

**Housing LIN Q & A****CSCI Registration for Extra Care Housing for respite or intermediate care**

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**Initial Question:**

Do any of you have experience of CSCI and their desire to register, (as part of a care home), flats that are being used for respite care and/or intermediate care in VSH/Extra Care? Or, more importantly: have any of you come to agreement with your local CSCI that such flats/units don't have to be registered?

**Quotes from Respondees:****CSCI Analysis: Comments.**

<b>Organisation</b> (Anonymised)	<b>Comments</b>
A Borough Council	One residential care home has a multi purpose approach with 9 beds for intermediate care. The home is registered as a whole under residential Care Standards, however we are required to keep the units as separate albeit one staffing group.
B Borough Council	We provide ICS within individual service users homes and the social care aspect of the service is included within our Domiciliary registration. I would argue that registering, as a care home would also obviously compromise the supporting people aspect of the units and the funding.
C Care Trust	We have not had any suggestion from our local team that we need to register our flats; we currently use 3 across the district. We have rather thrown them by our

	request about whether we have to register our Rapid Intervention Team; set up by the closure of a community ward “a health” service but managed within the social care directorate of the Care Trust . . .
A Housing Association	I have just registered with CSCI in order to be able to deliver Extra Care to our residents etc. Your residents could be given personal care via an outside registered provider or you could set up as a domiciliary care provider and provide the care in house as opposed to registering your premises as a residential care home.
A County Council	Registration should not be seen, as a negative for the respite/intermediate care flats as if the units offer 1 bedroom accommodation this should exceed standards. It is better to be upfront with CSCI and help educate the officers and explain the differences between extra care and residential care. My understanding is that it depends on which agency is funding. If it is health led, possibly through a health act flexibility where health take responsibility for the agreement then the respite/rehab unit does not need to be registered. If social services are funding i.e. takes the lead then the likelihood is that the unit will be register able. However CSCI only need to register the unit not the entire scheme.
Extra Care	In the past we have sought exceptional registration of say 1 unit, the other approach might be to have some organisation as a tenant and use it for respite we have done this on one scheme.
C Borough Council	We’ve had some ‘tussles’ with CSCI in the past regarding development of intermediate care in residential/nursing homes and an IC bungalow – we were successful in challenging them with the care homes though not yet with the bungalow, we just need to keep plugging away!!
B Housing Association	It’s possible they (CSCI) do not know what we are doing because we would not have informed them, knowing that the service isn’t registerable and therefore no need to inform them.
B County Council	We had a similar issue with CSCI when developing our early extra care schemes. They were happy to agree that the schemes didn’t have to be registered as a care home on the understanding that the residents had their own tenancy AND had a choice about who provided their dom care. So, in our schemes we only have a third of units for extra care and two thirds for ordinary sheltered and we have a single care contract for the

	extra care tenants but spot purchase dom care for the non-extra care tenants (who are assessed as needing it).
A Unitary Authority	We have 11 CSCI registered flats at one of our sheltered schemes. How it works, social services run the service separately to the rest of the sheltered scheme and any costs arising from having to add in specifics to meet CSCI standards are costed back to them. The main difficulties have been between keeping the clients independent and while at the same time meeting the relevant health and safety and care standards. CSCI required us to register.
A Housing and care provider	We have just opened a 70-apartment housing with care scheme in Leeds where we have built 5 flats for the PCT for intermediate care and they have bought these from us. We are providing the care into these flats and the PCT will provide the clinical/therapeutic input. Initially CSCI were concerned about this and wanted to register the 5 flats as a "home". We objected strongly and as a national provider we have a PRM at CSCI and he helped us to convince them that this was unnecessary.
B Unitary Authority	We have 14 flats in sheltered housing used as intermediate care flats (up to 6 weeks) since Jan 03. No problems with NCSC or CSCI. We also have a 49 flat council run Extra Care housing scheme. A year ago CSCI suggested that it might be a residential care home. We argued that this was not in line with DH strategy on Extra Care. The care team in this scheme are registered as part of Council home care service.
C Housing Association	We have domiciliary care registrations for our extra care schemes but do not have any individual isolated properties included in these.
C County Council	We do not have any experience of CSCI wishing to do this – is it because the tenancy or leasing agreement with the housing provider for the flats is not clear? I think that this would be a negative approach to the situation, and I would be very concerned at the implications for VSH/Extra Care.
D County Council	We worked up a protocol with the then NCSC re supported living etc to avoid confusion/surprises. It's been adopted in the East Midlands region although it is a bit out of date now. It was primarily considering LD services but has wider application.

A Foundation	We have six flats leased to the X PCT for Intermediate Care. I have not been advised about registration.
B Housing and care provider	We have a 20-bed residential care unit with a block of flats attached. We currently have 2 flats registered with CSCI on a temporary floating registration. If somebody becomes unwell in a flat we can activate the registration and care for the person in the flat on a temporary basis. The flats are within the same building as the care home so no problems in the implementation of care from a staffing point of view. We can amend our staffing ratio according to meet the increased need.
A Domiciliary Care provider	We are about to register with CSCI in X Borough, and they have no problem with us registering under dom care as the service is clearly defined in the statement of purpose and the service users guide. I have been very clear to make housing and care separate services. This then keeps the two defined services separate for both stakeholders and tenants.
D Housing Association	In order to develop a service which is 'free at source' then D Housing Association would need a form of rent guarantee, under service level agreement, to primarily secure these properties for the provision of 'intermediate care'. There also needs to be an assurance that lettings and void times do not fall outside the performance criterion set out by the Housing Corporation, our regulatory body. Initial negotiations with X Social Services Locality Manager for Older Persons have determined that the preferred option is to block book the six units at the Woodlands, with payment in advance, for use as intermediate care accommodation. This would be via a Service Level Agreement rather than X becoming managing agents for the properties. Unfortunately, with these arrangements, CSCI claimed that the scheme would have to be registered because the service users would not be tenants (as not paying rent), they would be residents and would not have a choice over who provided their care. After lots of meetings and correspondence, CSCI agreed that the scheme didn't have to be registered if the PCT employed all staff and the service users are given assured shorthold tenancy by WFCH. The emphasis is very much that it is a supported housing project.
E County Council	CSCI had no problem with our Extra Care scheme in terms of it not needing to be registered, but on a

	<p>separate site, but forming part of the scheme, is a six bed intermediate care facility – again, with the situation that service users will have their own home/other accommodation but will be in the flats in the intermediate care facility for a short period. Initially, CSCI said that the six beds would have to be registered, but after a meeting and some correspondence, they agreed that they didn't need to be registered!</p> <p>I guess the only proviso here is that each scheme may have some slight differences and that could affect the decision of CSCI to register?</p>
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