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CLG Select Committee hearing on housing for older people on Parliament TV

LHA CAP SCRAPPED

The government has dropped plans to cap housing benefit in the social housing and supported housing sector at Local Housing Allowance (LHA). Instead, it has proposed a new model for funding sheltered housing and extra care housing at: <https://goo.gl/1q5qST>

Deadline for responses: 23 January 2018.
Please share your views with us too.

Jeremy tweeted:

"Very good news on #LHA cap removal. Hearing about stalled sites, this will help rebuild #supportedhousing & #extracare market confidence & reboot supply".



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CLG COMMITTEE: GIVING EVIDENCE

Jeremy was one of 3 experts to give evidence at the first session of the CLG Select Committee hearing on housing for older people held last month.

You can watch Jeremy, along with Claudia Wood, Demos' CEO and Dr Brian Beach, a senior research fellow at ILC-UK on Parliament TV answer the committee's questions at: <https://goo.gl/t6PKVq>



Jeremy Porteus speaking at the CLG Select Committee



POLICY & FUNDING NEWS

A selection of key documents and announcements we have covered in our weekly bulletin over the last few months

Newly appointed Communities and Local Government Select Committee to continue housing for older people enquiry

Further to our cover story, the inquiry will examine whether the housing on offer for this group of people is sufficiently available and suitable for their needs and, in this context, how older people wish to live. More at: <https://goo.gl/FohVi6>

Planning for the right homes in the right places: DCLG Consultation

This consultation sets out a number of proposals to reform the planning system to increase the supply of new homes and increase local authority capacity to manage growth. Responses are invited by Thursday 9th November. <https://goo.gl/3bCdG4>

We are pleased to support Habinteg's 'Accessible Homes Campaign'

This campaign is asking the Government, local councils and property developers to recognise the importance of accessible homes and to increase the number of Part M (4) Category 2 (inclusive, adaptable) and Category 3 (wheelchair standard) homes that are built. Follow #ForAccessibleHomes and Sign up at: <https://goo.gl/cQN7bE>



Independent review of building regulations and fire safety

An independent review of building regulations and fire safety was announced by the government on the 28 July 2017, following the tragic fire at Grenfell Tower. The Terms of Reference were published on 30th August 2017. <https://goo.gl/eCsKef>

Improving health through the home



Public Health England

This Public Health England guidance stresses that the right home environment is essential to health and wellbeing, throughout life.

Enabling the right home environment for health and wellbeing is complex and needs people, communities and organisations to come together. The resources provided here are intended to inform and support that process. <https://goo.gl/eGcEJ3>

LGA Housing Advisers Programme: helping councils meet housing needs of their area

This programme is designed to help councils meet the housing need of their local area. Flexible and locally-led, the new programme funds an independent expert for up to 20 days, providing bespoke support to a local authority project to deliver homes, reduce homelessness, or generate savings or revenues. Applications closed on 12th September 2017. <https://goo.gl/5oaUmp> We are delighted that several councils submitted bids referencing the desire to work with the Housing LIN.



International NHS competition sets out the winning design for life



NHS England's Healthy New Towns programme was launched in March 2016, with ten housing developments chosen to put good health at the heart of urban design and planning. One of these sites, Halton, was selected as the focus of a separate design challenge. The competition attracted 34 innovative bids from all across the world. <https://goo.gl/fYFULp>

PARTY CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

Clare Skidmore, our strategic lead for networks and influencing, highlights the relevant announcements affecting housing with care from the Party Conference season:

Conservative Party Conference

Announcements included the promise of an extra £2 billion for social housing to enable 'a new generation of council homes' in England. This has been broadly welcomed by the housing sector, although the funding is small compared to the extra £10 billion also announced for Help to Buy. Meanwhile, Sajid Javid, the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, announced a range of measures to reform the private rented sector and improve tenants' rights.



Overall, Conservative housing policy is still concentrated on encouraging the housing economy and stimulating the building of new homes for younger people. Little acknowledgement was



made of the housing demands faced by Britain's ageing population, or of the link with the health and wellbeing challenges faced by many older people, and their impact on the resources and capacity of Britain's stretched health and social care economy.

Labour Party Conference

The rights of tenants also became an important theme, but again, little specific connection was made to the demands of Britain's ageing population – although, as with all age groups, older people are increasingly likely to be privately renting. Jeremy Corbyn promised rent controls in some cities, guaranteed homes for existing tenants on redeveloped estates, and a tax on developers who fail to build on empty sites.

Major health and social care announcements, with implications for housing with care, included commitments to allocate the NHS an extra £45 billion; establish a £500m emergency winter fund; scrap the public sector pay cap; reinstate the Secretary of State's responsibility for universal care; end Sustainability and Transformation Partnerships; and repeal the Health and Social Care Act 2012.



MARKET NEWS

A selection of key market news items we have covered in our weekly bulletins over the last few months

KPMG: Supported housing model 'rife with perverse incentives'



KPMG have produced a new report to "re-imagine supported housing" after saying the current model is "broken".

<https://goo.gl/zhY36P>

Home Group to invest more in supported housing

With the LHA cap announcement, Home Group were off the blocks to announce a £50m investment into supported housing with plans for 3 schemes for older people and people with learning disabilities.

<https://goo.gl/MBPqP1>



Market Shaping in Adult Social Care



This Institute of Public Care paper analyses changes in the care home market in England before and after the Care Act (2014) and summarises experience from IPC's work on market shaping.

<https://goo.gl/JAqLNa>

New figures on the ageing population

The Office of National Statistics has published new figures on the ageing



population showing life expectancy at 65 has slightly increased as has the number of people over 90. The two new statistical bulletins from the Office of National Statistics look at life expectancy and the population aged 90 and over.

More at: <https://goo.gl/jQx5dL>

Evidence that centenarians are the fastest growing age group in the UK

This Guardian article reports that the number of 100-year-olds in UK has almost doubled since 2002, although the overall rise in life expectancy has slowed.

Read the full article at: <https://goo.gl/7LJbGv>

Ageing population and financial services



This paper from the FCA looks at the public policy implications of an ageing population, the impact on financial services and suggests actions for both us and the financial services industry to better support older people.

<https://goo.gl/3kZFpR>

Legal & General purchase joint ventures to build 3,000 homes

Legal & General has joined forces with English Care Villages to form the Inspired Villages Group – which will build around 3,000 homes

for older people over the next five years. Legal & General's entry into the retirement housing market is based on the purchase of two joint ventures between Places for People and English Care Villages for £40 million.

More at: <https://goo.gl/K8drJi>





Care Markets Intelligence: Housing with Care – Beyond Bricks & Mortar

This CMN supplement offers thought-leadership and explores trends that drive innovation in the sector, including a piece by Jeremy Porteus.

<https://goo.gl/nNMz3k>

The deal also includes planned extensions to existing assets and a number of new village sites. The care element of the portfolio will be operated by HC-One Limited.

<https://goo.gl/emQ5Yv>

Interest in downsizing hampered by under-supply



24 Housing has also analysed the gap between potential demand for retirement housing and supply. The article highlights data from McCarthy & Stone which found that almost half of people over 65 would consider downsizing – especially if they were exempt from stamp duty. The article also assesses the potential of renting for downsizers.

Read at: <https://goo.gl/v5DZia>

NHF survey reveals impact of LHA changes on building plans

A National Housing Federation survey involving 69 housing associations reveals the government's planned local housing allowance changes have led to the postponement or cancellation of 90 new supported, sheltered and extra care projects. A further 25 face closure. <https://goo.gl/TFfz56>

Equity release growth continues



Homeowners released £1.4 billion in equity in the first six months of 2017 – compared to just £900 million in the same period last year, according to research

from the Equity Release Council.

