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Season's Greetings from all at the Housing LIN!

LOOKING BACK ON 2012 – WINNING WAYS

We are delighted to inform you that the Housing LIN has gone from strength to strength over the last 12 months. Feedback from our customer survey this year highlighted the value you place on networking and our skills in bringing together leading policy makers and practitioners across housing, health and social care to help raise the profile of housing for older and disabled people. Notable achievements during this Olympic and Paralympic year were:

- a packed annual conference, Investing in Solutions: Making it Happen, where an impressive cast of speakers provided delegates with the most up-to-date ideas, policy news and funding developments for investing in housing with care, including an announcement by the Department of Health of additional £40m for DFG. Copies of presentations are now available at: www.housinglin.org.uk/ECHconference2012
- an invitation to join the Prime Minister's Challenge on Dementia Health and Social Care Champion's Group and reference to the Housing LIN in his report on progress
- recognition by the Department of Health as the leading resource for information and knowledge exchange in the new £300m Care and Support Specialised Housing Fund
- involvement in a consortia that published an influential Department of Health and Department of Communities and Local Government endorsed Hospital2Home pack
- jointly publishing a new Extra Care Housing pack with the NHS End of Life Care Programme and the International Longevity Centre

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- hosting the All Party Parliamentary Group on Housing and Care for Older People Inquiry Report, Housing our Ageing Population: Plan for Implementation
- publication of an impressive catalogue of resources that help contribute to extending learning and improvement in the sector
- working closely with our dedicated regional teams, enthusiastic network members, committed partners and sponsors to help create opportunities for further inward investment for housing with care, and
- did you know that you can now follow us on Twitter [@HousingLIN](https://twitter.com/HousingLIN)?

Thank you for all your support. Best wishes and Seasons' Greetings from everyone at the Housing LIN.

POLICY & FUNDING NEWS

Policy and funding news across housing, health and social care since our last enews includes:

Autumn Statement offers cold comfort for care and support

This month's Chancellor's statement contained little encouragement to stimulate housing with care and disappointed many commentators by failing to provide a sustainable funding solution for social care. Whilst spending on health has been protected and there is a welcome injection of capital to build 120,000 new homes, the Chancellor announced a reduction of £445million in overall local government spending in 2014-15 and limits on housing benefit which are likely to add further to the pressures on care and support infrastructure.

More info at:

http://hm-treasury.gov.uk/as2012_index.htm

Care and Support Specialised Housing Fund Deadline day reminder

Speaking at the Housing LIN annual conference last week, Norman Lamb MP, Care Services Minister at the Department of Health, reminded delegates that the Fund is split into two phases, focusing on affordable housing in Phase One, and market sale homes in a later second phase and run over five years from 2013/14. The latter asks providers and the private sector to submit expressions of interest that will help the Homes

and Communities Agency and the Department of Health look to wider market opportunities in the second phase.

The Prospectus for the Fund, which includes full details on how to bid for

Phase One, can be downloaded from:

<http://test.homesandcommunities.co.uk/ourwork/care-and-support-specialised-housing-fund>

If you are planning to submit a bid, deadline for Phase One bids is noon on 18 January 2013.

Extra grant for Disabled Facilities Grants

DCLG have secured an additional £40m from the Department of Health for the Disabled Facilities Grant in 2012/13. This funding is in addition to the £180m already allocated for DFG by DCLG in 2012/13 and has been allocated to all 326 local authorities in England.

Care and Support Minister Norman Lamb said: *"For people with disabilities and older people, even the simplest things such as walking, getting up the stairs and climbing in and out of the bathtub can become difficult. We know that most people want to remain independent and be supported in their own home as far as possible. This funding will help people make the necessary practical changes to help them remain in their own home and prevent or even postpone the development of health and care needs."*

This extra funding has already been transferred to local authorities and will enable more older people and adults with disabilities to have better quality of life and also help them remain independent and in their own home for longer. Further details at:

www.dh.gov.uk/health/2012/12/extra-df-grant

For information on how much has been allocated, visit:

www.housinglin.org.uk/library/Resources/Housing/OtherOrganisation/DFG_LA_Letter-extra_40m_FINAL-Dec_2013-incl_Determ.pdf



Norman Lamb MP speaking at the Housing LIN annual conference



Prime Minister Challenge on Dementia: A report on progress

This new report from the Prime Minister outlines the aims, achievements and ambitions of his Dementia Challenge and the progress of the 3 champion groups on (i) creating dementia friendly communities that understand how to help; (ii) driving improvements in health and care; and (iii) better research.



