

There is evidence to suggest that this new model promotes prevention and brings services to the older tenant. Furthermore, whilst this service delivery model is cost effective in monetary terms, it is equally important that tenants indicate that it improves their quality of life.

More at:

[www.housinglin.org.uk/NorthTynesideLiving\\_CaseStudy](http://www.housinglin.org.uk/NorthTynesideLiving_CaseStudy)



## Funding Housing for Older People and Supported Housing: US Low Income Housing Tax Credits and their use in the UK

This paper by Vic O'Brien is a follow up study undertaken last year in the USA which assessed the operation of Low Income Housing Tax Credits as a source of funding for affordable housing in the USA. It includes examples of schemes funded for people with support needs and older people.



The aim for the study was to explore whether there are useful elements within the US system of funding affordable housing that could be employed in the UK. This study will hopefully contribute to the wider debate on determining additional ways in which affordable housing can be funded in the UK and boost housing production, including housing for vulnerable and older people. Read in full at: [www.housinglin.org.uk/FundingAffordableHousing\\_CaseStudy](http://www.housinglin.org.uk/FundingAffordableHousing_CaseStudy)

## NEW HOUSING LIN VIEWPOINTS

*These new viewpoints cover a range of issues that will be of interest to readers of Housing with Care Matters. They include:*

### Park Home Living – a good housing option for later life?

Launched at the Northern Housing Consortium conference in York in October, this new viewpoint by Moyra Riseborough explores the latest evidence on Park Homes. They have an appeal for many people as they get older. Satisfied older buyers say a Park Home is a good way to downsize and they



Example of a Park Home in Herefordshire

get more for their money than they would if they bought a bricks and mortar property. But the problems residents face from unscrupulous Park site owners has given Park Homes a negative image. Do recent

reforms as a result of the Mobile Homes Act 2013 make a difference? Is a Park Home a good choice now for later life – especially as austerity continues to bite? Read at:

[www.housinglin.org.uk/ParkHomes\\_Viewpoint](http://www.housinglin.org.uk/ParkHomes_Viewpoint)

## What is the housing with care 'offer' and who is it for?

This viewpoint by Simon Evans et al, published to coincide with the International Day of Older Persons 2014 in October, explores some of the findings from Adult Social Services Environments and Settings (ASSET), a research project that was funded by the NIHR School for Social Care Research from February 2012 to April 2014.

The project explored how adult social care services are commissioned and delivered in extra care housing and retirement villages. It is a timely paper, coming hot on the heels of the recent Commission on Residential Care, chaired by former Care Services Minister, Paul Burstow MP. This recommended greater clarification on what constitutes housing with care. Find at: [www.housinglin.org.uk/ASSET\\_Viewpoint](http://www.housinglin.org.uk/ASSET_Viewpoint)

## Breaking boundaries: reinventing primary care

This viewpoint by Merron Simpson provides insights into some of the current debates and developments in health through the lens of general practice and primary care. It explains the NHS Alliance's vision for extended primary care and for developing social models of health, and presents examples of ways in which housing organisations are already integrating with primary care to improve people's health and wellbeing and reduce pressure on the NHS. It seeks to give insights into why progress can sometimes be slow and includes some 'top tips' for housing providers who want be involved in building social models of health, with primary care. Download at: [www.housinglin.org.uk/PrimaryCare\\_Viewpoint](http://www.housinglin.org.uk/PrimaryCare_Viewpoint)

## Tackling barriers to integration in health and social care

The drivers for greater integration of health and social care are well-known: an increasing elderly population, higher demand for care - for example, because more people are living with long-term conditions like diabetes - the need to develop more responsive, patient-centred services, workforce pressures and reduced funding. Striving for closer links between the NHS and social care has been part of the policy world in the UK for many years. With the implementation of the Care Act from April next year, this viewpoint by Mark Johnson considers the issues and challenges facing local authorities tasked with securing greater integration of services and touches on the role housing could play in an emerging landscape of integrated care. View at: [www.housinglin.org.uk/Integration\\_Viewpoint](http://www.housinglin.org.uk/Integration_Viewpoint)



## Building for the Generations: Lessons from the United States of America

This viewpoint by Kathleen McCormick reaffirms that the “silver tsunami” of ageing baby boomers is upon us and, rather than running for cover, housing developers in the United States are stepping up to meet the demands of the age-55-and-older housing market. Download at:

[www.housinglin.org.uk/BuildingforGenerations\\_Viewpoint](http://www.housinglin.org.uk/BuildingforGenerations_Viewpoint)



Plan for Aria Senior Apartments in Denver

## Extra care housing: Where do residents come from?

This paper by Carterwood for ARCO looks at the catchment area for moving to extra care housing. It provides useful market research for developers and providers alike in gaining a better understanding on the location and desirability of potential extra care housing schemes, implications for planning, and how best to position them in the market place. Download at:

[www.housinglin.org.uk/pagefinder.cfm?cid=9369](http://www.housinglin.org.uk/pagefinder.cfm?cid=9369)

