

HAPPI Hour Supported Housing Advisory Panel

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Sir David Pearson

Chair – Supported Housing Advisory Panel

The Panel and the Act

A creation of the Supported Housing Regulatory and Oversight Act (2023)

- to provide information and advice about or in connection with supported exempt accommodation to—
- (a) the Secretary of State,
- (b) local housing authorities in England, and
- (c) social services authorities in England.

The Panel and the Act

- at least one person to represent the interests of registered providers of social housing,
- at least one person to represent the interests of local housing authorities,
- at least one person to represent the interests of social services authorities,
- at least one person to represent the interests of charities providing supported exempt accommodation, and
- at least one person to represent the interests of residents (or potential residents) of supported exempt accommodation;

Terms of Reference

Some key points

- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/supported-housing-advisory-panel-terms-of-reference/supported-housing-advisory-panel->
- The remit of the Panel is beyond Exempt accommodation to all Supported Housing and aspects of it
- The information and advice we provide can be published and we will be producing an Annual Report

Strategic Objectives

Our work to be aligned with the following objectives:-

- The quality of the accommodation should be well managed and be of a good standard
- Supported housing should deliver good quality support to vulnerable people which is suited to their individual needs
- Supported Housing should deliver good value for money
- Supported housing should be planned for and delivered through a coordinated approach involving health, social care, housing and planning authorities
- The governments aim is for there to be an adequate supply of good quality supported housing for all those who need it, but in particular for older people and working age adults

Functions

- Advise on the implementation of the Act
- Provide intelligence on emerging issues in the sector
- Support policy development
- Produce outputs
 - An annual report
 - Advice papers on thematic notes
 - before the end of the Chairs tenure, undertake a review of the panels effectiveness in ensuring effective delivery of the Act and what further reforms will be required

Our initial priorities

1. Access and Supply with an initial priority of Local Supported Housing Strategies
2. Licensing and Quality with an initial priority of Licensing Regulations which would include the interface with other regulations and regulatory regimes
3. Residents Voice

We have draft priorities for a 3/6/12 month period for each of these elements

Our initial priorities (cont)

4. Work on issues facing Birmingham who have a very high level of supported exempt accommodation
5. The Treasury Value for Money Review of homelessness (includes supported housing)
6. Review of data and information
7. Engagement with stakeholder, interested parties and those with expertise.

Questions and Comment?

- Any points for clarification?
- Anything that you expected in relation to work of the Panel but haven't heard ?
- Any views on some of the key issues?