Jeremy Porteus, Director of the Housing Learning and Improvement Network, has been an integral member of the Health and Social Care Champion Group representing the “housing voice” and linking in with organisations such as the National Housing Federation and the Housing and Dementia Research Consortium.

Attending the launch at No 10 Downing Street, Jeremy said: *“Housing needs to up its game and ensure that homes and communities are dementia-friendly. We are fully behind the challenge to transform the housing choices for people living with dementia.”*

With several references to housing, the report and accompanying annex summarises progress against the key commitments in the PM’s challenge, including a specific mention of the networking capability of Housing LIN and links to our resources. To view the progress report, go to: www.dh.gov.uk/health/2012/11/dementia-progress-report

£50m for dementia caring environments

The Department of Health have issued guidance on capital funding applications to improve the environments of care for people with dementia. Divided equally between NHS and social care, the fund is targeted at “tangible physical improvements” that “contribute to care provision”. The Housing LIN has learned that this can apply to extra care housing. As a result, housing with care providers should be contacting their Council with Adult Social Care Responsibility now to demonstrate the qualitative improvements they can make to support people live well with dementia at home. The deadline for expression of interests is 16 January. More at:

www.wp.dh.gov.uk/publications/files/2012/11/Capital-Dementia-Improvement-Fund-Application.pdf

Market oversight in Adult Social Care

Following the problems caused by Southern Cross, the Department of Health have announced a consultation on new measures to protect people who rely on care services in the event of provider failure. With potential risks to fragile housing related support contracts too, DH want to introduce measures that provide the CQC with information to develop contingency plans with local authorities for continuing care in the event of a failure to ensure people’s care and support needs continue to be met. For details and/or respond, visit:

www.dh.gov.uk/health/2012/12/provider-failures

To download the recent Housing LIN report, ‘Managing risk: lessons from Southern Cross for the specialist housing with care and support market’ at: www.housinglin.org.uk/Topics/type/resource/?cid=8602

Improving health and care: the role of the outcomes frameworks

The Department of Health have set out how the 3 new outcomes frameworks, Adult Social Care, the NHS and Public Health, work together to achieve the desired outcomes for the health and care system. For a copy of this supporting document and/or to view the individual frameworks, go to: www.dh.gov.uk/health/2012/11/health-care-of

Winterbourne View Review



The Housing LIN is one several signatories to the Concordat that accompanies the published review of Winterbourne View. We have publically stated that we will safeguard people’s dignity and rights through a commitment to the development of personalised, local, high

quality services. In particular, we have committed to publish plans that support our members to provide good quality care across health, housing and social care; help share knowledge to those working to significantly reduce the number of specialist hospitals in line with proposals in the concordat; and will work with our members and partners to develop models that reflect the need for high quality community based approaches. Read more at: www.dh.gov.uk/health/2012/12/final-winterbourne



NEW DH FUNDED EXTRA CARE SCHEME

Newman Court development officially opened

Hampshire County Council's investment in modern, high quality housing for older people was marked on Friday 30 November with the official opening of Saxon Weald Housing Association's latest Extra Care Housing scheme and Day Centre.

Newman Court in Basingstoke is a £11.8 million development designed by PRP Architects and built by Castleoak, and is the result of a joint initiative between the County Council, Saxon Weald, Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council and the Department of Health.



Jeremy Porteus at the opening of Newman Court in Basingstoke

With state of the art facilities and 64 purpose-built apartments for older people, this mixed tenure scheme is one of four developments in the first phase of Extra-Care, ahead of a further £45 million investment announced by Hampshire County Council to create partnership opportunities to stimulate more schemes over the next eight years.

For more information, go to the Housing LIN's directory of DH funded schemes at: www.housinglin.org.uk/Topics/ECHScheme/search/Overview/?cid=8520

NEW HOUSING LIN PUBLICATIONS

Keeping you informed on latest policy, practice and thinking, we are pleased to bring you an excellent range of new reports, guides and briefing papers.

REPORTS / GUIDES / TOOLKITS

Housing in later life: planning ahead for specialist housing for older people

This new toolkit spells out the processes that could help the HAPPI objectives to be met – with particular emphasis on the role of local planning authorities. Published jointly by the National Housing Federation, Tetlow King Planning, McCarthy & Stone, Contact Consulting and the Housing LIN, it

has been designed for local planners and commissioners to use when planning for specialist housing for older people as part of an overall local strategy on older people's housing, care and support.

