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**Housing Learning and
Improvement
Network**

**Joint HACT and Housing LIN work
with Transforming Care
Partnerships (TCPs)**

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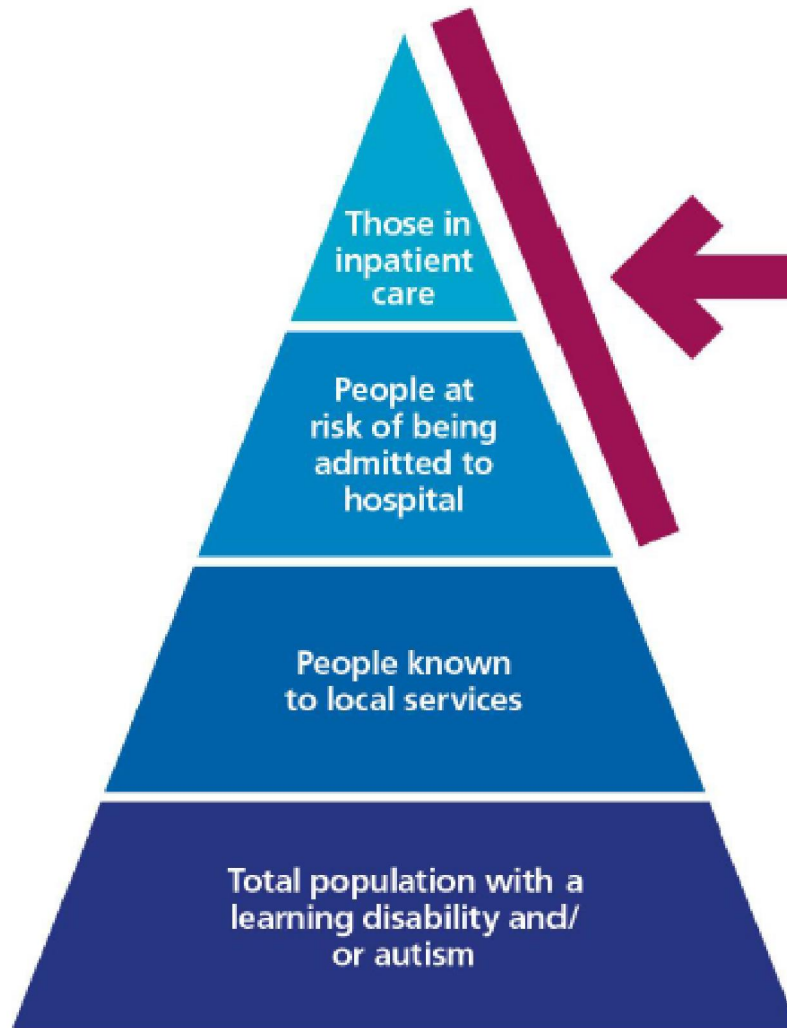


What is 'Transforming Care'?

The Transforming Care programme aims to **transform** care and support for people with learning disabilities and/or autism by:

- **Reducing the number of people in inpatient facilities by 35-50% by March 2019**
- **Building up community services to prevent future admissions**

Who are these services aimed at?



Pathway redesign for:

- People with a mental health problem which may result in them displaying behaviours that challenge
- People who display self-injurious or aggressive behaviour, not related to severe mental ill-health. Often a severe learning disability
- People who display risky behaviours which may put themselves or others at risk (this could include fire-setting, abusive, aggressive or sexually inappropriate behaviour)
- People who display behaviours which may lead to contact with the criminal justice system – often those with lower support needs from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Resettlement programme for:

- People who have been in inpatient care for a very long period of time, having not been discharged when NHS campuses or long-stay hospitals were closed



Housing Plans for Transforming Care

- **To provide a choice of accommodation to people with a learning disability and/or autism who display behaviour that challenges, or those at risk**
- To stimulate the housing market and invite it to respond with housing solutions
- To engage local housing departments in the housing requirements of TCPs
- To inform capital investment plans and calculate how much capital is required for the next two years
- To provide increased clarity and certainty to providers against the backdrop of future funding for supported housing



Capital funding available

- NHS England has made £100 million available between 2016 and 2021 to support Transforming Care projects (still more than £60 million available). This funding is available as capital grants, which can be given using standard NHS capital grant processes.
- HCA funding available from the Affordable Homes Programme 2016 to 2021 (and potentially the Care and Support Specialised Housing Fund too).
- Disabled Facilities Grants (for aids and adaptations) administered locally via the Better Care Fund.



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Joint HACT and Housing LIN work

- March 2017 - no housing plans in place and a lack of understanding of what possible housing models could be used.
- Housing Associations' Charitable Trust (HACT) and Housing LIN commissioned by NHS England to work with 11 TCPs in the Midlands and South (those seen as furthest behind and those with the largest numbers).
- Initial brief was assessment of current situation; identifying local housing providers; and holding roundtable meetings with TCPs, LAs and housing providers.



Challenges

- Data on clients not coordinated in some TCPs (spread across CCGs, LAs and NHSE).
- Some TCPs had not appointed dedicated staff. Transforming Care targets only one of many pressures.
- People moving out of institutional care, but sometimes to short term placements with the same revenue costs.
- Local Housing Allowance cap (plus rent reductions) has made many HAs wary of investing in supported housing. Also void payment policy needed.
- Challenging client group that will need robust accommodation – not for every housing provider.
- The March 2019 target – difficult to deliver new build schemes by that date



Positive practice

- Some TCPs had already mapped the care & support needs and the desired locations. Much easier to assess housing need.
- Revenue funding clarity – some TCPs had already made the decision to guarantee revenue funding for the first few years, not least because supported housing is a revenue saving compared to institutional care.
- A few TCPs had reached agreement on voids payments with their housing providers
- Joint commissioning between CCGs and LAs, and in some cases joint schemes.



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HACT / Housing LIN outcomes

- Building on work already being carried out in North of England by Housing LIN.
- National and local conferences with housing providers.
- Engagement of national care & support providers, plus LA housing teams.
- Housing needs analysis.
- All TCPs now have at least a statement about their housing plan. Others much more than this.
- Some TCPs now able to focus on arising need – beyond March 2019.
- Sharing of good practice.



Local picture - Sussex TCP overview

- Approx. 50 people currently in inpatient care + those at risk.
- Roundtable - CCGs, local authorities, NHS England, housing providers.
- Housing plan with recommendations being drafted (early 2018):
 - Needs of current / future individuals
 - Themes to seek to provide choice of housing required – location, tenure, access, shared / self-contained = better outcomes
 - Capacity of local housing market
 - Partnership development – solutions from market, engagement with LA housing & NHS estates, clarity & confirmed pathways.
- Overseen by the local TCP board.



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