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NEWS UPDATE**The Commissioning Framework for Health and Wellbeing**

The Commissioning Framework for Health and Wellbeing was launched on Tuesday, 6th March, by the Secretary of State for Health, The Right Honourable Patricia Hewitt MP, at the Guardian Summit conference in London. This document has been long awaited and, although it may seem to repeat many of the considerations already made in recent White Papers, is far-reaching in its implications for both Health and Local Government during the next few years. It will also have an impact on service providers who will wish to read, understand and comment on this document. The launch will herald a three month consultation period and you can find all the documentation, information, good practice resources as well as information to assist in your responses to this consultation on-line at www.commissioning.csip.org.uk. This is the official consultation site as CSIP have been asked to run the consultation.

Regional events run by the Better Commissioning LIN at <http://www.cat.csip.org.uk/index.cfm?pid=41>

2007/2008 ECH Funding Round

The available fund of £40m was oversubscribed by fourfold this year, with 43 bids submitted in total. The assessment criteria encompassed the following key areas: Health Impact, Value for Money, Partnership, and Strategic Fit. This criteria was similar to the one used in previous bidding rounds for this fund, except that, reflecting the direction set by the health and social care White Paper last year, there has been a greater emphasis on health outcomes than has been the case before.

The successful bids were announced by the Minister, Ivan Lewis, on 8th February 2007, and are as follows: Oldham, Bolton, LB Richmond, Sheffield, Northumberland, East Sussex, Bristol, Luton, Nottinghamshire, St Helens, Derby, LB Greenwich, LB Southwark, and Stockport. These include a wide range of models, including new build, remodelled, village and smaller schemes, and a mix of tenure options, including rent, sale and shared ownership. In total, 967 new units of extra care housing will be developed through the 2007/8 programme.

A [summary of the successful bids](#) is available on our website under 'Extra care Housing Fund' in the A-Z index (continued next page)

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The Housing LIN will be able to offer ongoing support to successful authorities as they take their developments forward, for example supporting them to meet key timescales and expectations as set out by the Department of Health. Housing LIN support will also be available to those authorities who were not successful on this occasion, to help share lessons from experience, advice on alternative sources of funding, and in general help them with important next steps in the development of extra care housing options locally. 2 national events are planned this year. Details to follow.

POLICY UPDATE

Tier 4 announcement

On 23rd February 2007 the Government announced an allocation of £54 million in capital funding to Strategic Health Authorities to improve in patient and residential drug and alcohol facilities.

The announcement follows a bidding process based on application guidance published on 28th July 2006. Regional Forums were invited to submit portfolios of prioritised bids that were then considered at national level by the Department of Health, Home Office, Commission for Social Care Inspection and the National Treatment Agency.

The money will fund regional and supra regional bids including:

- Alcohol only provision
- NHS units
- Registered residential units
- Supported accommodation
- Prison provision

The bids are a mix of new build and remodelling of existing provision and factor in capital from other sources in excess of £6m.

This investment will improve access to Tier 4 services for all client groups including:

- Women – bids include provision for women only facilities and for women with children
- Families with children
- Individuals with disabilities
- Offenders and those at risk of offending
- Individuals from black and minority ethnic communities
- Women prisoners

NEW HOUSING LIN PUBLICATIONS

Charging for Care and Support in Extra Care Housing

[This factsheet](#) provides information about the issues and options around charging for care and support in extra care housing schemes. It was prepared by Angela Nicholls for the Housing Learning and Improvement Network.

The principal purpose of this factsheet is to inform commissioners about the range of charging options available for extra care housing, and the implications of these, so that they can make commissioning decisions appropriate to their local circumstances. Download from our website under '[Factsheets](#)' in the A-Z index

The Mental Capacity Act: An Introduction

The Housing LIN has published an introductory [briefing on the Mental Capacity Act](#). This sets out the key features and timetable for implementation. A fuller factsheet on the MCA and the implications for providers of housing, care and support will be available later this year. The briefing is available on our website under '[Briefings](#)' in the A-Z index.

