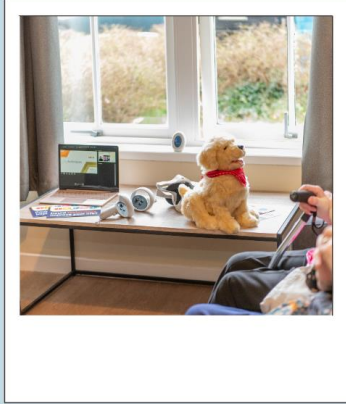
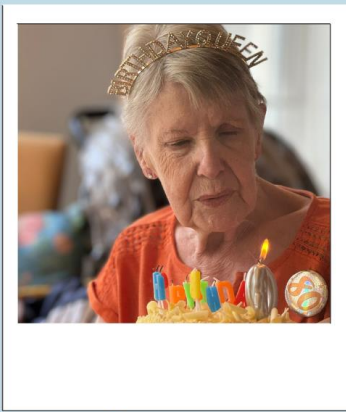
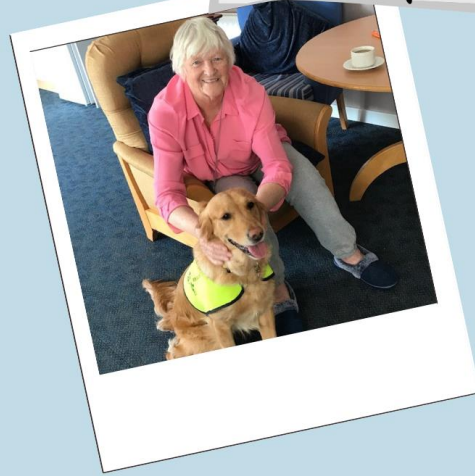


# My Life, My Way – Empowering Independence

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# Bield Housing and Care



Bield was formed in 1971 with the aim of developing safe and secure accommodation for older people across Scotland.

Bield are a not-for-profit organisation, a Scottish charity and a registered social landlord.

As one of the largest providers of housing and support services for older people in Scotland, the organisation has grown both in size and in the services offered, it provide since the first house was development was opened in Bo'ness in 1972.



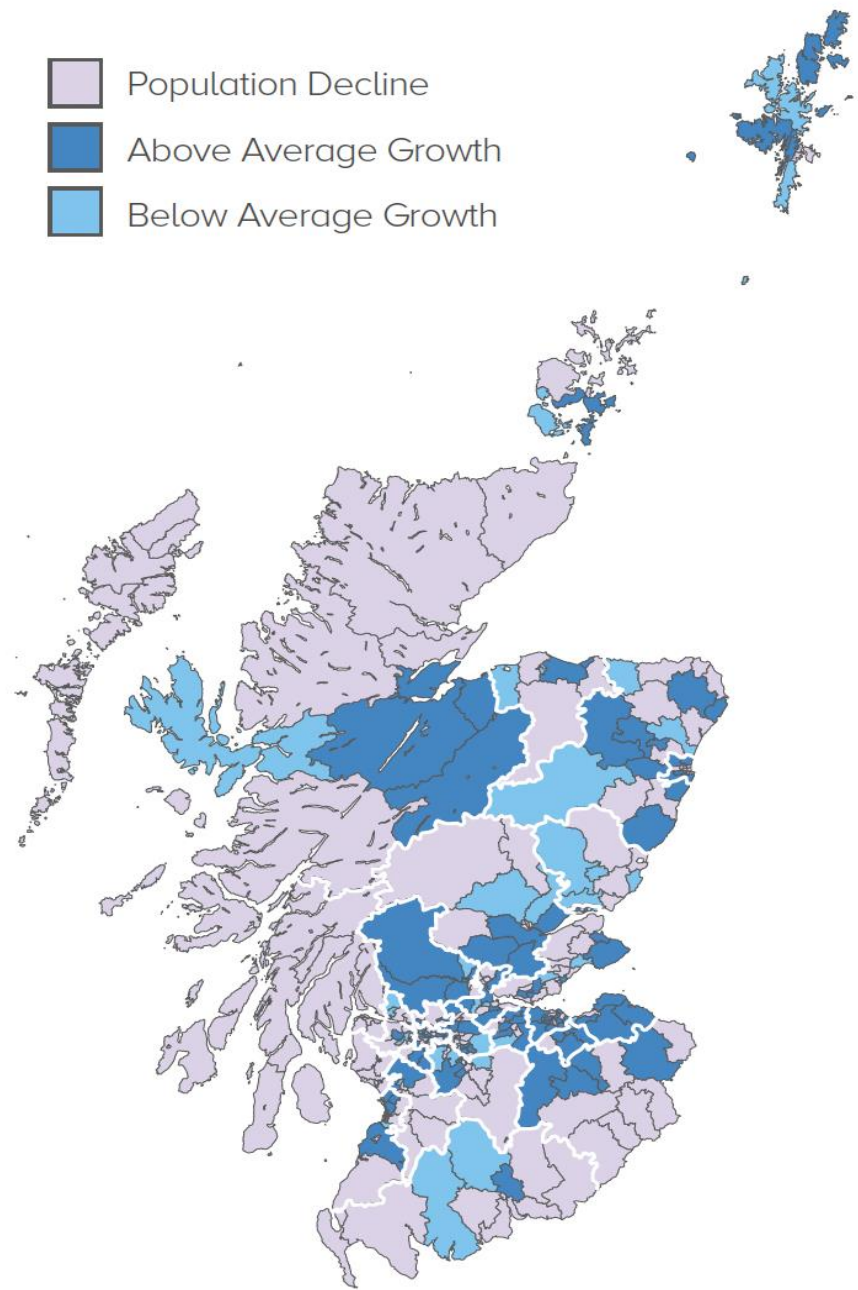
**Social Housing**  
4,616 units  
Over 6,000 tenants



