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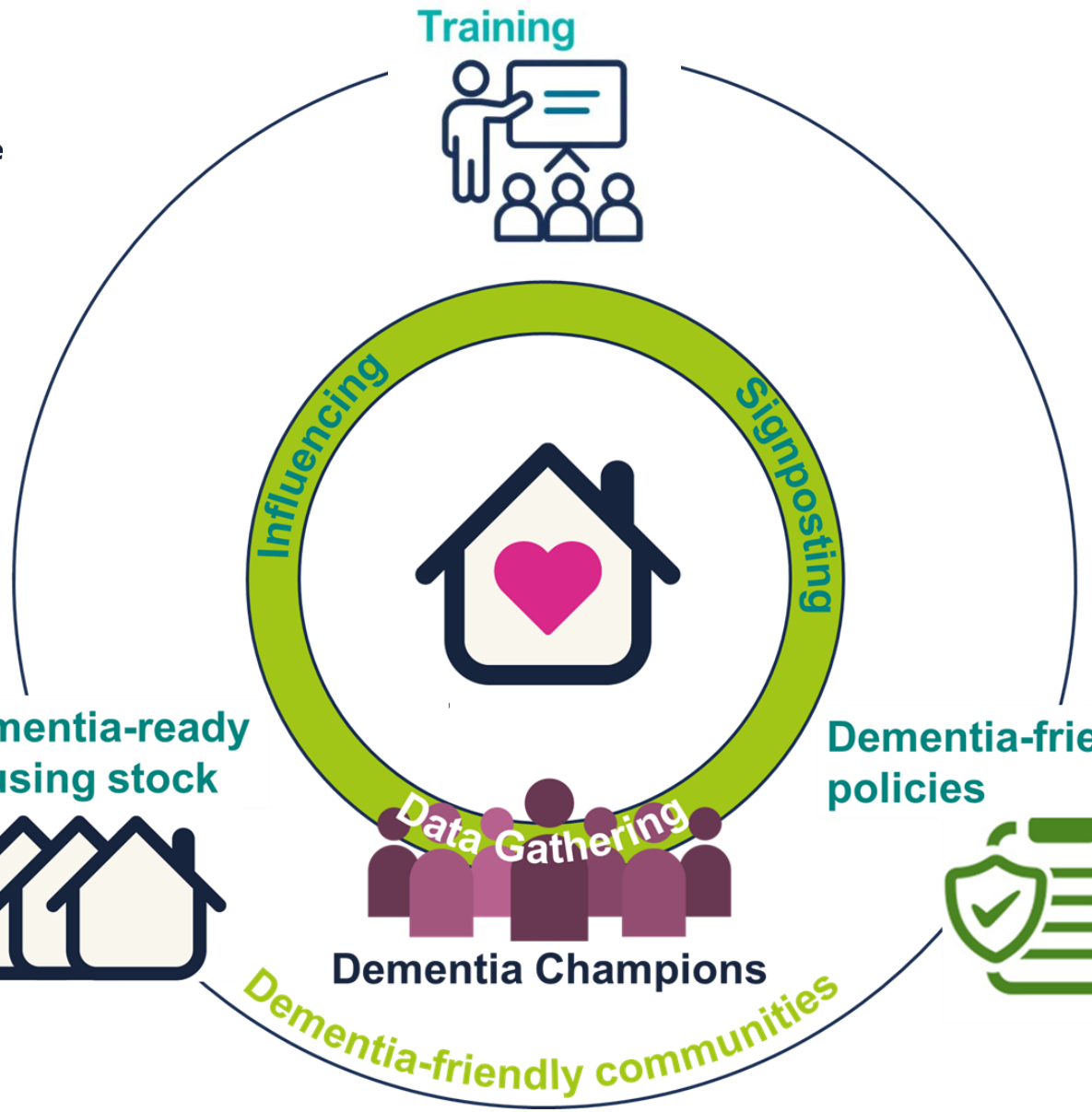
West Yorkshire Dementia-ready Housing

