



## HOUSING & DEMENTIA IN FOCUS

### *Did you know?*

There are over 800,000 people living with dementia in the UK and this figure is set to rise to over 1 million by 2021. 1 in 3 people over 65 will have dementia by the time they die.

Two-thirds of people with dementia live in their own homes, making the provision of appropriate housing and housing support services essential to meeting their needs.

### Our work on dementia - info and support

The **Housing Learning and Improvement Network** has an excellent track record for producing high quality reports, tools, viewpoints and case studies to enable members. You can also commission us to help you to:

- 🏠 build an understanding of how housing and related services can help meet the needs and aspirations of people dementia
- 🏠 make best use of telecare and equipment to support people at home
- 🏠 design accessible and adaptable housing to aid independent living
- 🏠 develop dementia-friendly communities to improve people's living environments
- 🏠 work collaboratively across sectors to maximise the wellbeing of people with dementia while minimising costs

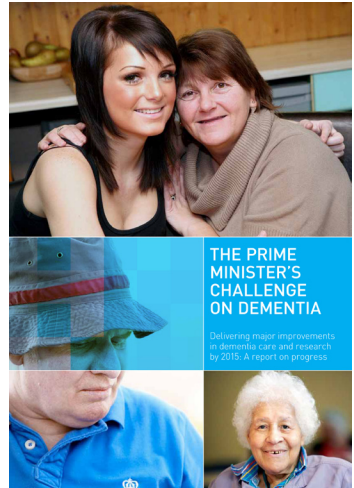
In addition, we provide opportunities for members to:

- 🏠 visit housing with care schemes to view innovative design and service provision
- 🏠 exchange information on latest research and practice developments
- 🏠 identify capital and revenue funding sources to support service delivery
- 🏠 meet regularly at a regional level to share ideas on service improvements, and
- 🏠 network to explore new ideas and solutions for people with dementia

# The Dementia Challenge

The delivery of high quality information on housing and dementia and access to our learning and improvement opportunities are essential ingredients of the Housing LIN.

Singled out in the **Prime Minister's Challenge on Dementia** report on progress, we have built up one of the most comprehensive websites on innovative practice in housing and care/support for people with dementia in the UK.



We are also members of the **Dementia Action Alliance** and are committed to working closely with our members to share the latest thinking in policy, research and practice developments on living well with dementia.

## Focus on innovations in housing & dementia

Referenced in the Department of Health's Care and Support Specialised Housing Fund, our **In Focus** web pages have been designed to enable people to access our key tools about meeting the needs of people with dementia in housing settings, including extra care housing.














## Housing LIN Website

The information on our **In Focus** pages is invaluable to those providing or developing housing-related services for people with dementia. It is also relevant to those wishing to understand the importance of the built environment to the wellbeing of people with dementia, and the valuable part that housing sector staff and services can play, as contributors in an integrated support pathway, enabling people to live as well as possible with dementia.

The information is split into 9 key topics :

-  **Recollections** - A collection of personal stories and examples of everyday experiences of people living with dementia
-  **Commissioning** - information to assist those involved in service commissioning and strategic planning for this group of the population.
-  **Provision** - Case examples and documents to assist in the management and delivery of services within three categories: extra care and supported housing; specialist care and support services; assistive technology
-  **Design and Environment** - information on designing and adapting the living environment for people with dementia, including Extra Care housing
-  **Dementia Friendly Communities** - good practice examples and suggestions about making the wider community in which people live a place that is welcoming and user friendly for people living with dementia
-  **Practice, workforce and training** - Advice and guidance for improving practice for front-line staff and managers working with people who have dementia
-  **Legislation and regulation** - Information on the Mental Capacity Act and other legislation as it relates to the housing sector and dementia
-  **Dementia Action Alliance** - What it is, how to join, and useful information from DAA meetings
-  **Useful links** - Links to other websites with information on dementia

# About the Housing Learning and Improvement Network

With a dedicated membership of over 7,000 individuals and organisations, and 48,000 in receipt of our regular newsletters and updates, the Housing LIN is the leading “learning lab” for a growing integrated network of housing, health and social care professionals in England.

The Housing LIN also offers a range of consultancy services to improve the housing, care and support choices for people with dementia. Contact us to discuss your requirements.



## Get networked with the Housing LIN

To get involved in our programme of activities and/or to receive news alerts and advance details of upcoming Housing LIN meetings in your region, register at:

[www.housinglin.org.uk/userAccount](http://www.housinglin.org.uk/userAccount)

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