The toolkit encourages local authorities to join up planning, housing and social care policy, both in the collection of evidence and the development of specialist housing for older people. It suggests a number of tools to help officers plan for this form of housing in their local policies, strategies, guidance and associated conditions as part of their local plans. To download, go to: www.housinglin.org.uk/housinginlaterlife_planningtool



Can self-funders afford housing with care? A guide for providers and commissioners

This Housing with Care Affordability Guide aims to help providers and commissioners of housing with care (HWC) understand affordability from the perspective of self-funding residents (prospective and current).

Written by Ian Copeman and Jenny Pannell of Housing & Support Partnership, the guide is based on research originally supported by and reproduced with permission of the Joseph Rowntree Foundation (JRF).

It draws on extensive research with self-funding HWC residents and with commissioners and providers, supported by the JRF, and:

- provides detailed analysis and explanation of the complex factors and issues that affect the affordability of HWC for current and future self-funding HWC residents;
- includes perspectives and experiences of older people and their families, and also providers and commissioners concerning affordability of HWC; and
- sets out the policy considerations and implications for local authorities and providers of the issues affecting affordability of HWC for current and future self-funders and their families.

The guide and summary will also be of importance to those organisations participating in the Department of Health Care and Support Specialised Housing Fund, bidding to develop specialised housing for older persons and people with disabilities particularly where potential residents will include self-funders of housing, care and other services. Available at: www.housinglin.org.uk/HWC_AffordabilityGuide



VIEWPOINT

Get Smart. Innovative funding and delivery options in extra care sheltered housing

Public sector capital investment constraints necessitate the need for innovation and radically different ideas to come forward to meet the proven need for new older peoples housing.

Get Smart from the Housing LIN seeks to summarise and assess new financial options available to local public sector and not for profit organisations that may be available for new build extra care accommodation arising from Housing Revenue Account reform; the anticipated introduction of Real Estate Investment Trusts; Tax Incremental Financing; and other options.

Edited by Bran Johnston and written by a range of housing sector specialists across diverse professional perspectives, this collection of 8 papers reviews innovative delivery models that may be adopted by Local Authorities, Registered Providers, not for profit organisations and mutual/ social enterprises - such as Local Asset Backed Vehicles. They include:

- Extra care: unlocking the market potential by Melville Knight, Castleoak
- Private sector investment into older persons housing by David Dent, Elliott Dent
- A long-term game for an old age problem by Darren Crocker, Gleeds
- Extra care housing - financed by institutional investment by Niall Henderson, independent consultant
- Funding structures for extra care housing by Coralie Foster, PKF Accountants
- Delivering extra care housing – the Local Authority route? By Steve Partridge, Chartered Institute of Housing
- Innovation in extra care housing – capital investment by Charlotte Cook, Winkworth Sherwood LLP, and
- Extra care housing: innovative funding approaches & support for development by Tina Hothersall, Homes and Communities Agency

To read how to obtain that investment and use it to best effect continue to be the critical challenges in meeting the accommodation and care needs of older people, go to:

www.housinglin.org.uk/GetSmart_ECHfunding



BRIEFING PAPERS

Following the launch of the ADASS/ Housing LIN Resource Pack last year, 'Strategic Housing for Older People: Planning, designing and delivering housing that older people want', IPC have written 3 new briefing papers for the Housing LIN that cover:

Market Position Statements and the accommodation needs of older people

This paper is primarily aimed at local authority commissioners and has as its focus how to ensure the development of a diversity of supply of housing through the use of Market Position Statements (MPS). It considers:

- The purpose and content of a MPS that focuses on the accommodation needs of older people.
- How to develop a MPS that effectively involves and promotes a diverse quality market in housing suitable for older people.

Health, Wellbeing and the Older People's Housing Agenda

This paper is aimed primarily at Health and Wellbeing Board members and seeks to support them in their understanding of:

- The impact of poor housing on the health and wellbeing outcomes of older people.
- The strategic approaches they can take to influence the provision of housing and housing related services to improve the health and wellbeing of their older population.

Making Best Use of our Sheltered Housing Asset

This paper is aimed at both providers and commissioners of housing for older people, to help them to:

- Understand and be clear how sheltered housing can help meet health and wellbeing outcomes of older people.
- Review their sheltered housing to assess its fitness to meet the future housing needs and aspirations of older people.
- Consider the range of options for change and decide on the best approach locally.