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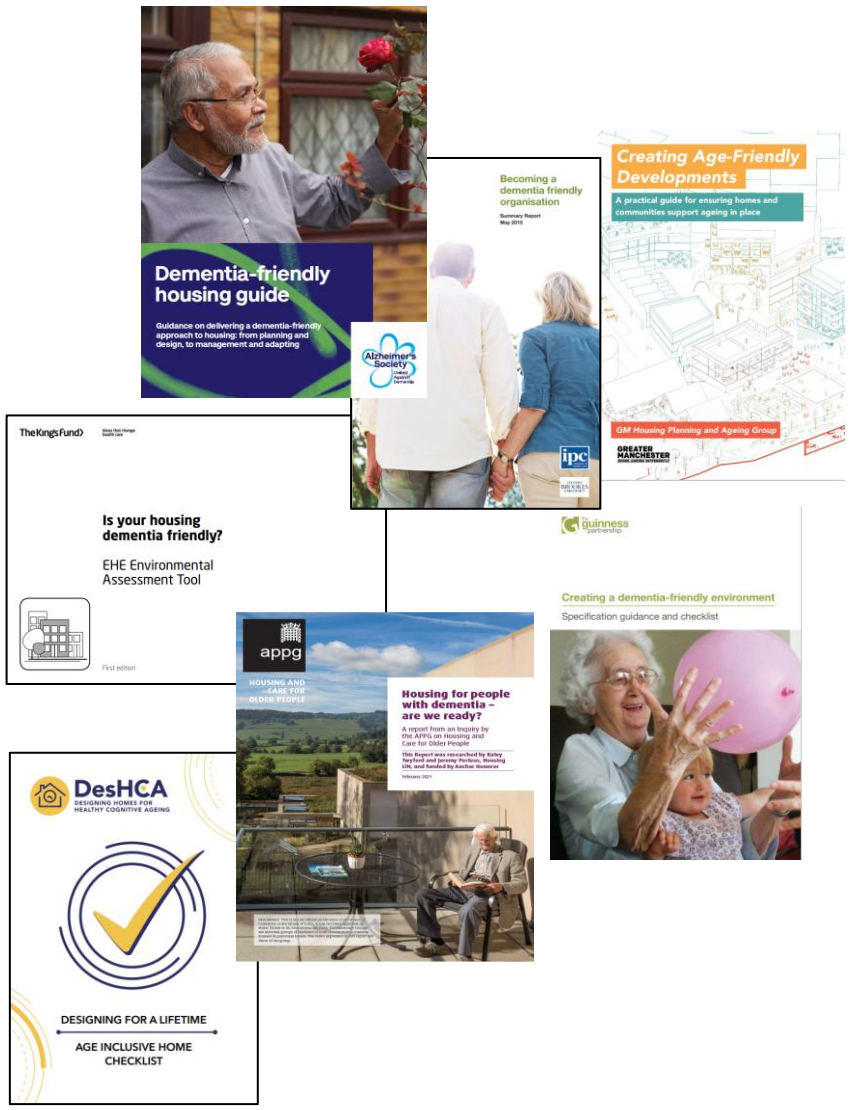
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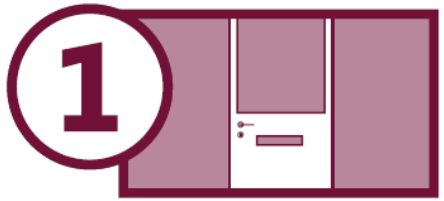


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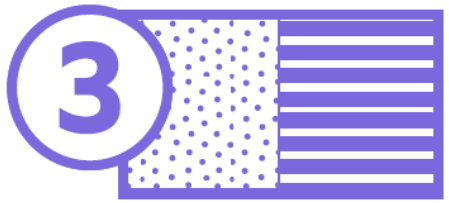
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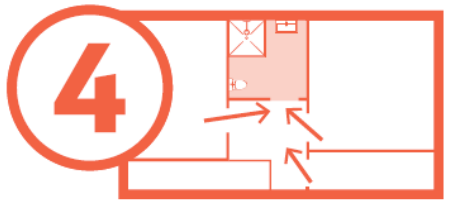
Front door is easy to find, day or night



