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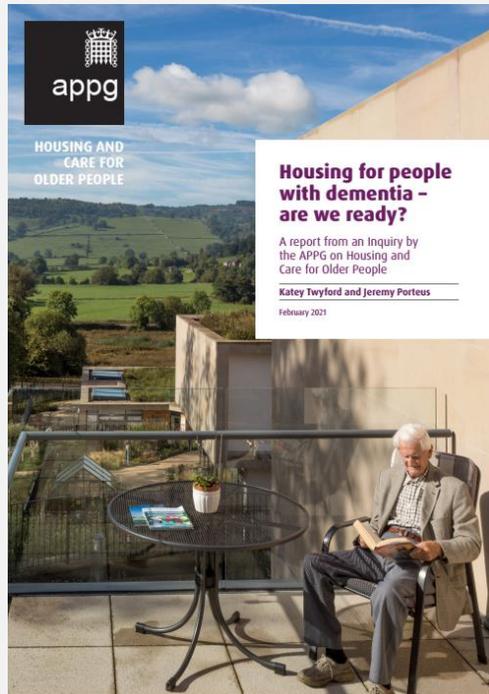
Connecting people, ideas and resources

Housing for people with dementia – are we ready?

APPG Housing and Care for Older People

Inquiry Report launch

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Lord Best

APPG Inquiry Chair

Infographics



Demographics

There are an estimated

850,000

people living with dementia in the UK, this figure is projected to increase to

1.6 million

people by 2040



It is estimated that in 2020

one in 14



people over 65 in England were living with dementia (7.3% of the population) and this is expected to rise to

one in 10



people (10.8%) by 2030

There are currently over

25,000



people with dementia from black and minority ethnic groups in England and Wales, and this is estimated to rise to nearly

50,000



by 2026



There are nearly **210,000** new cases of dementia in the UK each year

Dementia and COVID-19



There were **46,687** deaths involving Covid-19 in England and Wales between March and May 2020



Dementia was the most common pre-existing condition in deaths involving COVID-19 during this period, accounting for

11,950 deaths

Carers, health and social care

Dementia cost the UK economy about

£35 billion

in 2019 - more than cancer and heart disease combined. Social care accounts for 45% of these costs and 40% is from unpaid care



of people in care homes have dementia or severe cognitive impairments



of people in receipt of home care are living with dementia

There are

1.8 million



carers of people with dementia

40%



of people over 75 who are admitted to acute hospital are diagnosed with dementia but only half have a previous diagnosis

Of all short stay hospital emergency admissions



32.4%

were of people with dementia aged over 65

Mainstream and specialist housing

Of all people living in extra care housing,



of residents are reported to live with diagnosed dementia or suspected but undiagnosed dementia.

Nearly

500,000



(or 61%) people with dementia live in the community in a range of different housing types. Most live in mainstream housing, with a third living on their own.

There are around

428



Dementia Friendly Communities in England and Wales in 2020



Only **11.5%** local authorities mention dementia in their housing assistance policies



Key issues: Dementia inclusive

- Health and wellbeing
- Information and advice
- Housing supply
- Adaptations and home improvements
- Design for homes and communities
- Housing and care management
- Assistive technology
- Workforce
- Legislation
- Research





Over 40 recommendations including ...

- Forge an overarching strategy for housing and care for older people, with the needs of those with living with dementia, including from BAME and LGBT communities
- Strengthen the DHSC's Care and Support Specialised Housing Fund Prospectus to take on board recommendations of this report
- Support increased provision of Extra Care Housing/ Assisted Living accommodation and retirement housing that is dementia-ready, with Homes England and the GLA Affordable Homes Programmes
- Promote more widespread adoption of Dementia Dwelling Grants via DFGs

But this is also about us:

- People should consider potential future loneliness and how we can maintain our family connections and wider social networks in the communities we live in before or after a diagnosis of dementia.
- ***“Every decision about care is a decision about housing”***