Housing with Care Matters

Ivan Lewis MP, Parliamentary under Secretary of State for Care Services.

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WHITE PAPER WHOLE SYSTEM LONG TERM CONDITION DEMONSTRATORS – EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST REQUIRED BY 22 JANUARY 2007

Within the white paper, ‘Our Health, our care, our say: a new direction for community services’, the Department of Health published proposals to establish demonstrators that will test the benefits of integrated care supported by advanced assistive technology.

The demonstrators will support individuals with longer-term and complex health and social care needs through the creation of multidisciplinary teams at PCT and Local Authority level. It is anticipated that there will be up to three pilot sites.

The teams will develop integrated care plans, and where appropriate, advanced assistive technology (such as telecare and telehealth) will be deployed in the home to support the provision of care.

The aim of the demonstrators will be to show that it is possible to help people with more complex needs maintain their independence, achieve significant gains in quality of life and reduce unnecessary acute hospital and care home use.

The demonstrators will collectively serve a resident population of at least 1 million. They will run for a minimum of two years and be subject to a rigorous real time evaluation process. The focus will be on two patient/user groups;

- People of any age who are at risk of current or future hospital admission due to at least one of the following conditions: chronic heart disease, COPD or type 2 diabetes;
- The frail elderly who are at risk of current or future hospital admission, who have complex health and social care needs (they may have one or more of the above conditions).

The prospectus and timetable are now available. Summary expressions of interest (EOIs) are invited by 22 January 2007. These are concise documents that name the prospective partners in the proposal, identify the target populations and outline the types of service that will be provided. It is recognised that at this stage some of the information will be provisional. Completed applications that reflect the detailed requirements in the prospectus are required by 22 February 2007.

Note: all enquiries are being handled through the Department of Health demonstrator mailbox mbwpwholeystemltdemonstrators@dh.gsi.gov.uk

POLICY UPDATE

Review of Supported Housing and Care Home Guidance

The Department of Health is to review and consult on its 2002 Supported Housing and Care Home Guidance next year.

The aim of the consultation will be to ensure the guidance is updated in order to enable providers and other interested parties, to better understand the legislative framework and the requirements that fall under this, so that matters concerning registration of care and support are explained in as clear a way as possible. The Housing LIN welcomes the proposed review. It will provide greater clarity on the position of supported housing, including extra care housing. It also feeds into the work commissioned by the Elderly Accommodation Counsel and funded by the Housing Corporation and supported by the Housing LIN on Industry-led typologies and standards. For further information contact Yvonne.Maxwell@dh.gsi.gov.uk

NEW CSIP DH PRODUCTS

Enhancing Choices for People with a Learning Disability

Housing LIN Report – This paper explains the range of accommodation options for people with a learning disability. It is aimed at workers who advise and support people with a learning disability to identify and extend their housing choices. It can also be used by commissioners and providers to check the range of housing choices and support available locally.


Learning Disability and Housing

Housing LIN Policy Briefing – summary of key policy papers relating to people with a learning disability.

Available on our website under ‘Briefings’ in the A-Z index at http://www.cat.csip.org.uk/index.cfm?pid=390

Unmet Housing-Related Support Needs in Wokingham District – An Investigation”

This Housing LIN case study no 26 is based on the findings of a recent report on housing related support in Wokingham by Adrian Jones and Moyra Riseborough. It looks at a range of options identified to meet the gaps in meeting the housing support needs of older people and vulnerable adults and sets out key recommendations. Available on our website under ‘Case Studies’ in the A-Z index at http://www.cat.csip.org.uk/index.cfm?pid=112

Transforming services for older people: floating support – Broadacres Older Persons Floating Support.

This Housing LIN case study no 25 considers how one housing association has shifted from a traditional warden service attached to sheltered housing schemes to a floating support service. The floating support service covers the associations sheltered housing schemes as well as being available to older people in the wider community irrespective of tenure. Available on our website under ‘Case Studies’ in the A-Z index at http://www.cat.csip.org.uk/index.cfm?pid=112

Choice Based Lettings Briefing: The National Social Inclusion Programme

This briefing document outlines the key elements of Choice Based Lettings (CBL) for people with mental health problems following the publication of Implementing and Developing Choice-Based Lettings: A guide to key issues by the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (now known as the Department of Communities and Local Government) in March 2005.