Step-free access into the home



Internal surfaces mitigate confusion



Bathroom is easy to find



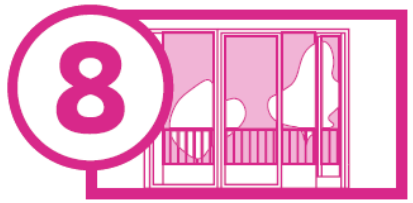
Bathroom/WC locks aid rescue



Good level of natural light in all rooms



View of nature in at least one habitable room



Access to an outdoor space that is easy to navigate



Amenities and other homes within 1km



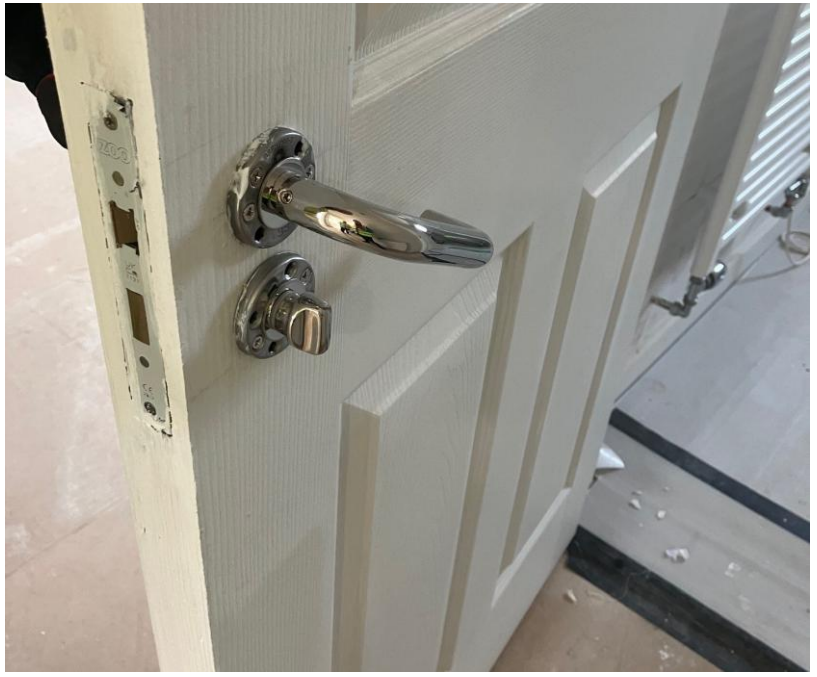
Active dementia champion within the housing organisation


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Dementia Champion within the Housing Organisation

A Dementia-ready Housing Champion's role is to promote awareness and understanding of dementia among their colleagues, residents, and the wider community, and to improve the experience of those living with dementia and their carers.