## New, emerging and changing job roles: Adult social care in extra care housing

This report from Skills for Care explores existing and emerging job roles which straddled housing and social care. The project, undertaken by Sitra, includes an assessment of the workforce development needs these roles pose and the potential role of apprenticeships to meet such needs. It recognises the importance of learning provision to extend the skills and capabilities of staff working in the sector, recruitment and retention, and the need to embrace new and emerging policy and practice developments such as the Care Act 2014 and new technologies. View at:

[www.housinglin.org.uk/pagefinder.cfm?cid=9399](http://www.housinglin.org.uk/pagefinder.cfm?cid=9399)

And if you found this of interest, check out the workforce section on our dedicated extra care housing pages at:

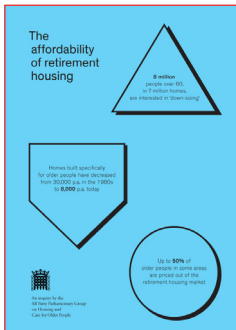
[www.housinglin.org.uk/Topics/browse/HousingExtraCare/ExtraCareProvision/Workforce/](http://www.housinglin.org.uk/Topics/browse/HousingExtraCare/ExtraCareProvision/Workforce/)

## OTHER USEFUL PUBLICATIONS / RESOURCES

### HOUSING FOR OLDER PEOPLE

In this section we bring you details on other new resources on a range of themes related to ageing, housing for older and disabled people.

#### The affordability of retirement housing



This report from the APPG looks at ways of helping those in relatively low value properties to “downsize”. Although large numbers of people in their “extended middle age” express an interest in moving to more manageable homes that will suit them as they get older, and many who do move release

equity for an enhanced lifestyle, downsizing is problematic for those with less valuable homes.

The report, prepared by Claudia Wood of DEMOS for the APPG Inquiry proposes a “Help to Move” package with Stamp Duty relief, financial advice and equity mortgages similar to those for younger people through the Help to Buy scheme. Hosted by the Housing LIN, the report can be downloaded at:

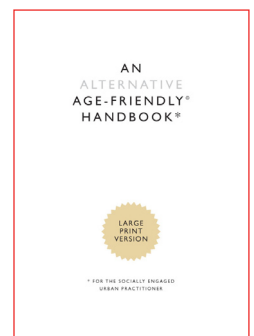
[www.housinglin.org.uk/pagefinder.cfm?cid=9401](http://www.housinglin.org.uk/pagefinder.cfm?cid=9401)

And if you found this of interest, check out a selection of our ‘downsizer’ viewpoints and tools to help you better predict the demand and supply of specialist housing for older people to 2030 on our SHOP@ webpages at:

[www.housinglin.org.uk/Downsizing](http://www.housinglin.org.uk/Downsizing)

#### An alternative age-friendly handbook

As part of the 9th Annual Research Symposium on Design for Ageing, RIBA have launched a new ‘Age-friendly’ handbook together with Age UK, the Manchester Institute for Collaborative Research on Ageing and Age-Friendly Manchester (the UK’s first Age-friendly City).



Designed as a handy, pocket-sized reference for designers, architects and artists looking to help to create age-inclusive cities, the Handbook offers up thoughts, practical tools and tips to encourage new ways of rethinking – and reconfiguring – older people’s neglected relationship to urban space. Drawing on the very latest examples of age-inclusive practice, the Handbook shows how even small-scale actions and interventions can better support older people in



making full and varied use of urban space – ‘even in’ older age. There is also a useful glossary of key and contested ‘age-friendly’ terms. View at: [www.housinglin.org.uk/pagefinder.cfm?cid=9409](http://www.housinglin.org.uk/pagefinder.cfm?cid=9409)

### **Wheelchair Accessible Housing: Waiting for Appropriate Housing in England**

This report by Aspire Housing Association finds that there is a huge housing shortage for wheelchair users in England; with almost 24,000 still waiting for appropriate social or affordable housing. Part of the reason for this is that local authorities continue to give the small number of accessible properties to non-wheelchair users. In London (2008-2009), for example, around 70% of accessible properties went to non-wheelchair users. If these problems remain unresolved, Aspire estimate that it will take 6 years to meet demand, and that’s not accounting for new wheelchair users coming into the system. To resolve these problems Aspire suggest that local authorities prioritise the supply of accessible housing to wheelchair users over non-wheelchair users. To make this possible they suggest that 10% of all new build properties should be wheelchair accessible by law.