All 3 briefings are now available on our SHOP pages at: www.housinglin.org.uk/SHOP_briefings

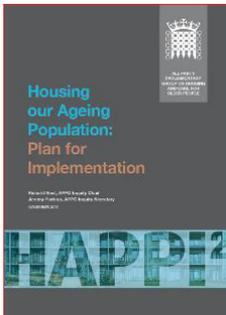




HOUSING OUR AGEING POPULATION: PLAN FOR IMPLEMENTATION

A cross-party group of MPs and peers highlight in a report launched last month by the All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on Housing and Care for Older People, the opportunities to create movement in the housing market, improve the health of older people and create new housing options for younger people and families.

The APPG report is a result of a five month inquiry into the progress in implementing the recommendations and design criteria set out in a landmark 2009 report, *Housing our Ageing Population: Panel for Innovation (HAPPI)*. The HAPPI report called for a national effort to build new and better homes for older people.



Speaking at the launch in the House of Lords, Baroness Hanham, Parliamentary Under Secretary of the DCLG, said: *"I am delighted to welcome the launch of HAPPI 2. Schemes supported by this and the original HAPPI*

report provide a safe living environment to older people, enabling them to reconnect with their local community and make new friends. And crucially, these schemes also help residents retain their independence and dignity in later life free from the worry and cost of maintaining their own property."

Jeremy Porteus, Director of the Housing Learning and Improvement Network, and Secretariat to the APPG inquiry, stated: *"This inquiry has shown that the housing market has largely been off the pace when meeting the housing aspirations and lifestyle choices of a growing baby boomer generation. With 10 million people over 65 in the UK, the race is now on to generate the new HAPPI homes and communities that an ageing population wants to move in to."*

He went on to say: *"The APPG recommendations need to be taken as seriously as those advocated by Andrew Dilnot on the future funding of care and support. In fact, there is now hard evidence that if we improve the design quality of our housing for older people this will reduce demand on more costly health and social care."*

The APPG inquiry found there were far reaching benefits from developing good quality housing

for older people, including a reduction in health and social care costs, as well as the freeing up of family housing and has made a series of recommendations to create movement in the housing market, improve the health of older people and create new housing options for younger people and families. These can be found exclusively at: www.housinglin.org.uk/APPGIquiry_HAPPI

OTHER USEFUL REPORTS / RESOURCES

HOUSING FOR OLDER PEOPLE

In this section we bring you a selection of influential new publications on a range of themes related to housing for older and disabled people.

HAPPI + HUB: A comprehensive strategy for housing an ageing population?

This pamphlet by PRP Architects was prepared prior to the APPG Inquiry and stress that there needs to be a change of emphasis in new housing and care provision towards the development of well-located, attractive, adaptable, flexible independent accommodation - HAPPI housing - at the heart of communities in conjunction with community care 'hubs'. View at: www.prparchitects.co.uk/our-work/research/prep-archive.html

A Better Life

A new body of evidence is now available from the Joseph Rowntree Foundation (JRF) on living in housing with care from an older person's perspective. Several pieces of research address some key concerns such as:

- If I am paying for myself, can I afford it?
- Who is in charge of which aspect/service?
- What is it like to live with others in a scheme?

The research identifies a range of practice examples for providers, commissioners, front-line workers as well as policy recommendations on what can be done to ensure a better quality of life in the current challenging climate.

The new work is part of 'A Better Life' programme (2009-2013) which aims to seek out ways of ensuring quality of life for the growing number of older people in the UK with high support needs. To read the research reports and practice examples, please visit: www.jrf.org.uk/work/workarea/housing-with-care-older-people



Risk, trust and relationships in an ageing society

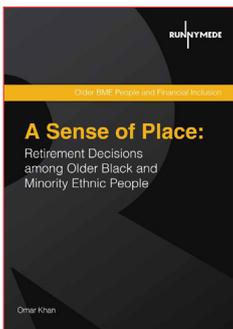
This new study from the JRF reviews evidence on the risk and trust aspects of decision-making in informal and semi-formal caring and supportive relationships. For details, go to:

www.jrf.org.uk/publications/risk-trust-and-relationships-ageing-society

Improving decision-making in the care of older people

This study from the JRF considers how to improve decisions made by and for older people about their care and support. View at: www.jrf.org.uk/publications/improving-decision-making-care

A Sense of Place: Retirement Decisions among Older Black and Minority Ethnic People



A new report by the Runnymede Trust argues that social care is failing to cater for the needs of ethnic minority older people. It finds that many older people feel that their current care provision fails to take into consideration their language, cultural and other needs, making their final years more difficult.