<https://goo.gl/2sqY1K>

Care home provision to hit crisis levels in next five years



Almost nine in 10 council areas across England could experience a shortfall in care home places by 2022 unless urgent action is taken, according to new Which? research. <https://goo.gl/D9h48U>

EAC research finds retirement housing losing value



Research by Elderly Accommodation Counsel reveals that around half of new build retirement homes sold during a 10-year period were later re-sold at a loss – with some losing more than half their value.

<https://goo.gl/45wtwE>

Henley enters supported housing market

Real estate investor Henley has purchased its first supported housing units for £70 million. It is looking to raise £400 million for its Henley Secure Income Property Trust to purchase housing associations' supported housing units where the rent is met by housing benefits. <https://goo.gl/5LYYvN>



Civitas looks to market for £350m to fund social housing purchases



Civitas is to launch a £350m equity raise. It has earmarked around £500m of investment in total for the coming year, to be used to help councils meet their housing requirements for people

needing extra care. For example, in Yorkshire & Humber it has purchased the freehold interest in seven supported living properties. This £4m portfolio includes 24 supported living tenancies formerly held by Falcon Housing Association.

<https://goo.gl/PngVmH>

Over-55's housing wealth continues to grow

The potential wealth available to over-55s in the UK through equity release rose 1.4 per cent in quarter 2 to around £372bn, according to Retirement Advantage research. More at:

<https://goo.gl/YK3eNH>



AXA enters retirement housing market



AXA Investment Managers - Real Assets has purchased Retirement Villages Group Ltd (RVG), the retirement village developer and manager. The deal includes the company's portfolio of 14 retirement villages which together provide 1,274 purpose-built independent living units and 402 care beds. Most are in the south east and south west of England.



Over-55 mortgage debt up 14% on year AVIVA



New Aviva research has found that 8% of over-55 homeowners who are retired are still paying off their mortgage, compared to 31% who are still working.

According to the report, debt is now £66,612, up 14% since last year. Aviva suggest that that servicing and clearing this debt may be a factor in more of this age group continuing to work into later life. <https://goo.gl/HWPF93>

And Age UK research has revealed that a quarter of older people – nearly 3 million older people - are in financial difficulty. Nearly 2 million are below the poverty line and more than 700,000 are unable to keep their homes damp-free.

<https://goo.gl/FrLxPS>

NEW HOUSING LIN RESOURCES

Keeping you informed of a selection of Housing LIN resources published since July 2017.

NEW REPORTS/BRIEFINGS

Home from hospital: How housing services are relieving pressure on the NHS

Written by the Housing LIN, this National Housing Federation case study report articulates the housing offer and the diverse housing and health services provided by housing associations and local authorities.

<https://goo.gl/hoJMpT>



Demonstrating the Health and Social Cost-Benefits of Lifestyle Housing for Older People



This report prepared for Keepmoat Regeneration / ENGIE sets out the case for developing specialist retirement housing for people aged over 55. It collates the research evidence and good practice of the reported benefits of this type of accommodation together with the savings to the public purse where they apply.

Download from: <https://goo.gl/VJhBg9>

Housing our Ageing Population: Learning from councils meeting the housing needs of our ageing population



Written by the Housing LIN for the LGA, the report captures the learning from a selection of exemplar councils which demonstrate their significant place-making role in shaping the current and future supply of housing for an ageing population in their areas.

<https://goo.gl/e8uyw5>

Access checklist – a guide for OTs

This checklist has been developed as a quick reference tool, to support decisions when making recommendations for the design of accessible and inclusive housing, when there may be a case to be made for exceeding the minimum requirements laid out in the Building Regulations.

It provides comparative information from a selection of design guidance on access specifications for dimensions and layout, from minimum requirements to more generous provision.



And if you would like to find out more about OTs and housing, visit the resources we have collated on our 'design hub' at: <https://goo.gl/yBfVyu>

NEW CASE STUDIES

Community Building for Old Age: Breaking New Ground. The UK's first senior cohousing community, High Barnet



This paper offers a case study on the Older Women's Cohousing group's experience in active community-building. Building on the Housing LIN's series of publications around 'people powered change', it describes an initiative conceived and driven by a group of older women who, understanding that

living alone as they grew old could leave them vulnerable, looked to each other to develop and share their social capital. To this end, they have built a cohousing community based on shared responsibility and mutual support.

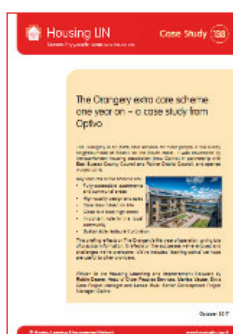
<https://goo.gl/T2R2Mf>



The Orangery extra care scheme one year on – a case study from Optivo

This case study highlights the extra care's key design features and reflects on The Orangery's first year of operation, giving lots of practical information.

<https://goo.gl/hLdC9y>



NEW VIEWPOINTS

The challenge of a generation: A reflection on my past 20 years in the senior living sector

This Housing LIN viewpoint reflects on some of the design considerations that have emerged over the past 2 decades, and draws on the learning gleaned from architect Damian Utton's travels during a six-month sabbatical to research dementia design abroad. <https://goo.gl/njp42k>

Do we need to re-think our approach to enabling people with learning disabilities to have choice in their housing options?

This Housing LIN viewpoint considers whether there is a real choice, if the housing solution promoted for people with learning disabilities is limited by supply? <https://goo.gl/h4giBC>



Pembrokeshire Housing's sheltered housing co-design service review

This Housing LIN Cymru study features a review of services for older people based on co-production principles carried out by Pembrokeshire Housing.

<https://goo.gl/GdH7Yd>

Arden Transforming Care Partnership and HOLD (Home Ownership for people with Long-term Disabilities) in the Midlands

As set out in NHS England's guidance for commissioners, 'Building the Right Home', a significant increase in housing options for people with a learning disability and/or autism is needed to enable people to access the right home and support at the right time. HOLD is one such option. This case study tells the story of a young woman who has made the life changing journey from an Assessment and Treatment Unit to a home of her own. In addition to the lifelong improvements in quality of life for individuals, this story also illustrates the cost savings that HOLD can deliver.

<https://goo.gl/6QseN6>

NEW BLOGS

We must improve housing options for older and disabled people

This joint blog written by the Housing LIN's Strategic Lead, Clare Skidmore and Chartered Institute of Housing Senior Policy and Practice Officer, Sarah Davis, called for information about exemplar independent living models. The blog states that a safe and secure home with the right level of support as needed can make all the difference to people's wellbeing. The best examples will be showcased in a joint report to be launched in January 2018. Read at: [Call for examples blog](#)

The Housing LIN has continued to publish a number of thought-provoking blogs on a wide range of housing and housing related health, care and/or support issues. They can all be found at:

<https://goo.gl/jA7nyU>



Bridging the gap between health and housing. A united approach in South Wales

With housing and health increasingly integrating to respond more effectively to citizens' needs, this new Housing LIN Cymru case study puts the spotlight on Caerphilly-based housing association United Welsh.