[www.housinglin.org.uk/pagefinder.cfm?cid=9414](http://www.housinglin.org.uk/pagefinder.cfm?cid=9414)

### **The Bigger Picture: Understanding disability and care across the older population**

This new research by Independent Age and Strategy Society Centre maps and improves our understanding of the lives of older people in England experiencing disability and caring. On the housing front, it highlights significant variations in housing wealth and equity. For example, 52.9% of people across England had household financial wealth below £17,000, 9.1% had financial wealth between £17,001 and £27,000, and 38.0% had financial wealth above £27,000. Find at:

[www.housinglin.org.uk/pagefinder.cfm?cid=9418](http://www.housinglin.org.uk/pagefinder.cfm?cid=9418)

### **Design for Care: Transforming care for the 21st century**

The Design Council has launched a major design programme to improve the quality of care. Design for Care will drive to invent and develop new systems, processes, products and services to increase wellbeing, help reduce unnecessary hospital admissions and to help people stay in their own homes. The Design Council will be focussing on the following four themes: Growing informal care; Transforming our homes; Enabling better choices; and Places and spaces for care. More at:

[www.housinglin.org.uk/pagefinder.cfm?cid=9378](http://www.housinglin.org.uk/pagefinder.cfm?cid=9378)

## **HEALTH & CARE**

*This section features new papers/resources that have a connection across housing, health and/or social care. They include:*

### **For future living: Innovative approaches to join up housing + health**



This report from IPPR looks at how England’s housing should respond to the pressures of an ageing population. The link between population ageing and increased health costs is well recognised, but the link between good housing and good health is less well understood. The report focuses on reform options in

mainstream housing and highlights the weaknesses in current housing stock, considers the need for greater adaptability and how GPs could better prescribe adaptations where there is a health ‘dividend’, and recommends changes to improve the care and accommodation options available to older people. Read at:

[www.housinglin.org.uk/pagefinder.cfm?cid=9389](http://www.housinglin.org.uk/pagefinder.cfm?cid=9389)

### **Going Home Alone: Counting the cost to older people and the NHS**

Older people returning home from hospital without enough support are more than twice as likely to be readmitted within three months, according to the Royal Voluntary Service. The findings reveal that in the last five years almost 200,000 people aged over 75 returned home from hospital without the support they needed to look after themselves, and thousands of readmissions could be prevented if they received more help at discharge. More at:

[www.housinglin.org.uk/pagefinder.cfm?cid=9420](http://www.housinglin.org.uk/pagefinder.cfm?cid=9420)

And to view the DH/DCLG funded hospital2home resource pack on the Housing LIN website, go to:

[www.housinglin.org.uk/hospital2home\\_pack](http://www.housinglin.org.uk/hospital2home_pack)

### **The efficient management of healthcare estates and facilities**

The Department of Health have published two documents (Parts A and B) that provide guidance for NHS trusts, foundation trusts and other NHS organisations on achieving efficiency savings and reducing costs in NHS estates.

Part A outlines how efficiencies in the running of land and property can be achieved.





Part B provides more detailed advice about the active management of land and buildings used for healthcare services. It includes advice on:

- general management of property including commercial opportunities for the benefit of patients, visitors and staff, and town planning
- the selling of surplus property and, where required, the buying of additional property, including for residential purposes

Both documents can be downloaded at:

[www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-efficient-management-of-healthcare-estates-and-facilities-health-building-note-00-08](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-efficient-management-of-healthcare-estates-and-facilities-health-building-note-00-08)

## HOUSING & DEMENTIA

We are immensely grateful to Brunelcare, who have agreed to sponsor our housing and dementia webpages, and Sue Garwood, our dementia lead, for the following items.



### Is your housing dementia friendly?

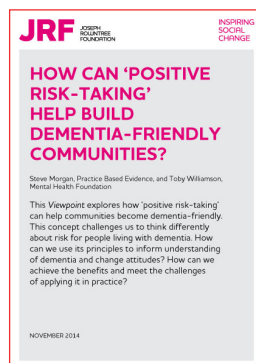
Building on the toolkit, 'Enhancing the Healing Environments', The King's Fund has produced a range of resources to enable hospitals, care homes, primary care premises and specialist housing providers to become more dementia friendly. In particular, the 'How dementia friendly is your housing?' environmental assessment tool is designed to assess the dementia friendliness of extra care housing. The tool has been designed for use in any 'housing with care' setting including extra care housing, retirement communities, sheltered housing and very sheltered housing of any tenure. View at:

[www.housinglin.org.uk/pagefinder.cfm?cid=9379](http://www.housinglin.org.uk/pagefinder.cfm?cid=9379)

### How can 'positive risk-taking' help build dementia-friendly communities?

This JRF viewpoint explores the ways in which the focus of positive risk-taking is on making good decisions. It outlines how a dementia-friendly neighbourhood or community is good for everyone, from individuals to businesses; it is not just about accommodating people living with dementia. Download at:

[www.housinglin.org.uk/pagefinder.cfm?cid=9402](http://www.housinglin.org.uk/pagefinder.cfm?cid=9402)



## Deprivation of Liberty

The Law Commission is investigating how deprivation of liberty for those unable to consent should be authorised in housing settings in the future. At present, it has to be authorised by the Court of Protection. In October, a group of trade body and housing provider representatives met with the Law Commission to explore some of the issues of concern. Notes from this meeting may be found at: [www.housinglin.org.uk/pagefinder.cfm?cid=9290](http://www.housinglin.org.uk/pagefinder.cfm?cid=9290)

In addition, on behalf of the Dementia and Housing Working Group, the Housing LIN and NHF are trying to obtain a lawyer's view on what housing providers should be doing to comply with the law as well as clarification on points of law where possible.