**Care & Support Services**  
Deliver over 3,500 care hours  
per week

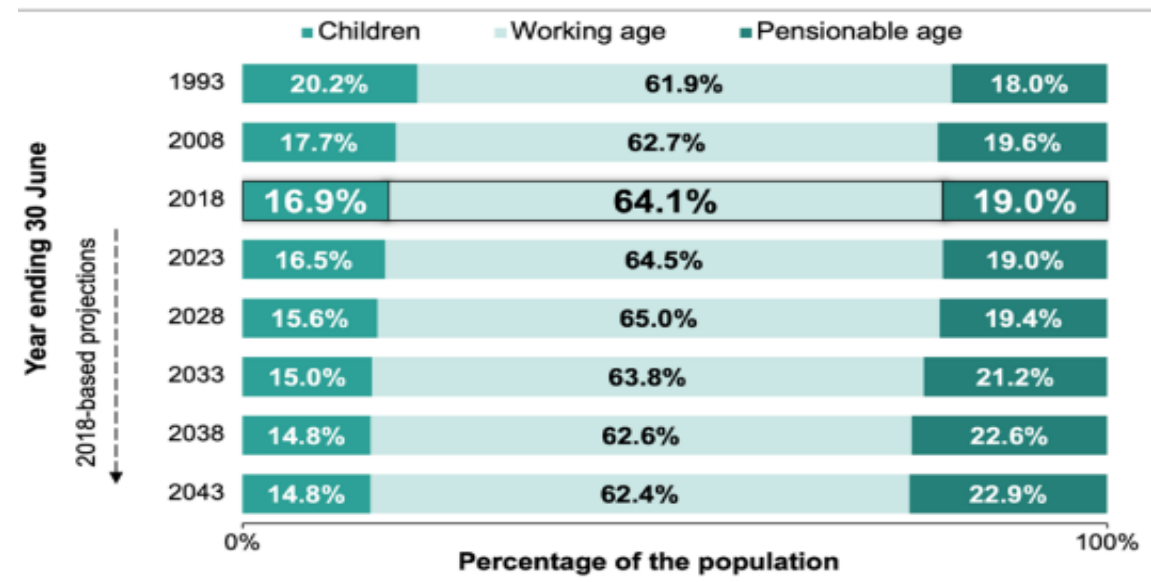


**BR24**  
Over 18,000  
Citizens



# A changing population landscape

Figure 11: Population by age group in Scotland, mid-1993 to mid-2043



A Scotland for the future: opportunities and challenges of Scotland's changing population - gov.scot ([www.gov.scot](http://www.gov.scot))



# Supporting Independent Lives

- We aim to promote a culture where age is not a barrier to living well.
- We want to support our tenants to age well in the place they call home.
- We want to ensure that our tenants have the knowledge to make the choices that support them to retain their independence for longer. This includes having access to technology that can support this to happen.