It explains their new wellbeing partnership, Wellbeing 4U, and highlights how it is drawing from housing expertise to improve the patient and GP experience across 25 surgeries in Cardiff and Barry. <https://goo.gl/mrqhET>

NEW INSPIRATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Our webpage provides a showcase for success – for example, profiling an award-winning design, innovative service development, or the findings from pioneering new research. The purpose is to share our partners' achievements and inspire learning and improvement for all Housing LIN members. <https://goo.gl/ea9kBN>



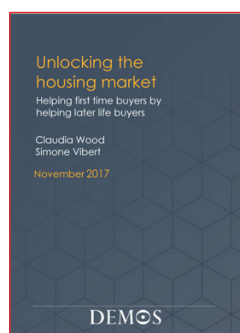


Last month we featured Liberty Retirement Living, a partnership between Places for People Group and Octopus Healthcare, with a £200m fund to support delivery of a minimum of five new retirement villages each year, over an initial 5-year period. More at: <https://goo.gl/xbQve3>

OTHER USEFUL PUBLICATIONS / RESOURCES

HOUSING AND AGEING

Supply and demand - solutions for older people's housing



Demos' report presents the findings and analysis of research exploring both how to stimulate the demand for and supply of older people's housing. It sets out a series of policy options, discuss the pros and cons, and recommends solutions that on balance are most likely to be effective in supporting older

people make the move into retirement housing and - crucially - unblock the supply of retirement housing so that it is capable of meeting such demand. <https://goo.gl/uqPj2n>

'Living in Fear' - Older Private Renters in London

This Age UK London report looks into the experiences of older private-renters in London, highlighting key issues and providing important recommendations.

<https://goo.gl/Ry5B4X>



Senior Cohousing: A Different Way of Living?

This film by the Older Women's Co-Housing (OWCH) community is intended for local authorities, housing associations etc. It highlights the beneficial strategies in which older women have come together to form a close-knit community, helping overcome issues such as isolation and promote good neighbourliness.

<https://goo.gl/pHS9EZ>

Senior Cohousing - the way to do it?

This film by the Older Women's Co-Housing (OWCH) community emphasises the benefits of co-housing, and is intended for older people's groups & co-housing groups. <https://goo.gl/6Sf59h>

Improving the Health, Housing and Ageing Evidence Base

This Care & Repair England flyer on its Catch 22 project identifies the aims of the project, current issues and the action being taken to improve the health, housing and ageing evidence base.

<https://goo.gl/TDgfTR>

UK Network of Age-friendly Communities

This online resource from the Centre for Ageing Better offers a range of resources outlining the work of the 18 recognised age-friendly communities in the UK. <https://goo.gl/n7imYS>

Homeshare – The international and intergenerational housing solution

This blog by FirstStop Advice's Adam Hillier provides a whistle-stop tour of homeshare schemes across the world. <https://goo.gl/A9qn8M>

What Now for Sheltered Housing – Age UK Blog

This blog, from Age UK's Joe Oldman, provides a useful overview of the widespread concerns arising from the Government's proposals to introduce a cap on housing benefit, with an additional funding pot for local authorities to make up for any shortfalls for supported housing as a result of the cap. The blog sets out Age UK's intention to write to David Gauke, the new Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, asking the Government to reconsider its proposals and to find a fairer approach to sustaining good quality sheltered communities for older people. <https://goo.gl/yPbqc7>

United Kingdom Healthcare: Retirement comes of age

This CBRE report gives an overview of the retirement living sector. It analyses and identifies key trends and opportunities in the retirement community space using CBRE bespoke analytics software Pulse.

<https://goo.gl/14beP2>





HOUSING AND LEARNING DISABILITY

My Own Front Door

"My Own Front Door" is the story of a group of people with learning disabilities and their journey into independent living. <https://goo.gl/PkAstp>

Care and Treatment Reviews: Policy and Guidance

This updated (2017) policy and guide is based on the principle that 'Hospitals are not Homes' and that people should be supported to live in community settings. It also contains a checklist for commissioners responsible for CTRs.

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/care-and-treatment-reviews-policy-and-guidance/>

ADASS blog: Building the right home

This blog by Sean McLaughlin, Director of Housing and Adult Social Services, Islington Council, and joint chair of the national ADASS Learning Disability network was published by NHS England to coincide with their new housing guidance.

<https://goo.gl/PS112W>

HOUSING, HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

The state of health care and adult social care in England 2016/17 State of Care is the CQC's annual assessment of health and social care in England.

<https://goo.gl/aSrY2v>

Encouraging engagement between Sustainability and Transformation Partnerships (STPs) and the adult social care sector



The Care Provider Alliance has published two new documents whose aim is to encourage engagement between STPs and the adult social care sector.

<https://goo.gl/auy6t2>

Asset-based places: A model for development

This SCIE briefing suggests a framework for local areas to enable asset-based approaches to thrive.

<https://goo.gl/xJTK19>



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The Asset-Based Area

This briefing paper by Shared Lives Plus describes ten features

of an 'asset-based area' necessary for developing strong communities and sustainable public services. <https://goo.gl/etcFyg>

SharedLivesPlus
THE UK NETWORK FOR SHARED LIVES AND HOMESHARE



The Golden Generation? Wellbeing and inequalities in later life

This report by Manchester Institute for Collaborative Research on Ageing (MICRA) examines the impact that work, retirement, social activity, volunteering and health all have

on the wellbeing of older people.

<https://goo.gl/mt94E4>

Costs and outcomes of improving population health through better social housing: a cohort study and economic analysis

This study sought to determine the impact of warmth-related housing improvements on the health, well-being, and quality of life of families living in social housing. The conclusions were that warmth-related housing improvements may be a cost-effective means of improving the health of social housing tenants and reducing health service expenditure, particularly in older populations.

<https://goo.gl/H9fwVu>

Moving between hospital and home, including care homes

This NICE / SCIE quick guide provides a brief overview of how managers can work with hospitals to ensure a good experience of transition for the people in their care. <https://goo.gl/n3rDHD>



Owning our care: Investigating the development of multi-stakeholder co-operative social care in the UK

This report, a collaborative effort following initial work by the Co-operative Care Forum (CCF), states that no overhaul of the funding for care will be sufficient unless there is also a simultaneous shift in our approach to providing care and wellbeing.

<https://goo.gl/dYgAFb>



People share their experiences of being discharged from hospital

A new Healthwatch briefing reports on the revelations of over 2,000 people on their experiences of being discharged from hospital and other care settings.

<https://goo.gl/8e8oaX>

How can housing staff support people with dementia to eat and drink well?

Good nutrition is vital to the health and wellbeing of everyone, particularly people with dementia. However, achieving this can prove a challenge for people with dementia and their carers. Nutritionists at Bournemouth University carried out research and developed training materials for health and care home staff to improve their ability to ensure good nutrition for people in their care. Bournemouth University are now working with the Housing LIN to adapt these resources to support the role of housing and community based staff. Find out more: <https://goo.gl/94x1Zv>

DeAR GP – helping residents get an early dementia diagnosis

An early dementia diagnosis can enable people to plan for the future and access appropriate housing, care, and potential treatment (depending on the type and stage of dementia). This tool, originally developed to support care home staff to identify people who may have dementia and refer them to their GP for review, has been adapted to support staff working in housing and community settings. More at: <https://goo.gl/uUyeqH>

TRAINING & SKILLS

Housing with care and support - a snapshot of the sector and its challenges and opportunities

This Skills for Care report investigates the breadth of Housing with care and support (HWC&S) offer through five in-depth case studies with five types of HWC&S.

<https://goo.gl/z6g1pY>

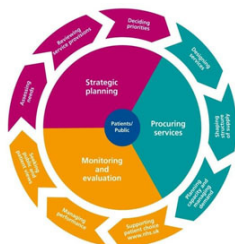
For more details about a range of training options to better equip housing staff to support people living with dementia, see the Housing LIN's resource pack at: <https://goo.gl/nCdMXg>

For queries and comments about any of the dementia-related news items, or indeed for any other innovations in housing to support people living with dementia, please contact Vivien Lyons, Dementia Lead on dementia@housinglin.org.uk

Kings Fund Briefing: What is commissioning and how is it changing?