## HOUSING & SAFEGUARDING

The Housing and Safeguarding Adults Alliance is doing a brief survey to assess housing providers readiness to implement the safeguarding aspects of the Care Act. This will only take a few minutes to complete. Please do so at:

[www.surveymonkey.com/s/B2C57LP](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/B2C57LP)

The Alliance has also recently updated two documents (self-assessment checklist and slides) on our webpages in the light of the safeguarding aspects of the statutory guidance of the Care Act 2014 which requires ALL housing providers to engage in adult safeguarding by April 2015. Available at: [www.housinglin.org.uk/adultsafeguardingandhousing](http://www.housinglin.org.uk/adultsafeguardingandhousing)

## TELECARE UPDATE

*This section, supported by the Knowledge Transfer Network at Innovate UK, highlights relevant Telecare and Telehealth items that may be of interest to Housing LIN members.*

### The Long Term Care Revolution National Challenge

The Long Term Care Revolution is about radically rethinking long term care. It's about stimulating innovation, new models and markets for dependent living in the future. The Housing LIN and its sister network, the Telecare LIN, is delighted to be a programme partner. Read our report at:

[www.housinglin.org.uk/pagefinder.cfm?cid=8934](http://www.housinglin.org.uk/pagefinder.cfm?cid=8934)

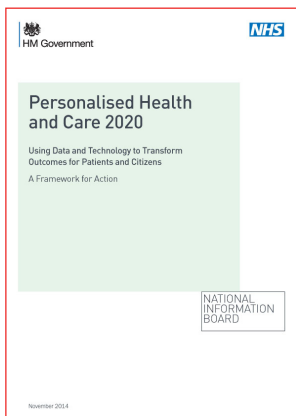
To find out more about the Revolution and watch the video, go to: <https://connect.innovateuk.org/web/the-long-term-care-revolution/aboutus>



## Evaluating Your Telecare Service: Improving Quality and Outcomes

ADASS have published a Better Care Technology survey report which is primarily aimed at commissioners and providers of social care and health services who have identified technology-enabled care services as an effective way to support the health and social care needs of their local population. Available at:

[www.adass.org.uk/uploadedFiles/adass\\_content/policy\\_networks/old\\_people/key\\_documents/Better%20Care%20Technology%20Survey%20Report%20October%202014.pdf](http://www.adass.org.uk/uploadedFiles/adass_content/policy_networks/old_people/key_documents/Better%20Care%20Technology%20Survey%20Report%20October%202014.pdf)



### A major new report on digital technology

The DH have published a framework setting out how the use of technology and data can improve health and the way health and social care services are delivered, with a particular emphasis on facilitating the delivery of future at home care and support. More at:

[www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/374539/Personalised\\_Health\\_and\\_Care\\_for\\_All\\_2020\\_-\\_Final\\_Version.pdf](http://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/374539/Personalised_Health_and_Care_for_All_2020_-_Final_Version.pdf)

### Have we got even more news for you!

If you are switched on to the above items, the August Telecare LIN newsletter

and supplement is now available. Packed with everything you need to know about latest policy, practice and product developments. Available at:

[www.telecarelin.org.uk](http://www.telecarelin.org.uk)



## CALL FOR INFORMATION

In March a Supreme Court judgement changed the threshold for deprivation of liberty, so many more people fall into the revised definition. This has an impact on housing settings. Please tell us what effects, if any, are you seeing where you work? We would like to hear from you.

Email us at: [info@housinglin.org.uk](mailto:info@housinglin.org.uk)

## REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

As always, there is extensive networking going on amongst



Housing LIN members. This section has updates from our regional leads on recent developments. We are grateful to Keepmoat for sponsoring our regional pages. For further information of what's happening in your region, go to the Housing LIN regional pages and, remember, contribute to your regional noticeboard so we can share your news!

### Eastern

Sue reports that the official opening of St Bede's took place this week. The mixed tenure development in Bedford, managed by Orbit Independent Living and designed by PRP Architects, has 104 contemporary one and two bedroom apartments. To coincide with the launch, and as reported on p.4-5, the Housing LIN has published a case study. View at: [www.housinglin.org.uk/StBedes\\_CaseStudy](http://www.housinglin.org.uk/StBedes_CaseStudy)



St Bede's, Bedford

### North West

Jean and Libby report that a packed audience attended the inaugural NW Housing LIN conference, *Planning Today, Delivering Tomorrow*, in Warrington. They heard Claudia Wood from Demos speak on the papers she has worked on for Paul Burstow MP's Commission on Residential Care and the APPG inquiry on affordable downsizing along with Paula Broadbent from Keepmoat. Thanks to all our sponsors. Copies of all the presentations are at:

[www.housinglin.org.uk/Events/ArchivedEvents/ArchivedHousingEventDetail/?eventID=823](http://www.housinglin.org.uk/Events/ArchivedEvents/ArchivedHousingEventDetail/?eventID=823)

In Wallasey, the old mariners' home on the banks of the River Mersey was featured on BBC R4. In *Last Port of Call*, life on dry land has given many of these sailors a new lease of life. To be featured as a forthcoming Housing LIN case study by Pozzoni Architects, they track ships on the internet, take the ferry across the Mersey and throw themselves into a sports day. The link to the 'listen again' page on the BBC website is:

[www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b04tvdnr](http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b04tvdnr)

In Chester, an £18 million retirement living development, offering 131 apartments with



extra care facilities for older people aged 55 and over, opened its doors last month. The Abbot's Wood development on Northgate Avenue is a partnership between one of the UK's largest housing associations, Your Housing Group together with Cheshire West and Chester Council and the Homes & Communities Agency (HCA). It also received some DH Extra Care Housing Grant. The development of one and two dementia-friendly bedroom apartments is available for rent, full sale or shared ownership. More details can be found on the Housing LIN's directory of DH funded schemes at: [www.housinglin.org.uk/Topics/ECHScheme/search/Overview/?cid=9337](http://www.housinglin.org.uk/Topics/ECHScheme/search/Overview/?cid=9337)

In Huyton, Knowsley's largest Extra Care development, Bluebell Park, has recently opened its doors to residents. Bluebell Park Extra Care



Bluebell Park Apartments, Huyton

development scheme offers a range of support and shared spaces for people over the age of 55. There are 122 one and two bed apartments available, 21 of which will be available to buy through Shared Ownership. The remaining 101 apartments will be available for prospective tenants to rent and will include allocated Extra Care facilities. In Rochdale, the construction of the new 41 unit extra care housing development in Littleborough, which is due to open this coming Spring, has received the thumbs up from the local Age UK.

In Cumbria, the County Council wishes to commission a new support at home in extra care housing in Greta Gardens, Keswick, from April 2015. For details, visit:

[www.the-chest.org.uk/procontract/supplier.nsf/frm\\_opportunity?openForm&opp\\_id=OPP-HIS-9QXR-RRMDT7&contract\\_id=CONTRACT-9QXQ-SU273L&org\\_id=ORG-NWCE-76RML3&from](http://www.the-chest.org.uk/procontract/supplier.nsf/frm_opportunity?openForm&opp_id=OPP-HIS-9QXR-RRMDT7&contract_id=CONTRACT-9QXQ-SU273L&org_id=ORG-NWCE-76RML3&from)

And finally, Libby and Jean also report that in Sale in Greater Manchester, Trafford Housing Trust, the new £7.8 million, mixed tenure extra care scheme named after murdered policewoman Fiona Bone, has been officially opened. It features 71 one-and two-bedroom properties for both sale and rent.

### Yorkshire and Humber

Paula reports that North Yorkshire County Council have held a series of consultation meetings into their plans for extra care housing in every major town in the county.

Check out the Housing LIN case study at: [www.housinglin.org.uk/pagefinder.cfm?cid=8559](http://www.housinglin.org.uk/pagefinder.cfm?cid=8559)

And in Harrogate, Harrogate Neighbours Housing Association has secured planning permission to develop a 55 unit extra care housing scheme in Starbeck. Construction is due to start early next year.

In Swallowdale, Doncaster, Housing & Care 21's £6.4 million mixed tenure extra care housing scheme is nearing completion. Being built by Keepmoat, the scheme comprises of 52 apartments for rent and 12 for sale and 2 bungalows for shared ownership.

In Scarborough, external works on Sanctuary Housing Group's new extra care scheme are nearing completion and residents expected to move into Jazz Court this month.

In Sheffield, work on Sanctuary Group's new retirement living scheme in Stocksbridge is gathering pace ahead of its completion by Keepmoat next year.

And finally, the DWELL research project at the University of Sheffield have published a report of their stakeholder event held this autumn. 'Working together to make Sheffield a city of all ages' is available at:

[http://dwell.group.shef.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/DWELL-Stakeholder-workshop-final-report\\_Nov-2014.pdf](http://dwell.group.shef.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/DWELL-Stakeholder-workshop-final-report_Nov-2014.pdf)



### South East

Sue reports that Anchor Trust and construction partner Castleoak

have moved another step closer to delivering a luxury £12.4m retirement apartment development in Weybridge, Surrey, with a ceremony to mark



Artist's impression of Austin Place, Weybridge

the completion of the building footprint. Due to open in 2016, Austin Place will have 65 one and two-bedroom luxury apartments which will be offered exclusively for sale.

In Reading, the Mayor officially opened Cedar Court, the council's new 40 unit extra care housing scheme in Whitely built by Willmott Dixon. In addition, Reading Council are also in discussion





with A2 Dominion to develop another 40 unit extra care scheme on the site of the former residential care home and day centre.

And across East Sussex, Family Mosaic Housing Association have been successful in securing a contract to deliver a comprehensive home care, reablement and continuing health care service.

In Portsmouth, a new Housing & Care 21 scheme in Hilsea has been named Maritime House. The 80 one and two bedroomed scheme is being built by Leadbitter in partnership with the city council and will provide specialist housing for older people and adults with care needs in the local community.



*Plan for Maritime House, Portsmouth*

In Brighton & Hove, the City Council have gone out to tender to develop a business case for extra care housing. We look forward to covering this in a future issue.

