

A consortium is only as effective as its membership. We welcome as many housing providers and other interested parties as possible, to become members and support our work.

As a member, your organisation will have a real say in the shaping of research into dementia services for older people living in extra care housing. It will also enable you to work more closely with providers, commissioners, policy makers and developers, taking an active role in research projects, and access to robust and timely research findings.

For a membership application form or further information please email hdrc@housing21.co.uk

FOUNDER MEMBERS OF THE CONSORTIUM



Dementia Voice

Housing 21 is a major not-for-profit national provider of older people's services. It is unique in having a dedicated dementia department, Dementia Voice, which provides specialist services for older people with dementia and their carers plus consultancy, training and research on person-centred dementia services for providers and commissioners.



MHA (formerly Methodist Homes for the Aged) is a leader in dementia care in both housing and residential settings, and over 65 years has gained a reputation for its person-centred services and pioneering housing projects for people with dementia.

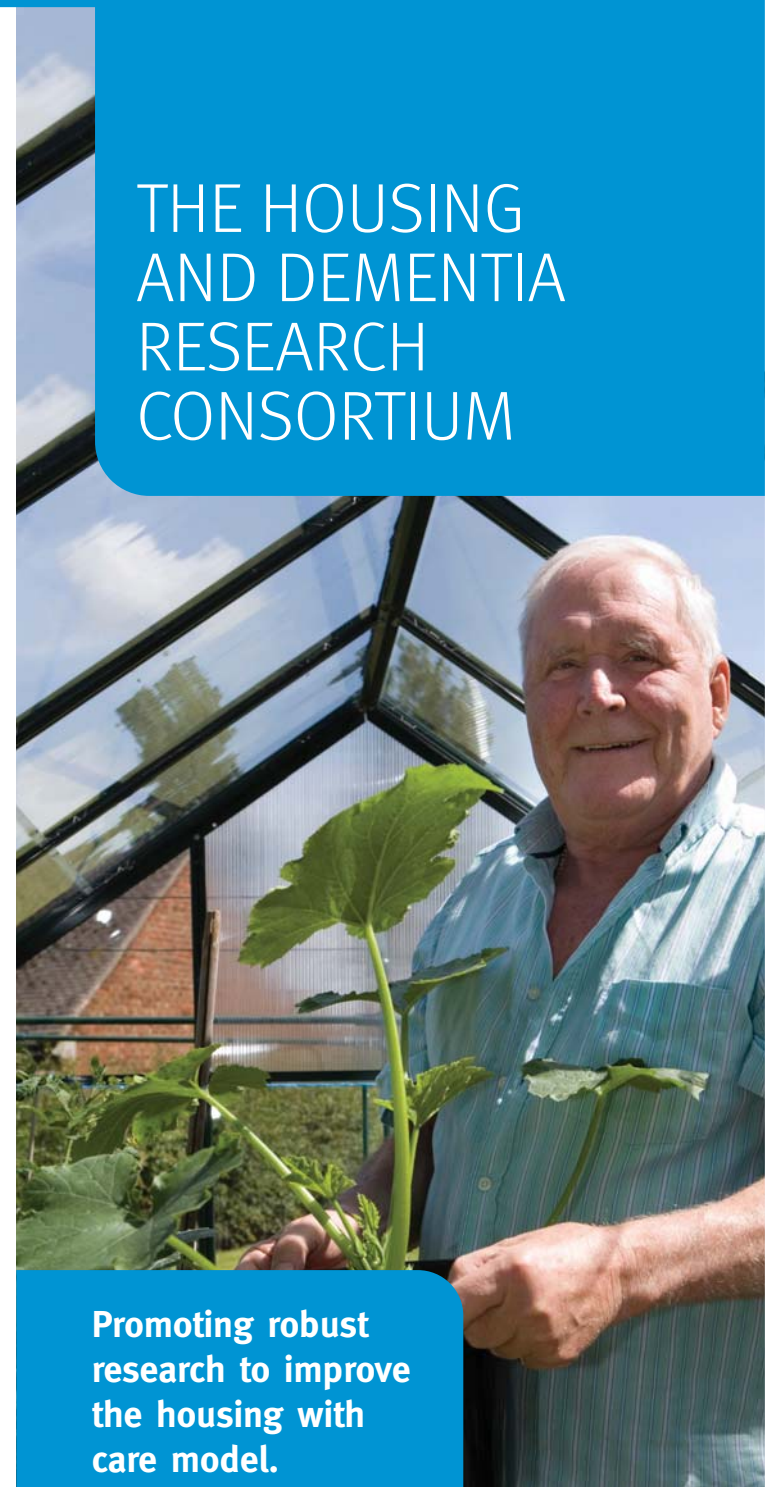


Hanover is one of the largest specialist providers of retirement housing and related services in England, and manages some 19,000 Retirement Housing and Extra Care properties. We have 52 Extra Care estates in management and many more in development. Our mission is 'to deliver excellent living environments and tailored services that support independence and individuality for older people'.



Anchor Trust is England's largest not-for-profit provider of care, housing and support for older people. We deliver our services across a range of business, including Anchor Integrated Care and Housing (ICH), our extra care housing model. There are currently 26 Anchor ICH schemes across England.

THE HOUSING AND DEMENTIA RESEARCH CONSORTIUM



Promoting robust research to improve the housing with care model.

INTRODUCING THE HOUSING AND DEMENTIA RESEARCH CONSORTIUM

Let us introduce ourselves – we are a new consortium of well-established, leading providers of housing for older people.

Our founder members are Housing 21, Anchor Trust, Hanover and the MHA. Between us, we represent the four biggest providers of housing with care for older people in the UK.

We have now come together to work towards developing robust research on dementia care in the setting of housing with care, to influence policy and practice in relation to care and housing in the UK.

“We have supported the establishment of the new Housing and Dementia Research Consortium from its inception, and are delighted that the need for more research into housing with care for people with dementia is going to receive the attention it so clearly merits.”

PHILIPPA HARE,
PRINCIPAL RESEARCH MANAGER,
JOSEPH ROWNTREE FOUNDATION



OUR PRIMARY AIMS ARE TO:

- Shape the agenda of research into housing with care, to ensure its relevance and usefulness to housing providers and people with dementia;
- Work together to have greater weight when applying for research funding;
- Deliver more ambitious large-scale, multi-site, multi-provider research; and
- Share our findings from in-house research and evaluations.

In all our work, our priority will be to improve the quality of dementia care for older people living in a housing with care setting.

The creation of the consortium is well-timed: the housing with care model is seen by central Government as an alternative to care homes, with the expectation that it can provide for the same group of residents, including those with dementia.

Housing with care is also a popular choice for older people, as it enables them to continue living independently, as well as supporting couples with different levels of care needs who want to stay together.

The consortium will promote and initiate research into the approaches and practice which will best support those with dementia living in extra care housing, including care and support services, the social environment and building design.

“I heartily welcome the collaborative approach of the Housing and Dementia Research Consortium in shaping the research agenda for the benefit of commissioners, providers and – most importantly – people with dementia and their families.”

JEREMY PORTEUS,
CARE SERVICES IMPROVEMENT PARTNERSHIP,
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

