HOUSING WITH CARE MATTERS

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Season’s Greetings & Best Wishes from the Housing LIN

POPP FUNDS
Minister announces successful POPP pilots

MP Ivan Lewis, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Social Care announced the latest round of successful Partnership for Older People Project bids at the CSIP conference, Promoting Independence: making a reality of the White Paper shift towards prevention and early intervention, on 7 December in London. Announcing the £18.5million programme, he stated that the projects demonstrated that they addressed:
- the needs of carers
- case management arrangements to support people with long term conditions
- delivering a set of broader quality of life indicators, and
- developing capacity and involvement of the third sector

Local authorities
Calderdale                   Leicester & Rutland
Croydon                     North Somerset
Devon                       Rochdale
Gloucestershire             Tameside
Kent                        West Sussex

Further details are available at http://www.dh.gov.uk/PolicyAndGuidance/HealthAndSocialCareTopics/OlderPeoplesServices/OlderPeopleArticle/fs/en?CONTENT_ID=4141170&chk=Qp8Bri
POLICY UPDATE

Planning News: Publication on Planning Policy Statement 3 on Housing

Following consultation, the DCLG have launched a new Planning Policy Statement 3 (PPS3) on housing, a new policy document on delivering affordable housing, and a further consultation on a new National Brownfield Strategy.

PPS3 puts in place a new national policy framework for planning for housing at the local and regional levels. It provides a number of enabling measures for local authorities, working with public and private sector developers, to deliver both the right quantity of housing to address need and demand in their areas, and the right quality and mix of housing for their communities. In determining planning application, PPS3 states the Local Planning Authorities should have regard to ensuring developments achieve a good mix of housing reflecting the accommodation requirements of specific groups, in particular for families and older people (paragraph 69).

The Housing LIN will be working with the DCLG in 2007 to run PPS3 raising awareness events and to identify how lifestyle aspirations of older people and the assessed housing, care and support needs of older and vulnerable people can reflected in local plans. We will also launch a discussion paper with the Royal Town Planning Institute which begins to take a look at how extra care housing sits in the existing planning legislation and regulation and the possible impact of the PPS3.

Local Government White Paper

The Local Government White Paper, *Strong and Prosperous Communities*, propose a new settlement for local government to offer:

- a stronger role for local authorities to lead their communities, shape their areas and bring local public services together, and
- more space for local authorities and other local service providers to innovate and respond to local needs, and

For example the paper states:

- Local authorities to develop Local Area Agreements in partnership with other agencies
- New role for Local Strategic Partnerships and thematic partnerships
- Place duty on named partners to co-operate in agreeing Local Area Agreement (LAA) targets and to have regard to meeting them
- Presumption that all area based funding will go through LAAs

We will be issuing a comprehensive briefing for Network members; other information is available at [www.communities.gov.uk](http://www.communities.gov.uk).

Commission on Integration and Cohesion

The DCLG are inviting comments from organisations and individuals in communities to say what they think integration and cohesion means, and what practical can be taken to make communities more cohesive and integrated places to live. The closing date for contributions is Monday, 19 January 2007. Further information on the Commission is available at [www.communities.gov.uk/coic](http://www.communities.gov.uk/coic).

NEW CSIP/DH PRODUCTS

Strengthening service user and carer involvement

This new discussion paper from the CSIP Integrated Care Network aims to assist organisations that are working in partnership to involve service users and carers effectively. It includes a wide ranging literature review related to service user involvement and provides case studies to illustrate different approaches to involvement across health, social care and housing/Supporting People funded services. [www.icn.csip.org.uk](http://www.icn.csip.org.uk) or [http://www.cat.csip.org.uk/index.cfm?pid=34&catalogueContentID=1818](http://www.cat.csip.org.uk/index.cfm?pid=34&catalogueContentID=1818)
As a follow-up to this, the Housing LIN has commissioned the Tenant Participation Advisory Network (TPAS) to produce a complimentary factsheet user involvement in supported housing and the engagement with older people and vulnerable adults across a range of housing, care and support options. We will be issuing a call for examples of practice in a future issue of Housing with Care Matters.