# Biold's TAPPI Experience

Digital Literacy  
Exploration

Co-Produced Tech  
Hub

Preventative AI  
Technology



# Bield's Digital Hub

Technology that is (and has been) showcased at our Digital Hub

- Vayarr non evasive fall sensors
- Aqua rate smart mugs
- Robotic curtain openers
- Voice activated devices
- Robotic dementia dog
- Smart switches and lights
- Tipping kettle
- Robotic Hoover
- Automated environmental devices

592 tenants

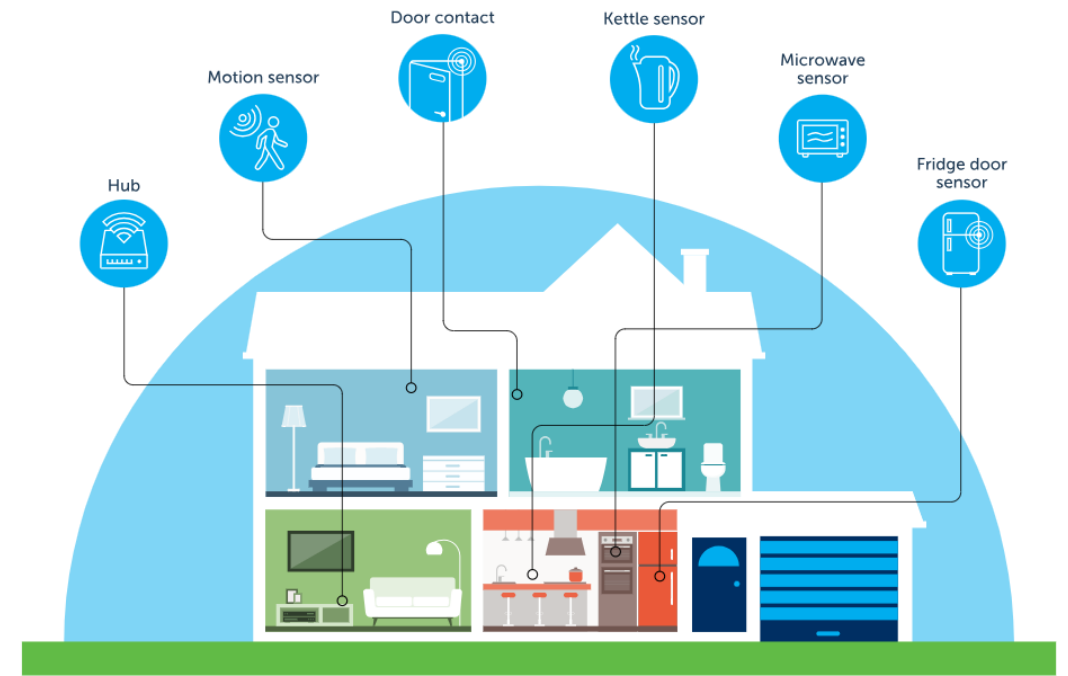
18 local Health & Social Care Partnerships

13 Housing Associations

4 third sector organisations

4 international study visits

have been welcomed at the Bield Tech Hub.