In addition to calling for provision tailored to ethnic minority needs, the report recommends that policymakers and local officials must plan better for future demographic change due to the increasing numbers of ethnic minority older people, and should also ensure that funding for community centres providing services to ethnic minority older people should be continued and expanded. More at:

www.runnymedetrust.org/uploads/publications/pdfs/ASenseOfPlace-2012.pdf

Paying for Ageing: Decision time for households and the state

This discussion paper from the Strategic Society Centre explores the options for households and the state in paying for ageing. Its recommendations include that:

- All public spending on older people needs a cross-departmental 'holistic review'
- Fiscal policymaking must not be allowed to crowd out sensible policies on ageing
- An Office for Evidence on Prevention should be created as a commissioner, laboratory and proponent of preventative strategies across all age-related public spending

- Make long-term decisions now: fixing a strategy for paying for ageing can no longer be deferred and older households deserve clarity.

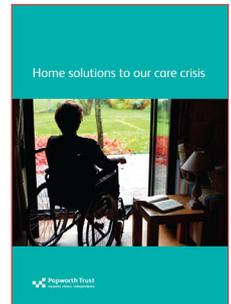
For more, go to: www.strategicsociety.org.uk/book/paying-for-ageing.html

HEALTH & CARE

This section features new papers that have a connection across housing, health and/or social care. They include:

Home solutions to our care crisis

Research published by the Papworth Trust has found that unsuitable housing costs the public purse and that too many disabled and older people are suffering stress, accidents or health problems because their homes are not suitable for their needs. They recommend a radical shake up of the adaptations system to enable people to live healthy and independent lives.



For more on their proposals, go to: www.papworth.org.uk/downloads/homesolutionstourcarecrisis_121113100850.pdf

No Going Back: Is institutionalisation being recreated in modern care and support settings?



This new report by Family Mosaic Housing Association urges care providers to recognise and counter the culture of institutionalisation that characterised long-stay

hospitals from the 1800s until the mid to late 20th Century. Hot off the heels of the Winterbourne View Review (see policy and funding news), the report looks at the risk facing present-day care and support services of slipping back into the institutionalised practice so common in the past, and suggests ways of guarding against it. Download at:

www.familymosaic.co.uk/userfiles/Documents/NoGoingBack_v14_web2.pdf

Housing health cost calculator

The Building Research Establishment have launched a new tool which measures NHS health cost savings achieved through mitigating hazards in the home.



The Housing Health Cost Calculator (HHCC) has been developed to provide local authorities with the information they need to drive up public health standards and reduce costs. It demonstrates the relationship between health and hazards in the home, measuring the cost savings to the NHS and wider society gained through the implementation of home improvement strategies.

To view the tool and register free of charge, visit www.housinghealthcosts.org

Health inequalities and population health

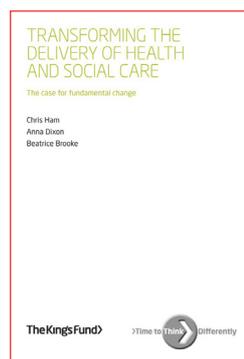
NICE have published an online briefing that summarises their recommendations for local authorities and partner organisations on population health and health inequalities. It is particularly relevant to health and wellbeing boards. View at: <http://publications.nice.org.uk/health-inequalities-and-population-health-phb4>

Resources for health and wellbeing boards

The NHS Confederation have issued a series of briefing that look at different aspects of improving population health: action learning for health and wellbeing boards. With a few welcome references to housing, the briefings provides practical learning of how other boards are approaching 'problem briefs' in relation to improving local health and wellbeing outcomes. For more, go to: www.nhsconfed.org/Publications/Pages/lresources-health-wellbeing-boards.aspx

Transforming the delivery of health and social care: the case for fundamental change

This paper from The King's Fund explores how the current health and social care delivery system has failed to keep pace with the population's needs and expectations. It argues that incremental changes to existing models of care will not be sufficient in addressing these challenges and that a much bolder approach is needed to bring about innovative models, including housing based solutions, that are appropriate to the needs of the population and are high quality, sustainable and offer value for money. Find at: www.kingsfund.org.uk/sites/files/kf/field/field_publication_file/transforming-the-delivery-of-health-and-social-care-the-kings-fund-sep-2012.pdf



End of Life Care Action Note No6 Housing

The National Council for Palliative Care, supported by the English Community Care Association, Housing 21 and the National Care Forum have published a series of action sheets on end of life care, including one on housing. To view the Action Note, visit: www.housinglin.org.uk/Topics/type/resource/?cid=8672

For details on other action sheets in this series, visit: www.ncpc.org.uk/influencing-toolkit

HOUSING & DEMENTIA

This section includes latest innovations and reports that support people with dementia to live well at home.