**Self care for people with long term conditions**

This leaflet provides useful information on self care for people with long term condition and their carers. It recognises the people with long term conditions should be involved in making appropriate choices, decisions and actions about their care. It highlights the following areas of support and consultation to improve health outcomes. In particular, it points to support in:

- Information: accessible and reliable information about long term conditions
- Skills: access to self care management programmes and Expert Patients Programme
- Support networks: details in local and national groups to support individuals and their carers
- Technology: signposting patients to appropriate tools and devices to support self care

www.dh.gov.uk

**OTHER USEFUL PUBLICATIONS**

**Older People’s Housing**

This new report from the National Housing Federation examines the impact of regulations and performance monitoring, considers good practice and innovation, and is intended to help organisations plan future developments and investments in relation to housing for older people.

www.housing.org.uk

**Improving Outcomes - Disability Equality Scheme**

The DCLG have published its first Disability Equality Scheme setting out in detail how it will improve equality of opportunity for people with disabilities. In particular is sets out an Action Plan outlining what Government will do over the next three years to deliver improved outcomes for disabled people. The Action Plan focuses on:

- improving housing opportunities on accessibility: by 2010 most new housing will be built to Lifetime Homes Standards
- encouraging inclusive environments: promoting inclusive design principles to improve disabled people’s use and access to local built environments
- encouraging engagement in public life: enabling people with disabilities can be better involved in local decision making
- increasing accessibility of communications: making website accessible and other information available in alternative formats
- improving employment practice: improvements to employment policy and practice to meet disabled people’s needs

www.communities.gov.uk/index.asp?id=1504850

**Benchmarking Extra Care Housing**

This new report for the Greater London ADSS (GLADSS) Performance Networks by Tribal provides a comprehensive market assessment the extra care housing for older people in London. Launched at the GLADSS/Tribal conference in Kingston, it makes a helpful contribution to developing both commissioning intentions and reflecting the changing needs and aspirations of older people in London. The Housing LIN is in discussion with Tribal and others to run some joint regional events to share the methodologies and promote the findings to network members. Copies of the report are available at www.cat.csip.org.uk/housing under Strategies in the A-Z index.

**Extra care housing in Bristol**

Following the city’s recent Open Day, presentations and associated materials are now available at www.bristol-city.gov.uk/vshopenday. For further reports on extra care housing in the city, visit www.bristol-city.gov.uk/veryshelteredhousing

Congratulations to BrunelCare for winning the prestigious RIBA “Richard Fielden’s Award for Affordable Housing” for their extra care scheme, Colliers Gardens, Bristol, architects: Penoyre & Prasad. See photos overleaf.
CONFERENCES and LIN EVENTS

Strategic Commissioning Masterclass, University of Birmingham, 17/18 January 2007

This two day masterclass, supported by the Housing and Commissioning LINs, provides an opportunity for lead commissioners in local housing, health and social care economies to come together to develop strategic commissioning arrangements for older people’s services and their knowledge and practice. CSIP is offering a number of bursaries for selected partnerships to pay for one member of a commissioning partnership to attend the masterclass. For a flyer and booking form, email y.t.harley@bham.ac.uk or see Events on our website.

Annual Housing, Care and Support conference, Manchester, 1&2 February 2007

This two day conference is a national event with the broad aims of enabling people to share their experiences and find out what is happening in other areas of the country, or in other types of services with which they are not directly involved. The aims are:

- to provide a strategic overview, from different perspectives, of where the housing, care and support sector is heading and how it can maximise the opportunities available
- to illustrate good practice and innovation in housing, care and support services through the presentation of case studies by service providers and researchers in the field
- to develop understanding of how Supporting People fits in with the wider policy and practice across health, social care, housing, homelessness and social inclusion - to consider implications of such current developments as the Department of Health white paper and Supporting Health pilots.

For a conference programme and booking arrangements, tel 0870 890 1080 or email info@pavpub.com or see Events on our website.

Regional Housing LIN events

London & SE LIN, 11 January 2007 (London) focus on floating support and Supporting People

West Midlands LIN, 18 January 2007 (Kidderminster) followed by Mental Capacity Act seminar

North West LIN, 23 January 2007 (Liverpool) focus on assistive technology, aids and adaptations

Eastern LIN, 7 February 2007 (venue tbc)

Yorks & Humberside LIN, 18 March 2007 (Barnsley) focus on BME and Extra Care Housing

North East LIN (date and venue tbc)

South West LIN (date and venue tbc)

East Midlands LIN (date and venue tbc)

To register your interest, email housinglin@cat.csip.org.uk

A few CD-Roms and DVDs still available free from HousingLIN@cat.csip.org.uk

- That’s My Home – Housing Needs for Older People with Dementia (CD Rom)
- Telecare – Living with Independence (CD Rom)
- DVD Embracing Diversity - A look at housing with care
- CD Rom Embracing Diversity - Housing LIN Resources related to the Embracing Diversity DVD

For further information, contact the Housing Learning & Improvement Network tel: 020 7820 1682; or email housinglin@cat.csip.org.uk or write to Housing LIN c/o EAC, 3rd Floor, 89 Albert Embankment, London SE1 7TP