The King's Fund have published a useful guide which looks at the commissioning process in more detail, the organisations involved and how it is changing.

<https://goo.gl/we1WqQ>



NICE urges health and social care staff to support independence

In a new guideline on 'intermediate care', NICE has set out how health and social care staff can support people to be independent following a hospital stay or when daily life at home becomes too difficult. The new guideline covers how to assess intermediate care needs, including setting goals with the person so that they can overcome the problems they are experiencing.

<https://goo.gl/ZVfn7P>

HOUSING & DEMENTIA

Enabling People with Dementia to Remain at Home: A Housing Perspective

The report sets out the key role of housing providers, and in particular social housing providers, in supporting people with dementia to remain independent in the home of their choice for as long as possible. A collaborative report from the Housing LIN, Dementia & Housing Working Group, Homeless Link, Foundations, & Life Story Network.

<https://goo.gl/BgFsWK>





SAFEGUARDING & MENTAL HEALTH

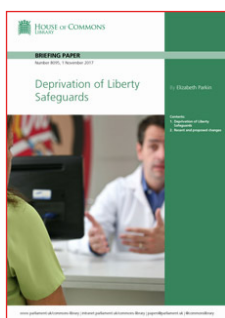
The Right to Decide: Towards a greater understanding of mental capacity and deprivation of liberty

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The Ombudsman's investigations show that some councils and care providers do not properly understand the processes for making decisions on behalf of people who lack mental capacity.
<https://goo.gl/BweqEb>

The Place of Kindness: Combating loneliness and building stronger communities

With the support of JRF, The Carnegie Trust in Scotland have been working with seven organisations to test what, if anything, could be done to encourage kinder communities.
<https://goo.gl/rBdaQE>



Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards

The House of Commons has released a Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards briefing document following The Law Commission's recommendation to replace DoLS with a new scheme called the Liberty Protection Safeguards.

<http://researchbriefings.files.parliament.uk/documents/CBP-8095/CBP-8095.pdf>

HEALTHY PLANNING & DESIGN

Planning authorities failing to prioritise housing for older people in local plans

Research conducted by law firm Irwin Mitchell exclusively for Property Week confirms that most planning authorities are not prioritising housing for older people in their local plans.
<https://goo.gl/SWg68Q>

Building our Future: Laying the Foundations for Healthy Homes and Buildings

This green paper from the All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) for healthy homes and buildings sets out key recommendations on what needs to be done to ensure that all our homes and buildings are healthy and do not create or exacerbate health issues.
<https://goo.gl/fYFULp>

Recent Planning Inspectorate Appeal Decisions and CIL update

These documents from The Planning Inspectorate cover a selection of planning appeal decisions relevant to those planning and developing extra care housing.
<https://goo.gl/sw3GBX>

HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS

The impact of homelessness on health: a guide for local authorities

The information and ideas in this LGA briefing aim to support local authorities in protecting and improving their population's health and wellbeing, and reducing health inequalities, by tackling homelessness and its causes.
<https://goo.gl/CEBfSF>

Homelessness report from the National Audit Office (NAO)

Government has not evaluated the impact of its welfare reforms on homelessness, or the impact of the mitigations that it has put in place, according to the National Audit Office.
<https://goo.gl/az1Tww>

Ending rough sleeping: the role of supported housing

This report from St. Mungo's Community Housing Association highlights the importance of government backing in protecting and boosting the supply of homeless hostels and other forms of supported housing for people sleeping rough.
<https://goo.gl/8bEQWn>



Homelessness and health: Useful websites and information

This resource pack is designed to signpost NHS staff and commissioners to a range of resources that can support their work with people who are homeless.
<https://goo.gl/Ydn8tQ>

Tackling Homelessness Together

A policy and evidence briefing on the importance of local authorities and housing associations working in partnership, from University of Sheffield and CIH.
<https://goo.gl/SV2Wqk>



GOING DIGITAL / TELECARE UPDATE

For latest information on telecare, check out our weekly updates and monthly newsletter at:
www.telecarelin.org.uk/News

Some highlights from recent newsletters:

Connecting people, improving lives. A digital future for TEC?



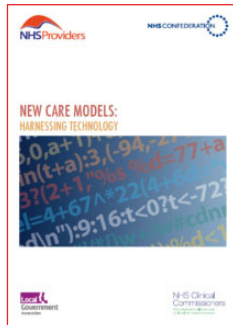
This TSA White Paper warns of the disruption facing social housing tenants who rely on telecare as UK telecoms providers shift from analogue to digital infrastructure. Launched at their recent conference, it calls on social landlords, councils, suppliers, regulators and government to undertake

a number of key actions in order to grasp the scale of the challenge but also the transformative opportunities it presents. <https://goo.gl/2PrMHP>

How are vanguards implementing digital innovation?

A new report from NHS Confederation, NHS Clinical Commissioners and the Local Government Association explores how five vanguards are implementing innovative digital technology solutions as part of a new approach to care.

<https://goo.gl/Sfjnzx>



The Journal of Enabling Technologies invite manuscripts for a themed edition focused on technology and its relationship to environmental design

The aim of this edition is to publish research papers and review articles which address recent advances in the design and use of enabling technologies used in aged care facilities such as residential and nursing homes, sheltered and very sheltered housing and other forms of supported living arrangement for older people.

They are interested in papers addressing the role of technology in meeting physical care needs, rehabilitation, and providing support to people who may have impaired capacity through dementia or

other neurological problems. These include papers which consider technology within building design and infrastructure, as well as technologies that augment care and support.

Submit to: john.woolham@kcl.ac.uk

Other news in brief

News that Panasonic has launched app-enabled comms tool for senior living facilities was reported in [MobiHealthNews](#)

This Guardian social care network article by Paul Burstow explores the care home of the future - <https://goo.gl/QbkXVG>

This article in the 'Wareable' online magazine provides a guide to the 'Apple Home' HomeKit device controlling app: <https://goo.gl/foW7CU>

How the Intelligent Home of the Future Will Care for You - via [singularityhub](#)

Consumer demand for independent living to drive connected health-smart home opportunities - via [ParksAssociates](#)

Senior Living Sees Slow But Steady Robot Revolution – a US perspective via [Senior Housing News](#)

Q&A: Are housing providers ready for a digital revolution in long term care? - via [DByDNews](#)

A second wave of 18 NHS digital pioneers, or 'fast followers', have been named - via [digitalhealth2](#)

If you haven't already done so, check out the Housing LIN '[Going Digital](#)' pages on technology enabled housing.



RESEARCH ROUND-UP

Launch of the UK Collaborative Centre for Housing Evidence

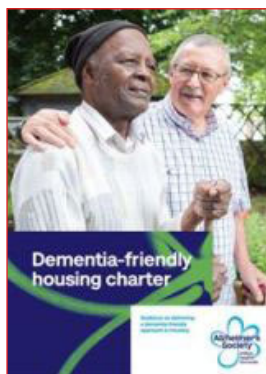


CaCHE is a five-year programme funded by the ESRC, JRF and the Arts and Humanities Research

Council. Officially launched last month, it aims to advance knowledge of the housing market, provide robust evidence to inform policy and practice, and bring together a range of stakeholders to tackle housing problems across the UK. We look forward to working with CaCHE to help support the diffusion of housing with care research into practice. More about CaCHE at: <https://goo.gl/AtVuJr>

Have your say in the evaluation of the Housing and Dementia Charter

The dementia-friendly housing charter was launched at our 2017 annual conference earlier this year. The overall aim of the charter is to help housing professionals better understand dementia and how housing, its design and supporting services can help improve and maintain the wellbeing of people living with dementia. <https://goo.gl/cwAkjf>



We have had over 1300 downloads but in order to understand and measure the impact of this sector guidance, Alzheimer's Society are looking for people to take part in an evaluation of the charter. They are looking to understand how you have been able to use the charter, any changes you have implemented or whether you have had difficulties with implementing it within your organisation. If you are interested in taking part please contact: Sara-Jane.Little@alzheimers.org.uk

Complete research questionnaire on individuals with dementia living in extra care housing

In extra care housing (sometimes known as housing with care), everyone has their own apartment and access to community facilities such as a café, restaurant or shop. Care is available when needed. But is it the best place for people with dementia? As previously reported by the

Housing LIN, Doctoral researcher Katey Twyford from the University of Sheffield has been talking to the people who live and work in extra care to find out what works and what doesn't.