Supporting the NHF

The NHF working group on housing and dementia was recently mentioned in Hansard following a Parliamentary Question by Paul Burstow MP (the former Care Services Minister) to the DCLG on what steps it is taking to support the Prime Minister's Challenge of Dementia. For the reply, go to: www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmhansrd/cm121129/text/121129w0002.htm#12112964000115

We are delighted to be supporting the NHF on a new report on housing and dementia and two regional workshops taking place in February and March. To book a discounted place, see events on p.12

Short guide on using ICT and dementia

This short guide by SCIE is aimed at managers and staff in the care sector, and providers of activities for people with dementia, about using mainstream technologies with people with dementia at home. For more, go to:

www.scie.org.uk/publications/ictfordementia

TELECARE UPDATE

This section highlights relevant Telecare and Telehealth items that may be of interest

Supporting Vulnerable Adults the application of assistive living technology to support independence

This new Board Assurance Prompt (BAP) from Housing LIN, aims to advise leaders and decision-makers within housing organisations on the application of assisted living technology, using five key assurance questions to ensure they



take full advantage of the opportunities presented by technologies such as telecare and telehealth.

With over five million people aged between 18-64 years living with a mental health issue, assisted living technology offers senior managers and board members a range of

solutions to enhance their services, mitigate risks and strengthen the ability to provide flexible and relevant support.

Jeremy Porteus, Director of Housing LIN said: *"Housing is recognised as a key factor in creating pathways in which people who may feel vulnerable can feel safe and secure. Many people, who might have been supported in long-term institutional settings in the past, are now being supported within the community. Drawing on examples of best practice, this BAP offers guidance to support the development and implementation of assisted living technology systems."*

The report, written by Contact Consulting, is supported by an educational grant from Tunstall, and together with two further Board Assurance Prompts, is available from: www.housinglin.org.uk/Topics/browse/HousingOlderPeople/OlderPeopleHousingProvision/Telecare

Have we got even more news for you!

If you are switched on to the above items, the recent Telecare LIN newsletters are packed with everything you need to know about latest policy, practice and product developments. To view, go to: www.telecarelin.org.uk

CALL FOR INFORMATION

We are interested to hear from you. Can you help?

Older People, loneliness and retirement housing

Earlier this year, the new Health Secretary announced plans to systematically measure social isolation and loneliness among older people, signalling the commitment of policy-makers to tackle this issue. What role can the retirement housing play in reducing social isolation – can the right type of housing lower levels of social isolation

through greater peer support networks, what is the trade-off in terms of intergenerational social isolation, and how does this affect dependency on health and support services?

During January 2013, Housing LIN and ILC-UK will be producing a viewpoint exploring the role of housing in improving social isolation and loneliness - we would welcome any views, experiences or case studies that could help shape this viewpoint. All contributions used will be fully credited. For more information, please email: dylankneale@ilcuk.org.uk

RESEARCH UPDATE

This section covers research projects that we are associated with:

Getting involved in research

The Housing LIN is delighted to be linked in with several expressions of interest led by consortia seeking Research Council and/or European research and service improvement grants to advance the housing choices of older and disabled people. We look forward to reporting on these in future issues.

Translating knowledge into practice

Last month, the College of Occupational Therapists supported by KT-EQUAL, hosted a major event to discuss ways of meeting the challenges of an ageing population. Attended by the Princess Royal, it provided a platform to exchange expertise between researchers, policy makers and practitioners on a variety of key issues. For example:

- how to improve the design of outdoor spaces for older people, for instance, by influencing planning and building regulations
- how to design the built environment to meet the needs of all members of society including older and disabled people, and
- how to improve the reach of inclusive design in products and in the home

For more, visit: www.equal.ac.uk



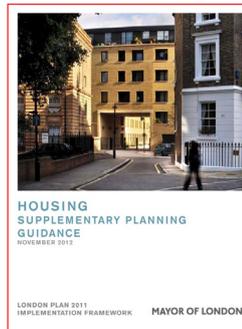
REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

This section contains updates from our regional 'leads'. For further information of what's happening in your region, go to the Housing LIN regional pages and, remember, contribute to your regional noticeboard so we can share latest developments!