Dementia Friends

An Alzheimer's Society initiative

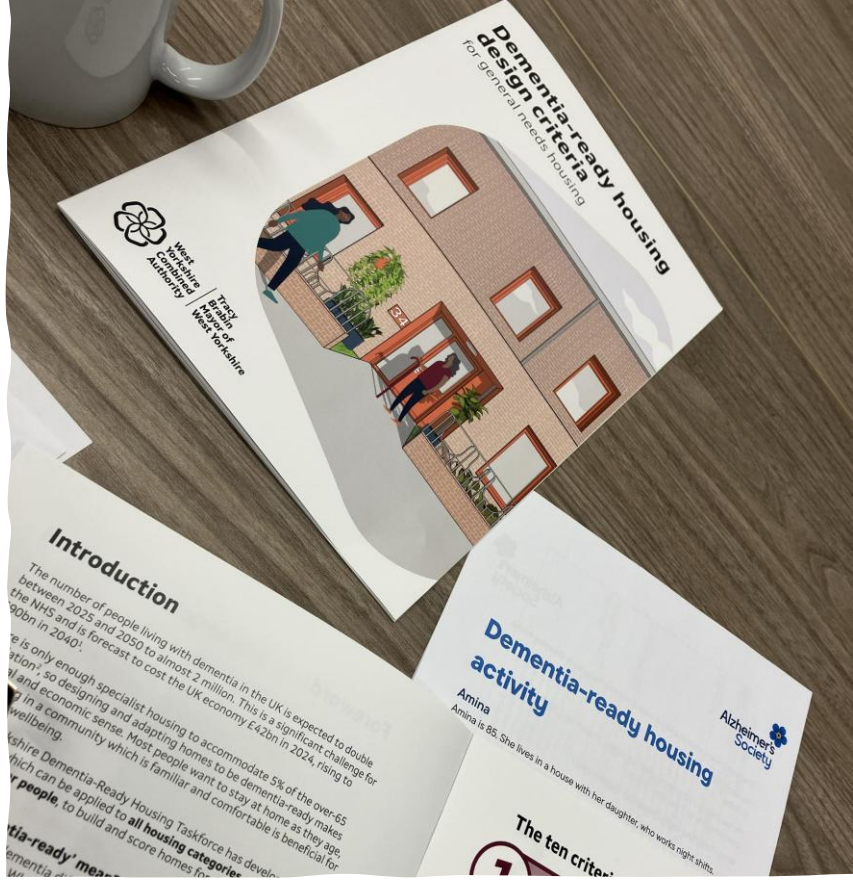


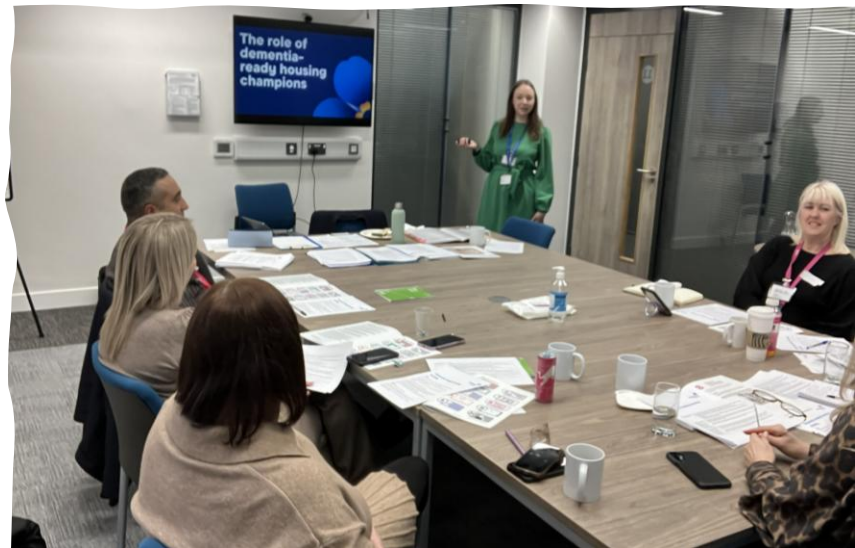


Case for Training

Dementia training for Housing Staff

- **Course outline**
  - Dementia awareness
  - The role and impact of housing incl.
    - Planning ahead
    - Dementia-ready criteria
    - Communication and best practice
  - Creating an accessible webpage
  - Equality, diversity and inclusion
  - Signposting and local support