The research has revealed four themes that help people live well; first, there is a clear understanding of how independent people have to be when they first move in to extra care and what support can be provided as people need more help; second, the physical environment helps people to feel safe and to find their way around the building and outside gardens easily; third, there is a friendly, skilled and competent team of people to support individuals who have dementia; and fourth, there is a well-developed community where residents can take part in activities, develop new friendships, and reduce unwanted isolation.

The last piece of the research involves asking you whether you agree with these findings, and what you think is most likely to help an individual with dementia to live in extra care housing. Have your voice heard by being part in an online interactive discussion at: <https://goo.gl/dNjH79>

ECHO - The Provision of Social Care in Extra Care Housing

And finally, the NIHR funded research: An updated version of the 'resources' page of the ECHO website has been launched.

View at: <https://goo.gl/1Rs4wu>

#ECHOproject

HOUSING LIN REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

North East

The North East region Housing LIN Meeting was held on the 13th July 2017 at Tree Top Village in Walker, and was well attended by around 40 members. The morning session saw Dr Rose Gilroy, Professor of Ageing, Planning and Policy Newcastle University, and Ian Crow, Architectural Director at Ryders Architects, talk about their Future Homes research project. LIN members then explored thinking around future homes, and the results from that session will be fed into the Future Homes project. <https://goo.gl/BD76WB>



Attendees also enjoyed the opportunity to learn about and tour the Tree Tops scheme, a flagship development for Your Homes Newcastle and Newcastle City Council. It was inspired by Dr Hans Becker's Dutch principles of ageing well, combining high quality accommodation with leisure facilities for residents and local people alike to enjoy. More information is available on the Housing LIN's events pages <https://goo.gl/wq8jXa>

In Alnwick, Karbon Homes (formerly Isos Housing) new extra care scheme, Weavers Court, was officially opened by the Duchess of Northumberland. The scheme received £1.9m CASSH funding from the DH.

<https://goo.gl/bLGXTp>

Finally, save the date:

Darlington the Healthy New Town - Putting health at the heart of neighbourhoods

Thursday 16th November 10am – 3pm

<https://goo.gl/ymrZ9M>

On Thursday, 16th November the North East Housing LIN, in conjunction with Darlington Borough Council, will hold its regional meeting and hear about the Darlington Healthy New Towns project. There will also be a visit to the site.

The Darlington Healthy New Town model aims to improve life chances and create health gain for those communities. There will be transport provided to visit to the development and you will have an opportunity to meet health, planning and housing colleagues.

London

Have your say on the London Draft Housing Strategy consultation!

London Draft Housing Strategy – for consultation

The Mayor of London's draft Housing Strategy is being consulted upon (deadline for responses: 7th December 2017). While much of the focus is on affordable housing and boosting housing supply generally, there are key paragraphs that address the housing needs and aspirations of older and disabled Londoners, including an announcement of £75m capital programme for specialised housing. Have your say at: <https://goo.gl/EZMYvJ>



The Duchess of Northumberland with resident Joan McLelland at the official opening of Weavers Court

And in other news, The Mayor of London's draft Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) provides guidance on a range of affordable housing-related issues. <https://goo.gl/K7K5Uk>

And this GLA report includes a section on monitoring new accessible and adaptable dwellings in London as part of the Mayor of London's objective to 'Achieving Inclusive Environments'. <https://goo.gl/AWDZb5>

On 5th September Notting Hill Housing hosted a Housing LIN event at a new extra care housing scheme, Cheviot Gardens in West Norwood.

Attendees heard about the Standing Together Programme run by the Mental Health Foundation to boost mental health of older people and the Housing and Care 21 Dementia Friendly Housing Charter. Stonewall Housing led a presentation on Building Safe Choices in housing and care for older LGBT people and the LGBT Charter Mark for housing providers. Customers living at Cheviot Gardens showed attendees round their new home, providing valuable insights into their experience.

On the development front, residents have moved into Season Senior Living's Lorenzo House, a 52-flat extra care development in Tottenham. The scheme is part of the regeneration of Tottenham.

<https://goo.gl/ovDcuy>

And overlooking Clapham Common, when completed in 2020, Audley's first retirement village will have 94 one to three bedroom apartments as well as a pool, restaurant and health club.



Cheviot Gardens, West Norwood



Hazelhurst Court, Lewisham

Notting Hill Housing Association has won the contract to run Hazelhurst Court, a 60-apartment extra care housing scheme in Lewisham. It was built by Phoenix Community Housing in partnership

with Lewisham Council and the Mayor of London.

<https://goo.gl/tdQvEk>

Lastly, Hillingdon Council have announced the development of a £13.8m extra care facility. Park View Court will have 57 one, two and three-bed apartments.



North West

Housing is one of eight domains characterising an age-friendly city that the Greater Manchester Ageing Hub has been set up to deliver. In this article Paul McGarry considers the challenges facing the hub as it sets out to coordinate a strategic response to the opportunities and challenges of an ageing population under the first Manchester city region mayor Andy Burnham.

<https://goo.gl/Lhda4s>

Manchester is an 'age-friendly city' and the age-friendly section of Manchester Council's website contains plenty of information about what's going on locally. This month's bulletin contains news about a range of exciting events and initiatives celebrating older people's involvement in arts and culture; a range of opportunities to socialise and meet new people, engage in sports, fitness and wellness activities; and much more.

<https://goo.gl/7shhck>

Staying in Greater Manchester, the *Rochdale Independent Living Service* - Step Up-Step Down pilot project was started in September 2016 as a result of partnership discussion between Rochdale Boroughwide Housing (RBH), Pennine Acute NHS Trust and Rochdale Housing Initiative (RHI) in response to issues surrounding older people being held on hospital discharge wards because of a housing related issue. The pilot was developed through a steering group including representation from adult social care, health, and housing partners.

The project used fully furnished RBH Independent Living properties for an agreed period of time (usually up to six weeks) to enable appropriate permanent housing solutions to be developed. The pilot now incorporates six properties, with further aspirations to grow the project. So far 11 people have benefited from the project and have now been successfully rehoused. One person has remained in the Step Up-Step Down property as a permanent home. A real but unanticipated outcome of the scheme has been that some people who would have considered Independent Living as an option have indeed found it to be the ideal long-term solution to their needs.

More at: <https://goo.gl/PUXVCp>

A second pilot in Rochdale, the Prescription Responder Service (PRS), using the RBH Response Service provision, has now been developed using Health Service STP money, for customers who have had a hospital admission as

a result of a fall or medical emergency. The service will support 40 – 50 customers over the first 12 months. The PRS Service has been embedded into hospital discharge plans where appropriate, and will be free of charge for a period of 4 months.