The aim of the guide is to help local authorities, registered social landlords, and other partners, in developing and enhancing CBL systems. It is specific to supporting people with mental health problems as they may have difficulty accessing choice based lettings schemes. http://www.socialinclusion.org.uk/home/index.php?subid=50

The full DCLG (formerly ODPM) guidance Implementing and Developing Choice-Based Lettings: A guide to key issues published March 2005 can be found at www.comunities.gov.uk. DCLG have also published a fact sheet on Choice Based Lettings, which can be found at: www.comunities.gov.uk.

Forthcoming CSIP DH publications for early 2007

- Briefing on the Local Government White Paper
- Factsheets on Local Area Agreements, Charging and Extra Care Housing, floating support
**OTHER USEFUL REPORTS AND RESOURCES**

**Housing an ageing population - developing guidance for planners.**

In response to the changing needs of the UK’s ageing population the RTPI and the Housing LIN have been working together to develop guidance to support delivery of housing with care support for older people. Practitioners are invited to respond to a consultation document issued in December 2006.

The consultation is designed to raise awareness of the challenges for planning from major demographic and social change. Consultees are asked to consider the range of potential development and service models and how planning processes may be used and improved to support their development.

Responses to the document are invited by Monday 19 February 2007 and should be sent to research@rtpi.org.uk. For more information go to our website under ‘Planning’ in the A-Z index.

http://www.cat.csip.org.uk/index.cfm?pid=384

**Tackling Homelessness : The Housing Corporation Strategy**

This strategy sets out what the Housing Corporation expects housing associations to do in contributing to the prevention and tackling of homelessness. At its heart is recognition of the critical strategic leadership role of local authorities and the importance of co-operation and partnership between local authorities and associations.

http://www.housingcorp.gov.uk/server/show/ConWebDoc.9131

**Reducing Re-offending Housing and Housing Support Framework**

This framework serves to set expectations for the work of Regional Offender Managers (ROMs) and regional Reducing Re-offending Partnership Boards' Accommodation Pathways. It brings together Government policy objectives for helping offenders to access and sustain housing into a single framework, outlines targets for 2007/08 and provides a model of an integrated approach to the management of offender housing and housing support needs.

The framework is intended for all stakeholders at a national, regional and local level to help support the development of local partnerships and agreements which will improve housing outcomes for offenders, contribute to the reduction in re-offending and enhance public protection.

Emphasis is placed on the need for housing and housing support providers to understand and respond to the needs of diverse groups and ensure that work is founded on the principles of equality. Document available on our website under ‘Drug & Alcohol’ in the A-Z index.

http://www.cat.csip.org.uk/index.cfm?pid=458

**CSCI State of Social Care report launched**

CSCI annual report to Parliament gives the big picture of social care in England.

“Families take the strain to find their own care”

“Individuals and families are increasingly having to find and pay for their own care, says our annual report on the state of social care in England.”

“The report found that despite councils spending more money on services, they have made the rules harder for people to qualify for state-funded social care.”

The report is available at http://www.csci.org.uk

**Health and Winter Warmth - Reducing Health Inequalities**

Produced by the Regional Public Health Group in the South East, the Health and Winter Warmth factsheet is designed to provide information to people concerned with health and fuel poverty issues; Regional and Local Partnerships within Public Health, Environmental Health and Local Authorities, Community and other front line Health Staff who can refer vulnerable households for help, as well as Housing and Energy Officers. The factsheet brings together the latest information and best practice, to enable health professionals to take a much more active role to:

- help reduce health inequalities within vulnerable households;
- reduce excess winter deaths; and
- increase energy efficiency;

in order to enhance health and sustainability. Available on our website under ‘Housing & Health’ in the A-Z index

**Making Homes Warm, Safe and Secure**

The eagerly awaited DVD featuring Home Improvement Agency clients ‘Making Homes Warm, Safe and Secure’ is now available. If you are not from a HIA and would like to receive a copy, contact Samantha Collins - see below for contact details.
There will also be a ‘Promotional Pack’ available for HIAs to use. This will comprise of a CD that features the film clips in a format that can be used in presentations, and case studies from the clients that feature in the film, as well as others interviewed during shortlisting. These will be available to HIAs only. If you are interested in receiving a copy of this pack, the HIA Manager must first sign a Foundations copyright agreement form. This is to protect the clients and ensure that the footage is only used for the purposes of promoting HIAs and HIA services.