London

Margaret reports on the £60m allocation for London from the Department of Health's Care and Support Specialised Housing Fund. She points out that submissions need to be in by 18 January 2013 and that the Fund is being administered by the Greater London Authority. Bidding guidance for and further information on the GLA's capital Supported Housing Fund are at: www.london.gov.uk/priorities/housing/mayors-care-and-supported-housing-fund

She also reports that the new GLA Supplementary Planning Guidance has been recently published. It indicates a shortfall of 2,366pa of specialist accommodation over 10 years with a swing to more sale and shared ownership for older people. More at: www.london.gov.uk/who-runs-london/mayor/publications/planning/housing-supplementary-planning-guidance



North West

Libby Spencer and Jean Bray report that the NHF have published a useful briefing paper on health and wellbeing boards in the North West at: www.housing.org.uk/publications/find_a_publication/general/health_and_wellbeing_boards_i.aspx

They also highlight a new Live at Home project by Methodist Homes in South Manchester and Uniitee's homesharing scheme for the elderly in Knutsford.

Eastern

Sue Garwood suggests that Housing LIN members may find very useful NSDA's (Norfolk and Suffolk Dementia Action Alliance) Dementia Competence Framework. It specifies competences under ten important practice areas: Improving your knowledge; being person centred; caring interactions; communicating sensitively; understanding distressed behaviours; enriching lives; supporting family members and other carers;

working as part of many teams; caring for yourself; and managing, training and supporting the teams. Available at: www.housinglin.org.uk/Topics/type/resource/?cid=8671

She also reports that the NHF's Home Truths 2012 highlights that the East of England needs more homes for an ageing population, with a 58% increase of over-65s. For more, go to: www.housing.org.uk/publications/find_a_publication/general/home_truths_2012_east_of_engl.aspx

East Midlands

Debbie Waldron reports on an interesting Health Homes Initiative in Derby which enables people to enjoy a better home environment, enhanced quality of life, improved health and general well-being when they are warm, safe and secure in their own home. With better integration across housing, health and social care, the project has reduced risks of accident and housing-related poor health. Furthermore, it has shown that fewer accidents and better health result in significant benefits for the client, NHS, local authority & partner agencies. For more, see: www.housinglin.org.uk/pagefinder.cfm?cid=8666

North East

Denise Gillie reports that the next regional meeting is taking place at the DH funded Housing 21 scheme, Linskill, in North Shields (booking details below).

West Midlands

Anne Bailey reports that the West Midlands Public Health Observatory has published a useful resource that provides a snapshot of the health and care of older people in each local authority in England. Available at: www.wmpho.org.uk/olderpeopleatlas/Atlas/atlas.html

Orbit's mixed-tenure extra care scheme in Stratford-upon-Avon, Briar Court, hosted a delegation from Age Concern Ukraine. The aim of their visit was to see an example of what can be achieved in older people's housing and how the extra care scheme works. And they like it!

Yorkshire and Humber

Paula Broadbent reports on an Invitation to attend a Bidders' Information and Consultation Day for North Yorkshire County Council's Extra Care Housing and Regeneration Programme on Monday, 14 January 2013.



In recent months, the Council has been preparing the detailed programme information in preparation for the formal procurement process to identify a partner/s to develop, manage and operate a large number of extra care housing schemes across the County. In readiness for the next stage, a half day event to present their thoughts to the market and seek views to inform the resultant process will be held at Evolution Centre, 6 County Business Park, Darlington Road, Northallerton DL6 2NQ. Places are limited to 60 so if you would like to attend, please contact: jonathan.prince@northyorks.gov.uk

To view the Housing LIN's recent North Yorkshire case study, go to: www.housinglin.org.uk/pageFinder.cfm?cid=8559

South East

Sue Terry reports on the opening of Stanbridge House, the £9.5m new Extra Care Housing scheme in Banbury, managed by Housing 21 in partnership with Oxfordshire County Council and Cherwell District Council.



Stanbridge House, Banbury

Constructed by Barteak Developments LTD, and designed by the architect firm, Weedon Partnership, this former grammar school site has 70 units of accommodation and has retained the old school's

iconic facade and clock. It will also contain the new county council-run Banbury Health and Wellbeing Centre, which will replace the a local Day Centre.