In Oxfordshire, the number of specially-designed apartments, which enable people with a care need to retain their independence, is set to jump by 50% by March 2015 thanks to a £35m investment. A total of 256 new ECH apartments at five county locations (see below) are due to be opened between January and March next year. This takes the total to 768, with the number expected to soar past 1,000 by 2016. The £35m is being used to build new ECH accommodation in Goring, Witney, Kidlington, the Wychwoods; and in Abingdon, where a 40-apartment scheme is being constructed on Ock Street on the previous Mayott House care home site. Care at the new scheme will be provided by the Order of St John Care Trust, while the housing provider will be its partner, the Bedfordshire Pilgrims Housing Association

The new other ECH schemes opening soon in Oxfordshire are:

- Towse Court, Goring (opening January 2015)
- The Paddocks, Wychwood (opening March 2015)
- Fernleigh, Witney (opening March 2015)
- Moorside Place, Kidlington (opening March 2015)

And lastly, in Hampshire, at the full council meeting of Hampshire County Council in September, progress to meet its target of delivering 500 new extra-care apartments by 2019 was considered and it was agreed that due to the progress that

had been made so far, and with demand remaining high, that the county should aim to deliver this number by 2017, and aim to build a further 200 apartments by the original target date of 2019. Individual developments which will contribute to this target are continuing to move forward as planned. For example, a pre-planning public engagement event has taken place in Havant with regard to the Oak Park Health & Wellbeing campus. This is being developed by a consortium led by Ashley House with HC-One delivering an 80 bed nursing home in addition to the Home Group developing 100 extra-care /assisted living apartments.

A planning application has also been submitted by Winchester City Council in respect of the proposed 52 apartment scheme they are themselves proposing to develop at Chesil St in central Winchester. Funding for this development comes from Winchester City Council, Hampshire County Council and the DoH Care & Support Specialist Housing Fund. In addition to the 52 apartments, the scheme will also incorporate a replacement facility for the county council's Winchester older persons day centre, enabling it to relocate to a central Winchester location.

Agreement has also recently been given by the County Council to the first development to be undertaken under its Extra-Care Procurement Framework. Following the running of a mini-competition, Family Mosaic have been selected to undertake this development on the site of the county council's previously run residential care home in Romsey. Following the success of this competition, further development opportunities are to be made available to Framework partners over the next few months.

### South West

Pat reports that the South and South West annual Housing LIN conference, Better Care, Better Life, in Swindon was a great success. Thanks to all the sponsors for making this possible. Presentations are available at:

[www.housinglin.org.uk/Events/ArchivedEvents/ArchivedHousingEventDetail/?eventID=822](http://www.housinglin.org.uk/Events/ArchivedEvents/ArchivedHousingEventDetail/?eventID=822)

In Somerset, the County Council have published a report of their recent stakeholder exercise prior to going out to consultation on extra care housing plans from 2016. View at:

[www1.somerset.gov.uk/council/board44%20scrutiny%20people%5C2014%20November%2021%20Item%207%20Extra%20Care%20Housing.pdf](http://www1.somerset.gov.uk/council/board44%20scrutiny%20people%5C2014%20November%2021%20Item%207%20Extra%20Care%20Housing.pdf)



In Wiltshire, plans for developing a new, up to 50 unit, affordable housing scheme for older people in Devizes are out for consultation. Wiltshire Council is consulting people across the Devizes area on the proposed development of an extra care housing scheme for the over 55s in Victoria Road, on the current Southfield care home site.

And lastly, in Poole, following a successful planning application for a block of 54 extra care apartments with communal facilities, Poole Housing Partnership and the borough council have appointed contractors and work has started on Trinidad House in Rossmore.



Plan for Trinidad House, Poole

### London

Margaret reports that the London Housing LIN seminar at RIBA went really well. The event saw the publication of the Housing LIN's new HAPPI case study report by Design for Homes (referenced in our new publications) along with presentations by RIBA, Central & Cecil Housing Trust and Sarah Wigglesworth, Professor of Architecture at the University of Sheffield. Copies of the slides are available at:

[www.housinglin.org.uk/Events/ArchivedEvents/ArchivedHousingEventDetail/?eventID=827](http://www.housinglin.org.uk/Events/ArchivedEvents/ArchivedHousingEventDetail/?eventID=827)

Margaret also reports that the Mayor has published supplementary planning guidance, *Shaping Neighbourhoods, Accessible London: Achieving an Inclusive Environment*. This is linked to implementing the London Plan 2011 and sets out the principles of inclusive design and how they can be implemented through the planning and development process. The guidance covers the design of buildings, public space and infrastructure to enable the inclusion of people living with disability and frailty. Available at: [www.london.gov.uk/priorities/planning/publications/accessible-london-achieving-an-inclusive-environment](http://www.london.gov.uk/priorities/planning/publications/accessible-london-achieving-an-inclusive-environment)



Plan for the new scheme on Flaxen Road, Waltham Forest

In Chingford, East Thames Housing Association are celebrating the development of a new extra care housing scheme at Flaxen Road in Waltham Forest. Built by Durkan, it will provide 45 new homes and on-site tailored care and support. And lastly, Barnet Homes' sheltered housing scheme at

Moreton Close in Mill Hill has been identified by the council as a potential development site for 50 one bedroom extra care flats for the social rent market. Barnet Council's strategic aim is to provide quality extra care housing and support service provision for older people with dementia in the borough. This is to enable people to live in their homes as independently as they can, avoiding costly and inappropriate residential care.