The agreed package includes, as standard, a community alarm, a weekly welfare visit, a responder key safe and where needed a carers' key safe and other forms of assistive technology. This enables safe discharge as part of a wider package, therefore supporting a return to full independence for individuals, whilst helping reduce hospital admissions.

And to help older people feel more confident about leaving their homes, housing providers across Greater Manchester are encouraging local businesses to sign up to the 'Take a seat' scheme in a bid to make the region more inclusive, accessible and age-friendly. Inspired by a similar project in New York City, the scheme asks local businesses to make seats, toilets and a drink of water available to people who may need them. Businesses that sign up to the scheme are also given a checklist of ways to make their premises more age- and dementia-friendly. They are encouraged to display clear signs, store items within easy reach, and keep floors clutter-free.

'Take a seat' ties in with the Mayor of Greater Manchester's ambitions to make Greater Manchester the UK's first age-friendly city region, and is part of wider plans designed to make our shops and local town centres more accessible to all, benefiting both local people and local economies. <https://goo.gl/ztykXV>



Plan for The Withens scheme, Stockbridge

On the development front regionally, work has started on The Withens, a 90-apartment complex with a range of tenure options in Stockbridge.

The HCA has

contributed £3.3m to the £12.4m cost of the development by Villages Housing Association. The complex includes one-bedroom and two bedroom extra care apartments, 12 extra care bungalows and 6 bungalows for shared ownership and eight bungalows for affordable rent.

<https://goo.gl/aC1J2V>



Cumbria County Council has launched its £2m Extra Care Housing Grant Award scheme, which aims to attract builders and businesses to build new extra care housing. The scheme is taking up almost half of the £4.2m in capital funding the council has set aside to provide 2,000 extra care housing and supported living units by 2025.

<https://goo.gl/b24YXX>

Meanwhile the scale of the social care and specialist housing challenges facing Cumbria – and the knock-on effects on the NHS – are discussed in this local newspaper piece. <https://goo.gl/ULE8v5>

Staying in Cumbria, Preston-based Eric Wright Group has secured a place on the County Council's £185m Extra Care Housing and Supported Living Accommodation Development Framework. The framework will develop, facilitate, design and construct extra care housing and supported living schemes across the county. The company is due to start work shortly on extra care projects in Carlisle and Copeland for the council. <https://goo.gl/uqU54s>



Plan of the development site in St Helens

Torus Housing Group is seeking planning permission for 130 extra care housing units in St Helens. The complex, which will be made up of one and two bedroom apartments on the junction of Atlas Street

and Standish Street, is part of a wider St Helens regeneration project.

<https://goo.gl/R4co6K>

Willow Barns, the second of 3 PFI retirement housing villages to be built in Stoke-on-Trent, officially opened in the summer. The development was built by Sapphire, a consortium appointed by the city council to build state-of-the-art retirement accommodation in Blurton, Abbey Hulton and Chell.

<https://goo.gl/okdeQ4>



Willow Barns, Stoke-on-Trent

And back to Greater Manchester, Limelight's new 81 extra care apartments in Old Trafford are now available for rent and shared ownership.

<https://goo.gl/MeRLwi>



Limelight Extra Care apartments, Old Trafford

And lastly, positive discussion are still taking place in Manchester regarding the development of the first (it is thought) LGBT extra care scheme – watch this space for any more information in future newsletters or on the Housing LIN website.

South East

If you missed under our new resources, our new case study on The Orangery in Kent highlights the extra care scheme's key design features and reflects on Optivo's first year of operation, giving lots of practical information.

Julia Godwin, Commercial Manager for Specialist Housing at Oxfordshire County Council, is pleased to confirm that the latest Extra Care scheme has opened in Oxfordshire, in partnership with One Housing Group / Seasons Living. The scheme, Millcroft in Wallingford, opened for its first residents in July 2017. It was negotiated through a S106 agreement, in partnership with South Oxfordshire District Council, offering 40 units for over 55's, with 10 shared ownership units and 30 for rent.

<https://goo.gl/dG2WtZ>



Millcroft, Wallingford

And in West Oxfordshire District Council, McCarthy & Stone's plans for 73 retirement housing units in Chipping Norton have been approved. The development will include 59 assisted living apartments, 6 retirement homes and 8 bungalows for the over 55s. <https://goo.gl/wbrm8S>

And in Orpington, Kent, Baycroft's luxury care home has opened, offering 60 rooms.

<https://goo.gl/j3mkui>

Staying in Kent, The Abbeyfield Kent Society, will be closing The Dynes Residential Care Home in Nightingale Road, Kemsing, with plans to redevelop the property as extra care housing.



Work on site at the new scheme in Banbury

Roofing work is underway on Bromford's £12m retirement living scheme in Banbury. Residents are expected to move into the flats, which are available for rent or purchase, in early 2019.

<https://goo.gl/J2wbQu>



Hogeweyk dementia village in Holland

Developer Corinthian Lands is working with care home provider Avante on a £15m 'dementia village' for Canterbury modelled on facilities in Holland. It would house 250 people with dementia in apartments they would buy

or rent. <https://goo.gl/WVwm2wi>

Work is underway on Cornell Court, a £12m independent living housing scheme in Saffron Walden. It will offer 73 one and two bedroom apartments for rent or shared ownership. L&Q Living and Uttlesford District Council are among the partners in the development. <https://goo.gl/5uZFEt>



Work on site at Cornell Court in Saffron Walden



The new homes in Biggleswade

Grand Union Housing Group and Burgess Homes have completed six homes for people over 55 in Langford, near Biggleswade. They are for sale on a shared ownership basis.

<https://goo.gl/wbT13v>

Lastly, Places for People have been selected as Huntingdon-based Luminus' preferred partner for a merger, after considering a shortlist of three.

East of England

The Eastern Region Housing LIN continues to collaborate with ADASS and has been invited to attend 'Intervention and Prevention Conference' with ADASS, on 21st November 2017. ADASS run event reviewing intervention and prevention across the region. The LIN has been reserved some places at this event - further information will be available to Eastern members in due course.

With our growing interest in new Learning Disabilities Services, we report on the East Leads the Way. At Bricket Wood, Ashley House supported HSN Care to re-furbish and re-model 3 adjacent old NHS Buildings, transforming them into homes for 12 severely disabled young adults. The facility employs 25 people, all of whom live locally. With few purpose-built facilities such



HSN Care, Bricket Wood

as these, half the residents were previously living in sub-standard accommodation, often a long way from family and friends. Others had lived with their parents, isolated from other people of their own age, with some parents finding their caring role more difficult as they grew older. Due to the success of this first development, Ashley House now have plans for a further 2-3 facilities of this kind in partnership with HSN.

And this autumn in Thurrock, 8 young people, mostly living in residential care homes, will be able to move into their own homes in Thurrock. Eight flats in two low rise blocks owned by the Council in Aveley have undergone a complete transformation to make them suitable for people with learning disabilities moving from residential care or through transition. With cabling throughout to support the use of Assistive Technology, 4 ground floor flats will also be adapted for use by people who use wheelchairs or have impaired mobility. The exciting development was made possible by the award of a grant from the Housing & Technology for People with Learning Disabilities Local Authority Capital Fund.

In Essex, the county council has issued a tender to build & operate two extra care schemes.

<https://goo.gl/U6nuSR>

In Central Bedfordshire, the new planned Houghton Regis extra care housing development has now received planning permission, including 168 units for rent, shared ownership and sale.

<https://goo.gl/7gzc3E>

In Northampton, HB Villages have announced that building work has started on Balmoral Place, a £15m extra care scheme with 80 apartments for people over 55, which will be managed by Mears.