The official opening also took place of Alice Bye Court in Thatcham in West Berkshire. This new £9.3m Housing 21 scheme was designed by Hunters and has 51 one and two bedroom apartments and many outdoor spaces, including a sunken central courtyard garden. In addition, the scheme is BREAAAM rated 'excellent' and provides residents with their own accommodation alongside on-site care services, as well as a range of resources for use by the local community including a restaurant, hair and beauty salon and a shop.



Alice Bye Court, Thatcham

And finally, as reported under 'New DH Funded Extra Care scheme' (p.4), the official launch of Newman Court took place on 30 November.

South West

Pat Palmer reports that the official opening of the award winning HAPPI scheme, Prince Charles House, in St Austell took place this week. It was designed by PRP Architects for Ocean Housing.

She also reports on the opening of Falcon Court, the new Housing 21 extra care housing scheme in Kingswood, South Gloucestershire. As well as providing 40 one and two bedroom rental apartments along with a range of communal facilities such as a hairdressing salon and R-Jays restaurant, this £6.7m development, designed by Quattro Architects, is also home to a new Wellbeing Centre for people with dementia and learning disabilities, which is run by South Gloucestershire Council.

And finally, the Campaign to End Loneliness has successfully campaigned with local people in Cornwall to ensure that loneliness is included in the new Health and Wellbeing Strategy. More at: www.campaigntoendloneliness.org.uk/blog/over-to-you

REGIONAL 'LEARNING LAB' MEETINGS

Registrations for our regional meetings are open to members of the Housing LIN. Details of those confirmed for your area are listed below, or go to: www.housinglin.org.uk/Events. To receive an automatic invite, register your interest by region at: www.housinglin.org.uk/userAccount/register

North East HLIN, 6th February 2013, North Shields

Eastern HLIN, 13th February 2013, Basildon

London HLIN, 14th February 2013, Penge

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

This section lists major events supported by the Housing LIN that will be of interest to network members.

Meeting more than healthy and caring lifestyles An Assisted Living Policy and Practice Day and Exhibition on 7th February, York.

Book at: www.northern-consortium.org.uk/ViewEvent?EventID=7

NHF/Housing LIN 'Housing people with dementia' and 'Engage with Health' seminars in Leeds (27 February) and London (4 March).

For more info, go to: www.housing.org.uk/events



Habinteg Housing Association half day seminar, Home Sweet Home: Information Community Technology to support independent living, 31 January 2013, London

<http://istayhome.eventbrite.co.uk/>

EXPERT PREDICTIONS FOR 2013

We asked key figures in the housing, health and social care world what their predictions for the housing with care sector in 2013 are.

Richard Humphries, Senior Fellow, The King's Fund

Richard predicts: For many housing and care providers, 2013 will mark the end of the beginning of what seems set to be a decade of austerity. Further cuts to local authority spending in 2014 announced in the Autumn statement - on top of the 28% already announced cuts to supporting people and welfare benefits - is a dismal prospect. This will affect providers in different ways and for some survival will be the first priority. Yet the need for the right kind of specialist housing will continue to rise and more people will need and care and support. Politicians are seeing integration as one way of narrowing the gap between needs and resources and it will be crucial for the sector to build on the progress made this year in raising awareness of the contribution of housing based services - the third leg of integration alongside health and social care. There are some good examples of innovation which represent real flickers of hope.

Helen Joy, Chief Executive, BrunelCare

Helen writes: the growing demands of an ageing population and, in particular, those living with dementia are a largely unknown in the housing sector. The challenge for us all is to change our perceptions of dementia care and redesign our services and environments appropriately. Furthermore, where we can demonstrate that this helps reduce demand on more costly health and social care services, we need to press home that some reinvestment is needed to sustain those services that support people to live well with dementia at home. Become a 'dementia-friend'.

Neil Revely, Executive Director of Health, Housing and Adult Services, Sunderland City Council

Neil states: Undoubtedly the key issue will be that of funding, with the public sector, and especially local government, facing further unprecedented budget reductions, sustaining housing related support services will be a real challenge - which, taken together with the welfare reform changes, will cause great hardship for many people and families.

Patrick Devlin, Director, Third Age Housing, Pollard Thomas Edwards Architects

Patrick would like to see a range of interesting bids for the DH's Care and Support Specialised Housing Fund. This will reveal much about the housing sector's aspirations for older people's housing in the light of HAPPI2. He points out that older people are often the most engaged and politically active, and building proposals in their neighbourhoods will give them a unique opportunity to get more involved with the older people's housing agenda post HAPPI.



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