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## Housing and Dementia Research Consortium

### **The HDRC: what next?** Shaping research and informing decisions

#### **Invitation to attend a workshop – London, 1<sup>st</sup> May 2014**

**Registration closing date: Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April**

Set up in 2008, the Housing and Dementia Research Consortium (HDRC) is now the largest UK network of providers of housing and care for older people, housing commissioners and other interested parties who are committed to research into accommodation and care for people with dementia. There are now over 80 members, around half of which are providers of housing and care for older people and the rest being an array of other interested parties, including academics, architects, advisors, researchers, policy makers and third sector organisations.

We would like to invite you to a free workshop of the HDRC. Since the workshop in 2009 the HDRC has undergone a number of changes: a change of research coordinator in 2011; changes to the steering group membership in Summer 2013; followed by a broadening of the research remit, which originally focused on Housing with Care, to include other types of accommodation and care arrangement choices available to people with dementia.

We feel that it is time, once again, to hear from our members and others interested in the topic. The aims of this interactive workshop are to raise awareness of the HDRC, to gain an understanding of how best to engage the membership and to set the future research agenda. Key priorities are the sharing and understanding of the issues that participants currently face in relation to accommodation and care for people with dementia and the development of research goals that address these issues.

We would like to invite you to this event, which will take place on **1<sup>st</sup> May 2014, 10am-2.45pm at Ort House (Delancy Theatre), 126 Albert St, London NW1 7NE.**

Lunch and refreshments are provided. Please note that spaces are limited and we can only allow one free space per member organisation. Attendance must be through prior registration, so we would be very grateful if you could sign up to attend by

emailing the research coordinator: Julie Barrett ([Julie.barrett@housing21.co.uk](mailto:Julie.barrett@housing21.co.uk)) by Tuesday 22nd April who will reserve you a place. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. If you are unable to come or wish to send a colleague in your place could you please let Julie know as soon as you know. Please also inform her if you have any accessibility or dietary requirements.

With all good wishes,

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