And in South Cambridgeshire, work started on the new Extra Care Housing scheme on the Hauxton Meadows site in February 2017 and will be complete by mid-2018. The plans provide 70 homes of one or two bedrooms each, together with communal facilities (small shop and hair salon) and a cafe on the top floor with a roof terrace.

<https://goo.gl/e31JyQ>

Sutherland Homes have secured planning permission for 62 new retirement housing units to be built in Sheringham, north Norfolk. The company is also building 68 new retirement housing units in Cromer. <https://goo.gl/NvZCKr>

Lastly, the next Eastern regional meeting will be held on 9th November 2017 at the new Norse

*Bowthorpe Care Village, Norwich*

Care Bowthorpe scheme at Norwich. The day will focus on the operational challenges of dementia in Housing Schemes and the support that is available from training and assistive technology. In the afternoon there will be a

tour of the scheme and an interactive discussion showcasing best practice in Norfolk. We look forward to seeing you there. Register at:

<https://goo.gl/aN1XL1>

South West

Among other highlights at the recent SW LIN regional meeting at Alliance Home's Tamar Court in Worle, was Ian Copeman, Principal Consultant

*Tamar Court, Worle*

for the Housing LIN, who gave an overview of his programme of work, including a [recent report for the LGA](#), profiling how housing services across England are relieving pressure on the NHS and social care. Robin James, of Dorset's Kindliness project, shared how – following the withdrawal of Supporting People funding – sheltered housing communities in Dorset are being enabled help and engage with one another, based upon principles of peer support and neighbourliness. Vanessa Pritchard-Wilkes introduced the 'Dementia - friendly Housing Charter', designed to help professionals support people living with dementia in their homes, and Alliance Living gave a motivating presentation on their Home from Hospital service, as profiled [in a recent NHF case study report, written by the Housing LIN](#).

Copies of all presentations can be accessed at: <https://goo.gl/vn29C7>

Also a big thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the South West survey to help inform next year's programme. If you are involved with any new interesting work/ projects in the South West, then please do get in touch so we can showcase them in 2018.

Looking at project funding opportunities, take a look at the Transforming Ageing in the SW programme. There are 2 funding streams available to incubate innovative and creative approaches to ageing in Cornwall, Devon and Somerset.

More at: <https://goo.gl/Ng8yMp>

On the development front, St Monica Trust's The Chocolate Quarter show home in Keynsham is now open. The site will be home to 136 stylish apartments and a 93-bed care home, as well as office space, retail outlets and leisure facilities, including a 50-seat cinema and pizza restaurant with a wood-fired oven. We look forward to following the development as it progresses.

*Artist's view of The Chocolate Quarter, Keynsham*

And Hanover Housing Association will be developing a new Extra Care Housing scheme on part of a former Ministry of Defence site on Granville Road, Lansdown, Bath. The development, which will be run in partnership with B&NES, will see 72 one and two-bedroom apartments built, over half of which will be available for shared ownership. The development is expected to be completed in spring 2019.

In Stoke Gifford, the 261 mixed tenure new extra care village is on 1 track to open in 2018 with 81 apartments set aside for Bristol City Council and South Gloucestershire allocations.

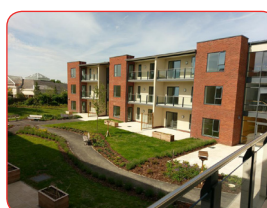
*Artist's view of Melrose Court, Poundbury*

In Dorset, Yarlington Housing Association is offering 63 flats for rent or shared ownership in Melrose Court – its new extra care development in the heart of Poundbury. The first residents are

expected to move in to their flats in January.

<https://goo.gl/Nww0Hp>

Keepmoat has begun work on Haberfield House extra care scheme on the site of a former care home in Stockwood for Bristol Charities. It will provide 60 one and two bedroom homes wheelchair-accessible flats for affordable rent.

*Work on site at Haberfield House in Stockwood**Needham House, Wiltshire*

Residents are moving into Wiltshire Council's 47-apartment extra care scheme, Needham House. The £9m development includes homes for affordable rent and shared ownership.

<https://goo.gl/88Z8h2>



In Devon, the Guinness Partnership will shortly be opening an impressive new scheme in Totnes. Quayside consists of 60 apartments - 30 for sale and 30 for affordable rent for those aged 55 or over. <https://goo.gl/yu4fhg>



Artist's view of Quayside, Totnes

And in North Somerset, a care village with more than 100 homes is planned for Yatton with Bloor Homes.



Ocean House, St Austell

Lastly, in Cornwall, a stunning new apartment development for McCarthy & Stone's new Ortus Homes product is nearing completion. Located on a former hotel site overlooking

St Austell Bay it has been developed to create something out of the ordinary as a flagship for the clients new range of age-exclusive developments for the burgeoning 'active-elderly' market.

West Midlands

A new £48m retirement village officially opened in Birmingham today marking a milestone for the residents and the city. Longbridge Retirement Village is on the site of the former Austin Rover car factory where some of the residents used to work. It is also the fifth of five retirement villages to open in Birmingham as part of a £250m development programme between retirement charity The ExtraCare Charitable Trust and Birmingham City Council. The Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) has also provided £1.5m to support affordable housing in Longbridge Village. The village has 260 one and two bed apartments, and is set on five acres fronting Lickey Road on the edge of Longbridge Town Centre. We look forward to publishing a future case study by architects, Nicol Thomas, on the scheme. <https://goo.gl/XxhqZj>

And building work has started on Accord's centre of excellence for people with dementia in Burton. The £6.4m centre will provide specialist accommodation in a domestic-style environment. <https://goo.gl/FMavGT>

Work is also underway on Rooftop Housing's conversion of Cherry Orchard, a sheltered housing scheme in Pershore, into an extra care scheme. It will increase the number of units from 34 to 53 after securing funding from Worcestershire County Council and the Homes and Communities Agency. <https://goo.gl/9FhFCL>

East Midlands

East Midlands Regional Lead, Kurshida Mirza, is set to launch a new focus on diversity for the Housing LIN, coinciding with October - Black History Month. The Housing LIN is keen to be fully representative of all Black and Minority Ethnic communities, both across our membership and in the needs and issues we address and explore across our events, publications and discussions.



Waterside Court, Loughborough

A new debate on this pressing issue was launched at the next East Midlands meeting on 25th October at East Midlands Housing Waterside Court in Loughborough last month. There were a wide selection of interesting presentations

which can be accessed: <https://goo.gl/HBhhsz>

Dr Jay Chayhan, of the Dementia Diversity Exchange Network (AmbaCare Solutions CIC.), talked about his proposal for the development of new Extra Care Villages for Black and Asian Communities in Birmingham and Leicester. There was then a short debate exploring the issues with members on the day. Jabeer Butt, Chief Executive of the Race Equality Foundation, has also contributed to the discussion through a blog for the Housing LIN in October to mark Black History Week. <https://goo.gl/jA7nyU>

For more information, please keep an eye out for Housing LIN alerts.

We are currently considering a range of ways of expanding this conversation to engage all regions and members, and to inform our strategic work. We welcome any contributions on the topic, either through our discussion forums, or directly to Kurshida, Regional Lead:

(kurshidabmirza@gmail.com) or Clare Skidmore, Strategic Lead - Influencing and Networks: (c.skidmore@housinglin.org.uk).

Please do let us have any suggestions of specific issues we should be covering, organisations we should be working with, any innovative housing and care-related projects or initiatives with and for BME communities, and any other ideas.

In Nottingham, Nottingham City Homes and the City Council have appointed Willmot Dixon to build a £11m high-rise retirement village in Sherwood.



