

# Older People's Housing Taskforce

HAPPI Hour - Independence Day:  
A look at independent living  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2023

# Overview

- 1) Why independence matters?
- 2) How the work of the Task Force will seek to promote a range of solutions to boost the housing options of older people in later life.

- My background
- Remit of taskforce
- Early impressions
- Workstreams
- Timescales



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# What is independence for a person?

- Independence is the ability of a person to make their own choices and carry out daily tasks independently.
- Independence begins at birth and continues through the lifespan. It is important for healthy development.

Voice  
Choice  
Control

# Older age – interdependence and relationship-centred care

## Feeling a sense of:

- Security
- Belonging
- Continuity
- Purpose
- Achievement
- Significance

*Nolan et al (2006)*



# Wellbeing and quality of life

*'If my husband falls ill, I want him to be able to move to a care facility nearby where I can easily visit him. We should be building villages for older people and those with disabilities as part of new estates. Near a community is key.'*

*Carer*

*'We need retirement communities where people feel they belong and want to be part of the community.'*

*Provider*

# Background

- Professor Emerita of Nursing: Care for Older People; City, University of London (1999 – 2019)
- Founder/Co-Director, My Home Life (2006 – 2019)
- Commissioner, Commission on Residential Care (Secretariat: Demos; Burstow 2014)
- Co-Facilitator, King's Fund/My Home Life Housing, Health and Social Care: Learning Network (2018– 2020)
- Co-chair, Commission of the role of housing in the future of care and support (Secretariat: SCIE, Burstow, Pearson & Meyer 2021)



# Taskforce mission

To understand the market in England for older people's housing today and into the future; the enablers for older people when seeking to move into appropriate or specialist housing; opportunities and benefits of broadening provision and choice for older people, including continuing to live in their own home if they wish to do so; and to develop a viable and implementable approach for enhancing choice for older people in the housing market.





# DLUHC & DHSC

## **Taskforce Members**

Academics, All Party  
Parliamentary Group,  
Architects, Older people  
charities, Housing operators,  
Investment, Learning &  
Improvement Network, Legal  
experts, Lived experience,  
Local councils, National  
representative bodies







# Workstream 1: People

Co-leads: John Galvin and Kathryn Smith

Caroline Abrahams

Geeta Nanda

Judith Phillips

Sarah McClinton

Sunena Stoneham

*James Jamieson*

*Jeremy Porteus*

*Paavan Popat*

- *Building the evidence*
- *Listening to voices of older people*
- *Information advice and advocacy*
- *Diversity (including dementia)*
- *Integrated housing, health, and social care*

# Workstream 2: Products

Co-leads: Nick Sanderson, Ben Rosewall, & Jeremy Porteus

Richard Moreton

*Les Mayhew*

*Stewart Baseley*

*Kathryn Smith*

*Paavan Popat*

*Sunena Stoneham*

- *Supporting people to be healthy in their own homes*
- *Technology and Smart Housing*
- *Building regulation, design, and accessibility*
- *Consumer protections and building consumer confidence, including information and advice*
- *Consumer finance and financial products*

# Workstream 3: Places

Co-leads: Jon Rouse & Andrew Surgenor

Damian Green

James Jamieson

Les Mayhew

Stewart Baseley

Paavan Popat

*(Judith Phillips)*

*(Sunena Stoneham)*

*(Richard Moreton)*

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# Timescales

**By end July 2023:** Call for evidence

**By end October 2023:** Report interim findings to the Ministers

**Early March 2024:** Workstreams will feed back their findings to the Taskforce Chair

**By end March 2024:** Update Ministers with the likely findings and recommendations.

**May 2024:** Share an independent report, with a set of final recommendations, to the Ministers



# Conclusion

- Holding something precious
- Want to hear what you have to say
- Hope we can agree some short, medium and long-term recommendations
- Improve the well-being of older people in later stages of life