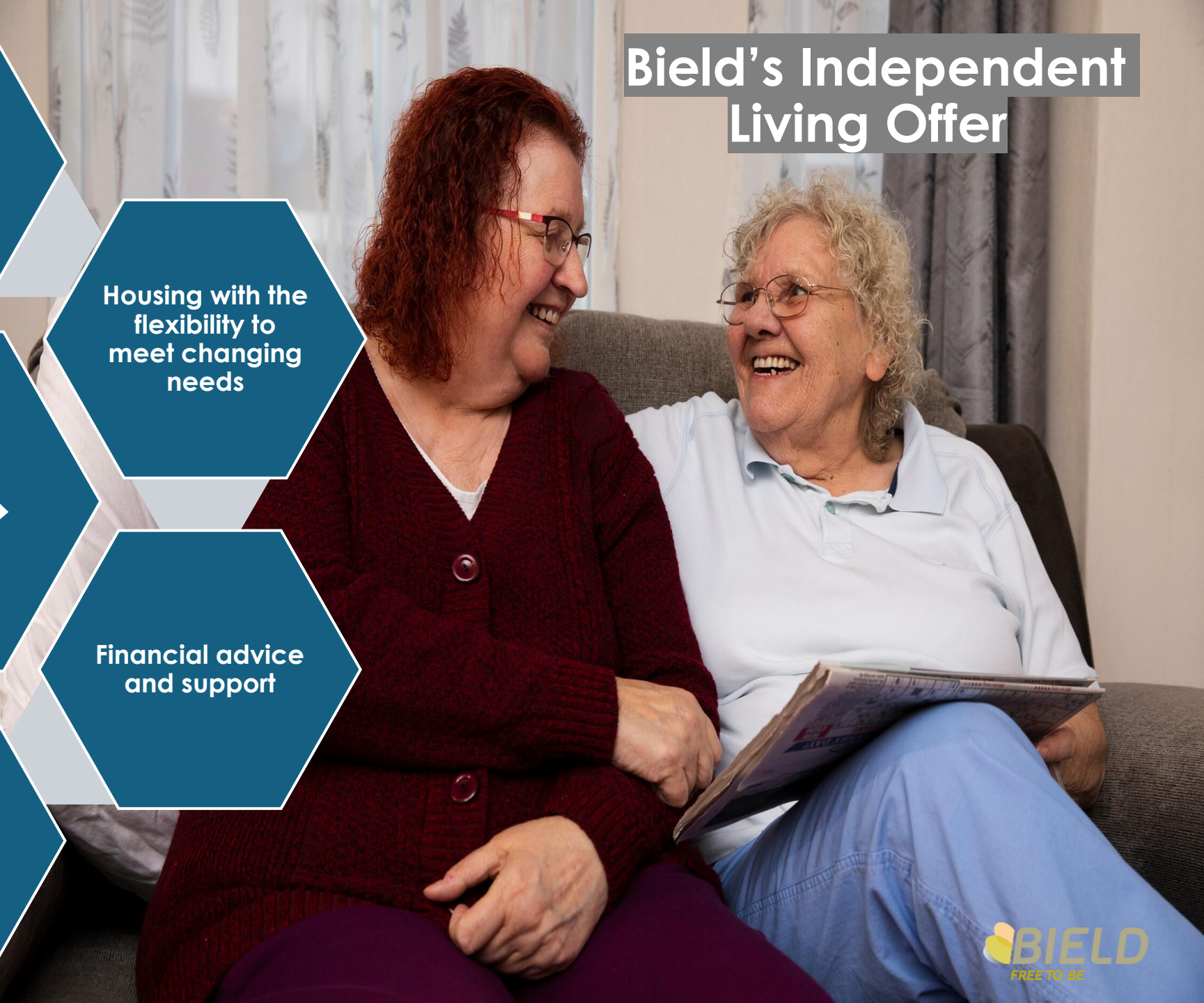
# What's next for Bield?

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Enhancing	Enhancing our independent living offering to enable tenants to make choices about the way the live
Working	Working with technology to empower people to live independently in their own homes for longer
Understanding	Understanding our wider workforce digital literacy, building on knowledge and hands on experience
Shifting	Shifting the paradigm on role of housing in joining the dots across the wider public sector, championing personalization and independent living.
Developing	Developing our design brief ensuring that our homes are adaptable to the changing needs of our tenants



# Bield's Independent Living Offer





 **BIELD**  
FREE TO BE

