

Housing LIN
HAPPI Hour
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Housing Top Tips

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ADASS East Housing Network

- ► A subgroup of ADASS Markets and Commissioning Network bringing together interested people from across the region
- Includes housing specialisms such as development, strategy, and adaptations
- Social care and commissioning leads
- Health colleagues
- Coproduction and lived experience input
- Changing membership, related to our live projects

Introducing the Top Tips project

- ADASS East Housing Network established in 2022
- Specialist Housing good practice guide published in 2022 - see our previous HAPPI Hour https://www.housinglin.org.uk/Events/HAPPI-Hour-Putting-People-at-the-Heart-of-New-Housing-Development-Coproducing-the-place-we-call-home/
- Our second project focused on helping to navigate relationships with "housing people"



Here's one we made earlier...

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'We need to talk to housing....'

Often heard in conversations with Social Care and Health

But who does what in housing?

The housing landscape is complex and tricky for non-housing professionals to navigate (and patients...)

ADASS commissioned EELGA to develop a Top Tips route map to who does what in housing

Aimed at NHS staff

Sub group established of key people to contribute and steer project

Who are the Top Tips for?

Front line health staff - to help with day-to-day issues relating to housing

Strategic health commissioners - to support those commissioning new supported accommodation for people with particular needs



Top Tips Front line NHS staff

Top Tip 1 - Identify what the housing problem is

- Suitability of current home potential need for adaptations (TT6)
- Affordability of current home (TT7)
- Homeless sleeping rough, in temporary accommodation, or at risk of homelessness (TT8)
- ► Home in poor condition cold, damp, mould, heating ineffective (TT9)
- Need to move to different location (TT10)

Each issue needs a different housing person in a different department or even a completely different organisation.

Top Tip 2 - Identify tenure and ask questions

Legal status associated with a persons tenure will inform their rights and responsibilities

- Owner occupier /shared ownership
- Renting from private landlord
- Renting from Council or housing association
- Living in specialist supported housing
- Renting a room/lodging
- Living with family
- Sofa surfing / sleeping rough

Top Tips 3 to 10

- TT3 Identify the right local authority to contact
- TT4 Get to know who manages the social housing in your area
- TT5 Identify one person to be the point of contact to co-ordinate
- TT6 Know who to contact if the home needs to be adapted
- TT7 Consider affordability and financial issues
- TT8 Know how to access local housing options/homeless service
- TT9 Know where to get help if the home is in poor condition
- TT10 Be aware of options to move to other accommodation

Top Tips 1-5 for NHS Commissioners

- TT1 Identify who has responsibility for responding to Planning applications in your Integrated Care Board or Integrated Care system
- TT2 Identify the local authority to contact & develop links with them
- TT3 Get to know the relevant strategic housing and social care leads
- TT4 Be clear of your future specialist housing demand
- TT5 Plan well in advance, new housing takes time to deliver

Top Tips 6-9 for NHS Commissioners

- TT6 Funding issues identify capital and/or revenue budgets
- TT7 Coproduce with people with lived experience, especially in terms of design
- TT8 Engage with the scheme development project group
- TT9 Consider affordability and rent levels

Consultation and adoption

Top Tips Guides were adopted by ADASS East in January 2024

The following were involved with developing the Top Tips:

- Housing Regional Working Group members
- NHS England
- Norfolk County Council
- Foundations
- Local Government Association
- Suffolk and North East Essex ICS
- People with lived experience (Over a Brew)
- Housing LIN
- EELGA Housing Associates

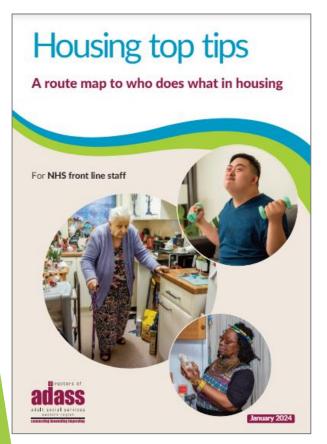
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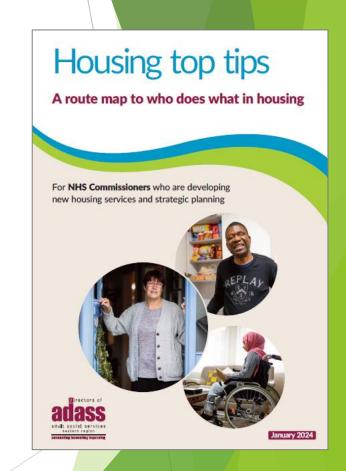
Circulation of Top Tips

- Who are these publications aimed at?
- Who needs to see these publications?
- Where have they been shared?
- How can we ensure these publications are shared with those who need them?

A Call To Action



- How can you share this information in your organisation?
- Put on the agenda of meetings eg Place Boards, Multi-Disciplinary Teams, Integrated Care Boards
- Make available on message boards and intranet
- Make available via websites
- Share with your contacts



Questions?