### East Midlands

Debbie reports in Loughborough, the Cabinet has tabled a paper to consider an application received for a capital funding contribution towards the provision of an Extra Care Housing Scheme at the former 'Moseley' premises being developed by EMH Housing & Regeneration Ltd.

In Derby, Sunnyfield, a new mixed tenure, 70 unit development in Sunny Hill is due to be completed this month in the city.



Site plan of the new development, Sunnyfield, in Sunny Hill, Derby

And lastly, in Derbyshire, a £10 million, 53 unit extra care housing scheme for older people in Buxton by Housing & Care 21 has been given the go ahead by High Peak Borough Council. In addition, there will also be a specialist residential care wing with 16 en-suite bedrooms for older people with more complex care needs including dementia.

### North East

Denise reports to coincide with the publication of the Housing LIN case study (reported on p.5), Northumbria University, North Tyneside Council and HCA have held an event in Gateshead this week.



Plan for Weaver's Court, Alnwick

And in Alnwick, work has begun on a £5m new extra care housing scheme by Isos Housing, in partnership with Northumberland Council. When complete, Weavers' Court will provide 58 one and two bedroom apartments, with 30 available to buy through older persons shared ownership and the remainder available to rent.



## West Midlands

Anne reports that the joint conference, co-produced with the West Midlands Later Life Forum, was a great success. Copies of all the keynote presentations are now at:

[www.housinglin.org.uk/Events/ArchivedEvents/ArchivedHousingEventDetail/?eventID=824](http://www.housinglin.org.uk/Events/ArchivedEvents/ArchivedHousingEventDetail/?eventID=824)

She also reports that the official opening of a new extra care scheme in Lawley took place earlier this autumn at Lawley Bank Court, Telford. Developed and managed by Sanctuary, the 61 one and two bed apartments with associated communal space received a £4m grant from the HCA.

In Malvern, Angela Rippon OBE officially opened the £20 million Clarence Park development in Malvern Link this week. Fortis Living's flagship development boasts over 100 apartments as well as a village centre which has a coffee shop, high spec gym, hairdressers, and entertainment venue.



Angela Rippon opening Clarence Park in Malvern

In Warwickshire, the county council have published their latest Extra Care Housing Bulletin which provides an update on developments.

And in Stoke, the funding of the extra care PFI scheme has reached financial close and work commenced on site for Your Housing Group. Completion is expected in 2016. The £75m capital value project financed care infrastructure scheme, is set to deliver 390 extra care, sheltered accommodation apartments for the elderly in Stoke-on-Trent and is designed to enable tenants to live an independent life in a socially supportive environment.

And in Cradley, work on the £18m Extra Care scheme with Midland Heart and Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council is due to open in Spring 2015. Designed to promote independent living for Dudley's over 55s, the scheme will provide a 120 bed mixed tenure apartment complex. Alongside communal leisure facilities such as shop, restaurant, library, gym and well-being centre, the scheme will also offer 24 hour care and support for residents.

And finally, Housing & Care 21 have opened the show flat at Webb Ellis Court, a 61 unit mixed tenure extra care housing scheme in Rugby, built by Willmott Dixon.

## Wales

Jeremy reports Lesley Griffiths AM, Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty, officially opened Hafod y Parc, North Wales new £11 million, 49 unit, extra care scheme in Abergele.



Hafod y Parc, Abergele

In addition, he reports that there have been several useful new policy and funding developments in Wales that could benefit housing for older people. They include:

### £37m investment to improve the housing supply and boost the economy

The draft Budget for Wales, 'Priorities for Wales' includes a £37 million funding boost for a variety of housing measures to increase the housing supply and provide a boost to the Welsh economy. To view the announcement, click on the link to the Welsh Government's housing and regeneration page at: <http://wales.gov.uk/newsroom/?lang=en>

### Getting started with your local housing market assessment guidance



This guidance from the WLGA and the Welsh Government sets out a quantitative approach to calculating housing need and an assessment of the local housing market in Wales, which can be used consistently across Local Authorities. It aims to help authorities to undertake their own assessment of the

housing market and to provide a starting point on which to build a more sophisticated understanding of their local housing markets. There is reference to sheltered housing but not extra care housing.

