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# **Housing LIN 2017/18**

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## Housing LIN update

### ***Policy news:***

- CLG Select Committee inquiry on Housing for Older People <http://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/communities-and-local-government-committee/inquiries/parliament-2015/inquiry7/>
- Watch the CLG Select Committee first hearing 23 October: <http://www.parliamentlive.tv/Event/Index/f6b14096-8e65-4c38-8a14-d7fdd8ea1026>
- APPG Housing & Care for Older People Rural HAPPI inquiry





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## ***Funding news:***

- GLA Affordable Housing Programme Continuous Market Engagement. 2016-21 Funding Guidance includes HAPPI at: <http://www.housinglin.org.uk/HousingRegions/London/?parent=1027&child=10345>
- Awaiting further info on next Phase of DH Care & Support Specialised Housing Fund expected, including GLA and HCA allocations.
- Review of Supported Housing Consultation. Housing LIN represented on Working Groups
- Now developing Housing LIN response to Supported Housing Funding announcement





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## HLIN 2018 annual conference

- **Housing LIN annual conference** – 24 March 2017, great success. All presentation at: <https://www.housinglin.org.uk/Events/HLINAnnualConference2017/>
- Plans taking shape for 2018 annual conference in late March again





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## Getting our homes and communities right

‘Residential Revolution’ (LGA, 2017) estimate shortfall of 400,000 units of housing for older people by 2030. Encourage councils:

- Having a clear vision: promoting awareness and changing attitudes to later life
- Planning for an ageing population
- Delivering and enabling new housing for older people across the public and private sectors
- Promoting an integrated approach to housing, care and health
- Sustaining older people in mainstream housing





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## What high impact 'dividends' should you be looking for?

- Reducing reliance on domiciliary care
- Delaying admission to residential care
- Preventing hospital readmissions
- Supporting a transfer of care
- Reducing carer breakdown
- Assisting with managing the consequences of falling
- Supporting medication compliance
- Risk stratification to identify care interventions





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# Housing LIN Update

***A selection of recent Housing LIN blogs offering thought-leadership:***

- [Homes for all – we still need to tackle racial inequality](#)
- [Don't ignore the silver pound – older people could save our high streets](#)
- [PRS and older people: A brave new world for retirement living](#)
- [Marketing teams love a generational label but this hasn't quite taken off](#)
- [Housing: building the third pillar of independence in later life](#)

View all at: <http://www.housinglin.org.uk/blogs/>



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### Recent Housing LIN Case Studies

- Welsh housing association United Welsh on new 'Wellbeing 4U' partnership, and on using housing expertise to enhance patient and GP experiences.
- [Bridging the gap between health and housing. A united approach in South Wales](#)
- Community Building for Old Age: Breaking New Ground. The UK's first senior cohousing community, High Barnet
- <https://www.housinglin.org.uk/Topics/type/Community-Building-for-Old-Age-Breaking-New-Ground-The-UKs-first-senior-cohousing-community-High-Barnet/>



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Case Study 139

#### Community Building for Old Age: Breaking New Ground The UK's first senior cohousing community, High Barnet

This paper offers a case study on the Older Women's Cohousing (OWC) group's experience in active community-building. Building on the Housing LIN's series of publications around 'people-powered change', it describes an initiative conceived and driven by a group of older women who, understanding that being alone as they grew old could have been vulnerable, looked to each other to develop and share their social capital. To this end, they have built a cohousing community based on shared responsibility and mutual support.



Written by Maria Bratton, UK Cohousing Network Senior Cohousing Ambassador, for the Housing Learning and Improvement Network

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## Housing LIN – projects in progress

- Supporting for NHS England across the North, Yorkshire & Humber, West Midlands and South West on Transforming Care Programme to improve housing for people with learning disability
- Work for NHF on DTOC that demonstrate how housing associations can offer greater cost effectiveness, reduce demand, improve quality, deliver better outcomes, showcase innovative new models of care at home or housing development etc
- Also similar work with Foundations with regard to Home Improvement Agencies
- Work for LGA on recent Housing Commission report. Highlighting 7 councils that have exemplar housing and ageing strategies.





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## Other Housing LIN activities

- Launch of 'Going Digital'  
Comprehensive online resources and peer-to-peer information exchange portal to share latest policy and practice examples that make the connection between health and housing

<https://www.housinglin.org.uk/going-digital/>





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# Housing LIN consultancy

## ***Underpinning your learning and improvement***

Developed new service webpages setting our consultancy, training and wider fee paying services to supplement our free online and regional Housing LIN networking activities. Examples of work include

- Strategic Housing for Older People Market Analysis for major developer on future demand for extra care housing in London
- Working with a London local authority on its operational extra care housing policies & procedures prior to handover
- Undertaking sheltered housing 'fit for purpose' asset management reviews for housing associations in London for Westminster City Council
- Viability assessments on future funding of housing for older people in the light of LHA and local care commissioning plans



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# Diversity Issues

- Growing numbers of older and disabled people from BME communities
- Perception that BME elders not accessing the current offer of extra care / senior housing – what do we actually know?
- Many fantastic schemes BUT are they culturally / religiously sensitive?
- Factors beyond ethnicity play key part such as socio economic status
- Open dialogue with sector how Housing LIN can be representative of all BME communities, both across our **membership** and in **needs / issues** we explore across our **events, publications and discussions**
- Raise awareness and influence
- We welcome any contributions on the topic – please get in touch



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## Other new Housing LIN resources

- Making extra care go 'viral' – YouTube videos
  - Update extra care housing design factsheet
  - PRS and housing for older people briefing
  - Individual Service Funds in Extra Care Housing – case study
  - Occupational Therapists' Access Checklist to support inclusive design
  - New resources every week on wide range of topics touching on housing, care and health, integration, innovation, design, policy, research and best practice
- Let us know if you would like to write a blog, viewpoint, case study or report for the Housing LIN. We welcome your input!*



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## Connecting with the Housing LIN

- Over 40,000+ subscribers but still the 'best kept secret'!
- Sign up to receive our free quarterly newsletter, *Housing with Care Matters*, and weekly bulletin, *LINks*
- Check out our free-to-view online resources, including #InspirationalAchievements page on Liberty Retirement for Places for People at: <http://www.housinglin.org.uk/Topics/Inspirational-Achievements/prp/>
- Get involved and share your learning on our discussion forum and at these events
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