



Department for Levelling Up,
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The Policy Context: Supported Housing Reform

Extra Care Housing: Past, Present, Future

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Supported Housing Act

What's included in the Supported Housing (Regulatory Oversight) Act?

Advisory Panel

- Panel will advise DLUHC Secretary of State on issues relating to Supported Housing
- Initial focus will be on implementing the reforms in the Act
- Plan to start recruitment campaign soon



Strategic Planning Duty

- Duty on LAs to produce supported housing strategic plans
- Includes a stocktake of current supply
- Will also include forecast of future need and a delivery plan



National Supported Housing Standards

- Act enables Government to produce Supported Housing standards
- Standards will focus on support services



Supported Housing Licensing

- Local licensing schemes to enforce the standards
- Licensees must pass a fit & proper person test
- Other conditions include property standards and requirement for residents to have needs assessments





Supported Housing Act

How do the changes affect Extra Care housing?



Strategic Planning duty

- The demand forecasts will provide crucial data on where new provision is needed
- Recommend providers work with LAs, both housing and social services, to build relationships in locations where they want to meet demand.



Licensing

- Extra Care will meet the definition of Supported Exempt Accommodation so will require a licence.



National Standards

- National standards primarily focus on support, so should be light touch for CQC regulated schemes.



Next steps for the reforms:

- Full public consultation early in 2024
- Further consultation on the draft Regulations later in the year

Questions:

- What should the Government be doing to make housing for older people and Extra Care viable and attractive?
- What can Government do to maximise the effectiveness of strategic planning?