<http://wales.gov.uk/topics/housing-and-regeneration/publications/starhouseassessguide/?lang=en>

### A Place to Call Home? - A Review into the Quality of Life and Care of Older People living in Care Homes in Wales

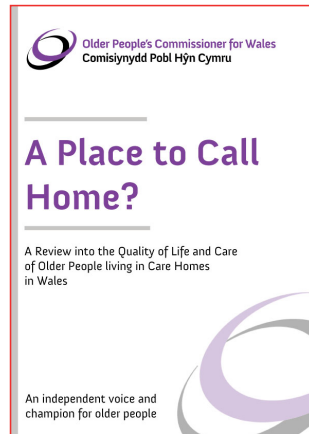
Making sure that older people have the best quality of life is a key priority for the Older People's Commissioner for Wales. In this comprehensive Review of the care home sector, she exposes



four key areas related to the quality of life of older people living in care homes in Wales that need to be urgently addressed, namely: matters relating to day-to-day life; health and wellbeing; people and leadership; and commissioning, regulation and inspection.

However, while the terms of this Review stated that extra care homes or sheltered housing were not included, it is interesting to note in her findings that she recognises the potential to explore for further development of other models that combine housing and care, such as extra care. In addition, oral evidence given by CCSIW on shaping care markets as part of looking at future demographic changes highlighted the need to consider at a strategic level how much provision of sheltered housing accommodation in Wales is required?

The review is available at:  
[www.housinglin.org.uk/pagefinder.cfm?cid=9408](http://www.housinglin.org.uk/pagefinder.cfm?cid=9408)



meet Welsh Government's revised target of 10,000 affordable homes for this term of Government. However, of particular interest to Housing LIN Cymru members will be the growing emphasis placed on housing and services for older people such as extra care housing and Care & Repair.

More at:  
[www.housinglin.org.uk/pagefinder.cfm?cid=9397](http://www.housinglin.org.uk/pagefinder.cfm?cid=9397)

### Scotland

Jeremy reports that the Integration regulations were laid in the Scottish Parliament on 3rd October 2014. These deal with the functions and services which must be delegated to the new health and social care partnerships by Health and by Local Authorities. They also set out the National Health and Wellbeing Outcomes.

Of particular interest, housing support will not be required to come within scope unless it is delivered 'in conjunction' with personal care. Other types of housing support can come within scope if partnerships so desire e.g. housing support relating to homelessness. More details at:  
[www.ccpscotland.org/hseu/information/integration-health-social-care](http://www.ccpscotland.org/hseu/information/integration-health-social-care)

### Independent Review of the Supporting People Transition Year



This report reviews planning and commissioning arrangements following transition to the new Supporting People programme grant and makes a number of recommendations for the Welsh Government and partners at a national, local and regional level, including remodelling services for older

people. More at:  
[www.housinglin.org.uk/pagefinder.cfm?cid=9396](http://www.housinglin.org.uk/pagefinder.cfm?cid=9396)

### The Socio-Economic Impact of the Welsh HA and Community Mutual Sector

This report by the Welsh Economy Research Unit at Cardiff University for Community Housing Cymru highlights the benefits of housing associations in Wales' contribution to the economy, estimated at £2bn. It states that the sector provided 1,850 new affordable homes in 2013/14 and is on target to

## REGIONAL 'LEARNING LAB' MEETINGS / EVENTS

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*We are grateful to Midland Heart Housing Association for supporting these pages.*

*Registrations for our forthcoming regional conferences and 'look and learn' meetings are now open to members of the Housing LIN. Details of those confirmed in your area are listed below or at:  
[www.housinglin.org.uk/Events](http://www.housinglin.org.uk/Events).*

*To receive an automatic invite, register your interest by region at:  
[www.housinglin.org.uk/userAccount/register](http://www.housinglin.org.uk/userAccount/register)*

**East of England Housing LIN meeting,**  
10 December, Bury St Edmunds.

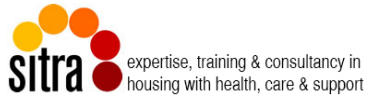
**Housing LIN annual conference,** 17 February 2015, London (registrations will open mid-January 2015). **Watch this space!**



## OTHER FORTHCOMING EVENTS

This section lists major events supported by the Housing LIN that will be of interest to network members.

### LGA & Sitra Integration Development Events



This series of events will be run through December and January. These events will support local councils to develop integrated approaches to meeting the housing, health and care needs of vulnerable adults.

The information from the events will feed into a final report to aid the LGA to support local councils to build on developing practice, utilise opportunities and to explore the most pressing challenges to support vulnerable adults.

For more details, visit:

[www.sitra.org/training/lga-and-sitra-integration-development-events](http://www.sitra.org/training/lga-and-sitra-integration-development-events)

## POETRY CORNER

We are pleased to bring you a great new poem by Brian Wilks.

### Approaching old age

In shopping I fumble  
In walking I stumble  
Up or down stairs I tumble  
In short, I crumble.  
But it don't make me humble.

## PROFILE YOUR WORK

If you have promotional material, articles or features you would like us to consider for future editions of *Housing with Care Matters*, please send information to: [info@housinglin.org.uk](mailto:info@housinglin.org.uk)

**We welcome your contributions.**



## ABOUT THE HOUSING LIN

With over 40,000 members, the Housing LIN is the leading 'learning lab' for a continually growing network of housing, health and social care professionals in England involved in planning, commissioning, designing, funding, building and managing housing, care and support services for older people and vulnerable adults.

We welcome items for consideration in our next issue. Drop us an email with your news to:

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