Lastly on the development front, in Peterborough, the first residents have moved into Lapwing Apartments, Cross Keys Homes' £9m development in Orton Brimbles. The 54 apartments were offered for rent. <https://goo.gl/jsr81L>



Lapwing Court, Peterborough

We look forward to visiting as part of a future Housing LIN regional meeting.

Yorkshire & Humber

Residents have moved into the first council-owned extra care scheme in Leeds. Wharfedale View in Yeadon includes 45 apartments for rent and shared ownership. <https://goo.gl/Z7aSGQ>

The Abbeyfield Society has opened Fern House, an extra care development with 49 apartments in Bingley, with a wing developed to accommodate people with dementia. <https://goo.gl/TxfvTv>



Redwood Glades, Hull

Work has finished on the third and final extra care development in Hull City Council's private financial initiative deal, Redwood Glades. The Leads Road development includes 156 apartments. Riverside is managing all three social housing developments.

<https://goo.gl/futJzr>

For a detailed account:

<https://goo.gl/Pzndk6>

Age UK Barnsley and Barnsley Council held an 'Age Friendly Barnsley' conference on 6 October. Participants shared ideas for creating an environment, activities and services that improve older people's quality of life. <https://goo.gl/axgs3B>

In Harrogate, work is underway at Harrogate Neighbours Housing Association's new 55 apartment extra care project and Members of Leeds City Council supported proposals put forward at a meeting in the summer to reserve six sites for extra care housing as part of a vision to work with partners to provide more than 1000 additional units by 2028. <https://goo.gl/7hhkDN>

Lastly, just in, the Joseph Rowntree Housing Trust (JRHT) a £24m extra care village consisting of 149 one-bed apartments and two-bed apartments and care suites at New Earswick, York.

Wales

If you missed in our new resources section (p.6), check out the 2 recent Housing LIN Cymru case studies at: <https://goo.gl/b4NbjN>

Supporting People budget protected

The Welsh Government published its 2-year revenue plans (2018-20) in October 2017 in order to provide some certainty and stability for local government and the health service as they plan for the future. Good news from a housing perspective the plan included: - No cuts to the Supporting People grant - an additional £10m will be allocated in each year to maintain 2017-18 levels. More at: <https://goo.gl/B6wiA4>

Evaluation of Extra Care Housing in Wales

This report presents a comprehensive independent assessment of the current broke of extra care housing. Its findings seek to help further inform the discussion about the role that it can play in delivering the strategic vision on housing for older people in Wales. Undertaken by Sheffield Hallam University, it revealed an undersupply of extra care housing in Wales. The report and accompanying executive summary draws in a literature review, 6 local authority case studies and interviews with residents. <https://goo.gl/JQKRGi>



Managing Better: First year report



The Managing Better service is a 3 year project, funded from the Welsh Government's Sustainable Social Services Third Sector Grant. Led by Care & Repair Cymru in partnership with RNIB Cymru, Action on Hearing Loss Cymru and Care & Repair Agencies across Wales, it is exploring how, through relatively

small scale investments in housing adaptations and improvements, it helps to reduce easily preventable falls and poor health, increasing people's personal safety, confidence, independence and well-being at home. It is also finding that taking such a preventative approach helps to reduce people's visits to the GP, admissions to hospital and their reliance on social care, thus enabling them to live safely and independently at home. <https://goo.gl/rLWGN7>



The Cost of Caring for an Ageing Population

Official statistics show that Wales has the fastest-growing proportion of older people in the UK - by 2039 there will be 44% more people aged over 65 compared to 2014. With this in mind, [the Welsh Assembly](#) has launched an inquiry into the cost of caring for an ageing population and how much it costs to provide the service. Deadline for submissions is 8 December 2017.

Links: <https://goo.gl/Viuqaa>

On the development front, Communities and Children Secretary Carl Sargeant has announced 22 affordable housing projects to develop the 'homes of the future' with the support of the Welsh Government's Innovative Housing Programme. They include a new 40 bed Extra Care project for older people in the Valleys, built using modular techniques which offer major opportunities to increase both the speed of construction and the quality of homes. <https://goo.gl/E9NGqb>

In Maesteg, work has commenced at Linc Cymru's new extra care scheme. And in Llanelli work as started on Delta Lakes wellbeing village. Plans include an Institute of Life Science, with facilities for business start-up, research and development, a sports and leisure centre, a wellbeing centre and hotel, an assisted living village and an eco park.

Residents have moved into a £7.5m extra care development in Newtown. The 40 apartments for affordable rent have been funded by a social housing grant and Wales and West Housing. <https://goo.gl/t43Zfd>

Ceredigion County Council is also talking to Wales and West Housing Association about developing an extra care housing scheme. <https://goo.gl/qE7xsr>

And Wales and West Housing has secured planning permission to build its second extra care scheme in Flintshire. The 66-bed extra care housing development will be built on the site of a former school in Holywell.

Grŵp Cynefin housing association has made a series of small grants to local community groups as it continues work on its extra care housing development Hafod y Gest, in Porthmadog in Gwynedd. The grants are part of the association's community support agreement linked to the £7.5m scheme which will house older people in 40 one or two bedroom apartments. <https://goo.gl/FGfpX3>

And in Wrexham, Pennaf Housing Group, in partnership with the council and the Welsh

Government is opening 60 extra care apartments, Maes Y Dderwen.

Finally, we are delighted to announce that Abbeyfied Cymru have joined the select group of Housing LIN Cymru sponsors. Thanks for your support and we look forward to seeing you at this week's Symposium in Newport.

Scotland

News just out suggests that affordable housing in Scotland is to be made more accessible to the over-60s under a new Scottish government scheme. Housing Minister Kevin Stewart said older people would be offered a range of home ownership options for the first time, such as Open Market Shared Equity Scheme and Help to Buy Scotland.

And on the development front, Eildon Housing Association has submitted a planning permission application for 39 extra care flats on the site of a former warehouse at Glenfield Industrial Estate in Galashiels. It will be the first of several developments in a £40million partnership programme involving Borders Council and

registered social landlords to create 150 extra care housing units.

<https://goo.gl/u8W3b9>

Elgin dementia facility has been named Social Housing Development of the Year.

<https://goo.gl/KSNZYs>



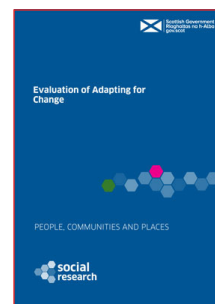
Linkwood View dementia facility, Elgin

Adapting for Change: evaluation

This report presents the findings of an independent process evaluation of the Adapting for Change initiative commissioned by the Scottish Government. It stemmed from the work of an Adaptations Working Group which was established by the Scottish Government and tasked with reviewing housing adaptations practice and providing recommendations for change. <https://goo.gl/YkZb9R>

Lastly, with a growing interest in housing for older people in Scotland and a proposed government strategic review, we are interested to hear from our members about the appetite for establishing a Housing LIN Scotland network.

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HOUSING LIN REGIONAL EVENTS

Check our online events page to register your attendance on a 'first come, first serve' basis for our forthcoming regional events:

www.housinglin.org.uk/Events/ForthcomingEvents/

South Eastern Housing LIN regional meeting,
Horsham - Hosted by Saxon Weald
15 November 2017

North East Housing LIN regional meeting,
Darlington
16 November 2017

West Midlands Housing LIN regional meeting,
Birmingham
13 December 2017

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We welcome your contributions.

OTHER EVENTS SUPPORTED BY THE HOUSING LIN

National Community-Led Housing Conference
London

27 November 2017

Taking place at the Congress Centre in London, this first-ever sector-wide conference will focus on taking the sector from niche to mainstream.
More information at: <https://goo.gl/fky1mt>

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