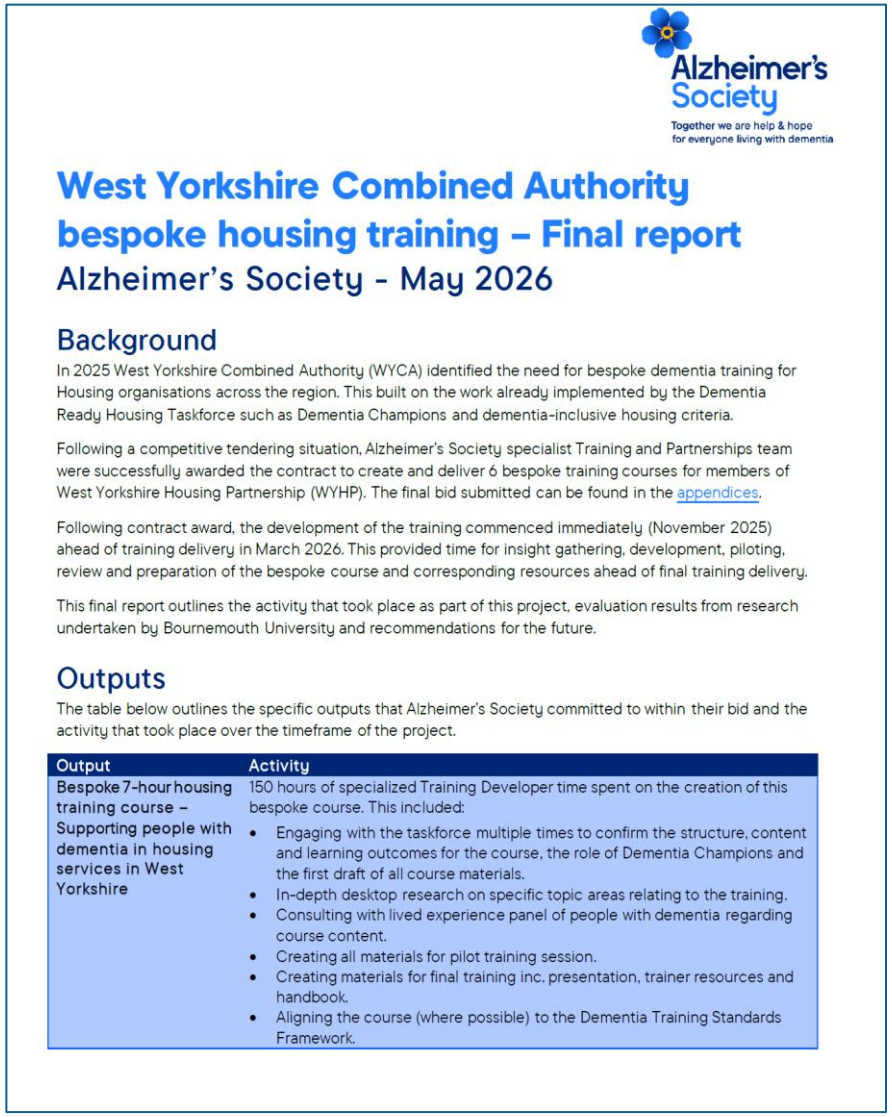




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Evaluation

- **99% of learners agreed that the learning outcomes had been met**
- Learners particularly liked:
  - Course content
  - Level of interactivity
  - Trainer quality and style
  - Sharing experiences



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West Yorkshire Combined Authority bespoke housing training – Final report

Alzheimer's Society - May 2026

Background

In 2025 West Yorkshire Combined Authority (WYCA) identified the need for bespoke dementia training for Housing organisations across the region. This built on the work already implemented by the Dementia Ready Housing Taskforce such as Dementia Champions and dementia-inclusive housing criteria.

Following a competitive tendering situation, Alzheimer's Society specialist Training and Partnerships team were successfully awarded the contract to create and deliver 6 bespoke training courses for members of West Yorkshire Housing Partnership (WYHP). The final bid submitted can be found in the appendices.

Following contract award, the development of the training commenced immediately (November 2025) ahead of training delivery in March 2026. This provided time for insight gathering, development, piloting, review and preparation of the bespoke course and corresponding resources ahead of final training delivery.

This final report outlines the activity that took place as part of this project, evaluation results from research undertaken by Bournemouth University and recommendations for the future.

Outputs

The table below outlines the specific outputs that Alzheimer's Society committed to within their bid and the activity that took place over the timeframe of the project.

Output	Activity
Bespoke 7-hour housing training course – Supporting people with dementia in housing services in West Yorkshire	150 hours of specialized Training Developer time spent on the creation of this bespoke course. This included: • Engaging with the taskforce multiple times to confirm the structure, content and learning outcomes for the course, the role of Dementia Champions and the first draft of all course materials. • In-depth desktop research on specific topic areas relating to the training. • Consulting with lived experience panel of people with dementia regarding course content. • Creating all materials for pilot training session. • Creating materials for final training inc. presentation, trainer resources and handbook. • Aligning the course (where possible) to the Dementia Training Standards Framework.

Legacy

- Adopted into Alzheimer's Society's national training offer
- Strengthened regional collaboration
- Promotes case for dementia training across the housing sector

Next steps

- Champions sharing knowledge with other staff
- Dementia-friendly information for residents
- Embedding dementia-ready criteria

