Reimagining Living Spaces
From Caring Places to Neighbourhood Health

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Key message: ***Reimagining Living Spaces is helping us rethink how housing supports wellbeing, connection and independence.***

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The Challenge We Started With

Reimagining Living Spaces encouraged us to move from asking:

- What housing is needed?
- What care is needed?
- What services are needed?

To asking:

What helps people live well as they age?



Key Message: ***People rarely started by talking about housing – wellbeing is shaped as much by place and connection as by the home itself.***

What We Heard

People spoke about:

- Home
- Relationships
- Community
- Identity
- Independence
- Purpose

Key Message: *Housing, health and social care were rarely viewed as separate issues*



What We Learned

The challenge is not simply creating more specialist housing.



The challenge is creating the conditions for people to:

- Stay connected
- Stay independent
- Continue contributing
- Remain part of community life

Testing the Learning:

If we know what helps people live well...

How do we create neighbourhoods that support it?



Co-production and resident voice



Age Friendly Salford



Live Well Places and Spaces



Live Well Neighbourhoods



Neighbourhood stewardship

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From Learning to Action

How we are beginning to test the learning through:

- Community-led housing
- Live Well Neighbourhoods
- Age Friendly Communities
- Neighbourhood stewardship
- Resident-led design

Not as separate projects but as parts of a connected system that supports wellbeing, belonging and independence.

Key outcome

Reduced isolation and stronger community wellbeing.

From Learning to Opportunity

Through our work we have learned:

✓ Housing alone cannot create wellbeing
✓ Relationships matter as much as buildings
✓ Prevention begins long before care is needed
✓ Better outcomes require housing, health, care and communities to work together

The Opportunity Now

- Reducing future demand on health and care
- Supporting independence for longer
- Aligning investment around shared outcomes
- Developing neighbourhood-scale solutions

Reimagining Living Spaces hasn't given us a blueprint for the future. What it has given us is a much clearer understanding of the conditions that help people remain connected, independent and well.

The challenge now is working together to test how housing, neighbourhoods and communities can create those conditions at scale.

Why This Matters Now

We bring together:

✓ Community insight and lived experience
✓ Proven place-based delivery
✓ Community-owned housing and asset development
✓ Cross-sector partnerships
✓ Real neighbourhoods where new approaches can be tested and evaluated

Our Invitation

We are ready to work with partners to test and evidence new approaches to housing, neighbourhood health and ageing well.
Not because we have all the answers, but because we now have enough evidence, experience and partnerships to help shape what comes next.

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From Insight to Demonstration



For many years we have asked: **What housing do people need?**



And when needs increase: **What care do people need?**



Through Reimagining Living Spaces we have started asking a different question:

What conditions help people remain connected, independent and well throughout their lives?

If we can answer that question together, we may begin to create neighbourhoods that not only support people to age well, but also reduce future demand on health and care systems.

Thank you for listening

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