To request this form, or for any other queries relating to the DVD, email Sam Collins, Communications Manager at scollins@cel.co.uk or telephone 01457 891909.

**RESEARCH**

**Housing and people with dementia**

Sue Garwood, on behalf of the Housing LIN, is undertaking a survey on housing and dementia. It can be found on our website at http://www.cat.csip.org.uk/index.cfm?pid=160, under ‘Dementia’ in the A-Z index

It will cover not just Extra Care, but all housing, whether rented or owner-occupied, retirement or general needs. Any aspect, just so long as the two elements are there, housing and dementia.

The survey needs to be returned by the 11th February. Your responses will help to shape the Housing LIN programme for the coming year.

**Older People Housing Strategies and Older Homelessness**

Older homelessness is the extreme end of the continuum of poor housing for older people yet currently few older people’s housing strategies address the issue. The Coalition on Older Homelessness has produced a draft paper aimed at local authorities to encourage them to include older homeless people in their strategic thinking. The paper outlines the policy drivers that exist to do this and addresses the type of issues that local authorities may want to think about in relation to this excluded section of the population. The draft paper is on the Housing LIN website under ‘Homelessness’ in the A-Z index. The final version will be sent out to local authorities in mid February. If anyone has comments or other issues they would like to see included please contact: sarah.gorton@homelesslink.org.uk

**CONFERENCES AND LIN EVENTS**

**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.

**Hillside Court Assistive Technology smart IC Flat Open Day 26th January 2007**

An open day is being held to launch the smart flat and raise awareness amongst health and social care staff of the role assistive technology can play in intermediate care and ECSH, in supporting and enabling older people’s independence. It is intended that the smart flat will be able to accommodate and assess the AT needs of older people with cognitive and or physical impairments. The smart flat is being funded by the Dunhill Medical charity and Bristol City Council’s preventative technology grant. It is the culmination of nearly two years of partnership work between, Housing 21/Dementia Voice, Bristol City Council, Bath Institute of Medical Engineering (BIME) and Bristol North PCT, in the development of assistive technology for older people in extra care sheltered housing (ECSH).

Please contact David Self for details and to book a place: Direct Line 01179 18 6890
Mobile 07763 809 482
Email selfd@housing21.co.uk

Managing New Realities has developed to become the primary opportunity for the health, social care and housing sectors to meet and work together to forge a common, innovative and challenging agenda for adult service development. Personalisation and choice will continue to be key themes with voices from the growing plurality of organisations delivering services.

Services users and carers will be involved throughout the event, offering personal testimonies and participating fully in discussions about the challenges and choices around delivery of adult care services.

Managing New Realities 2007 brings a different approach to the traditional conference format with: facilitated round-table discussions, break-out group work, conclusions paper sent to all delegates after the event.

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

Ageing & Mental Well Being Open Day

University of Bedfordshire, Park Square, Luton, 30 January 2007, 10:00 – 4:00

Older People, Carers, Paid Staff, Volunteers, and other interested people are invited to attend this open event focusing on ageing and mental well-being.

There will be a number of information stands as well as open seminars and lectures as detailed below. For more information please call Sue Hogg 01582 547 526.

Regional Housing LIN events

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

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

Eastern Region LIN
7 February 2007 (Haughley, Stowmarket)

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

North East LIN
28 February 2007 (Middlesbrough)

East Midlands LIN
28 March 2007 (Nottingham)

South West LIN Conference
early May (date and venue tbc) The Future of Older Persons’ Housing and Services in the SW.

London & SE Region
16 or 24 May 2007 on mixed tenure (date and venue tbc)

To register your interest, email housinglin@cat.csip.org.uk.
Copies of presentations from each regional network meeting are archived on the Housing LIN website under ‘Presentations’ in the A-Z index

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

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