For more information on the MCA and recent Department of Health guidance, see [Other useful publications/resources](#) on page 3.

UPCOMING CSIP PUBLICATIONS

The Commissioning Framework for Health and Wellbeing

The Housing LIN is preparing briefings on the Commissioning Framework and the Mental Capacity Act. These will be on the website shortly.

OTHER USEFUL PUBLICATIONS / RESOURCES

Making Partnerships Work: Examples of Good Practice

The Department of Health has published a new document on the role of third sector organisations as providers within health and adult social care. Case study examples demonstrate how effective commissioning by statutory and NHS organisations, working jointly with third sector organisations, can lead to a more innovative and dynamic health and social care service, better designed to meet users'

needs.

To download a copy, click on link below.

http://www.icn.csip.org.uk/nl/?r=38_1

Stopping Elder Abuse

The Commission for Social Care Inspection (CSCI) have produced a guide, 'Abuse Of Older People-What You Can Do To Stop It'. The guide provides information on what to do if you suspect abuse or neglect of older people who receive care at home or in a care home. To read the guide, visit the CSCI website: www.csci.org.uk.

Mental Capacity Act

The Department of Health has published [guidance on implementing the Mental Capacity Act 2005](#), including the new Independent Mental Capacity Advocacy service and the new criminal offences that are introduced by the Act from April 2007.

The guidance is available from the DH's website and on our website [under 'Mental Health'](#) in the A-Z index

SENSE have published a report on the training needed for advocates and advocacy organisations intending to provide the new Independent Mental Capacity Advocacy service for people who are deaf-blind. The details are available from Sense's website <http://www.sense.org.uk>.

The HOME project

How can we create homes that meet the needs of an ageing population?

Northern Architecture's HOME publication is now available. It marks the culmination of a participatory project that set out to learn more about the views and requirements of older people in relation to their homes. The project was established through a partnership between Northern Architecture and Newcastle's Elders Council, supported by the Quality of Life Partnership.

It engaged a group of older people from Newcastle in a series of workshops that explored the importance and meaning of home. The group undertook a range of activities such as drawing, map-making, discussion, photography and writing which were used to express the positive factors, concerns and practical issues that older people experience in their homes and their local environment.

The HOME publication summarises the key points raised by the participants and carries key messages to the professionals involved in creating, providing and managing housing and neighbourhoods.

To receive a copy of the HOME publication contact Lowri Bond at Northern Architecture
T: 0191 260 2191
E: lowri@northernarchitecture.com

The [HOME project leaflet](#) is available on our website under '[Design](#)' in the A-Z index.

A full project report by Bluespace Environments is available to download from www.northernarchitecture.com/participation

SCIE – two new Learning Disability resources

Having a good day? A study of community-based day activities for people with learning disabilities

Knowledge review 14: Having a good day? A study of community-based day activities for people with learning disabilities shows that, despite a strong policy emphasis on the modernisation of day services, day activities are still based around day centres and exclude more flexible and person-centred activities.

It finds that the modernisation of day activities for people with learning disabilities is progressing slowly.

The knowledge review will be used to inform future SCIE work on day activities for people with learning disabilities.

Supporting self Advocacy

SCIE's new position paper, Supporting self-advocacy, researched and written by people with learning disabilities and their supporters, looks at the role of self-advocates and their supporters in the development of social care. The paper raises a number of questions, including:

How do you get the right balance of power between self-advocates and supporters?

How are the supporters themselves trained and supported and who is responsible for ensuring that they have good training and support?

Are supporters only involved in consultations and decisions about learning disability or do they also help self-advocates to campaign for their wider civil rights?

Findings drawn from the available research include that the role of supporter needs to be recognised as a professional role, but must not lose the flexibility to provide 'person-centred' support, and that funders need to acknowledge the 'unseen' work that supporters do and fund accordingly.

You can access Knowledge review 14: Having a good day? A study of community-based day activities

for people with learning disabilities and Position paper 6: Supporting self-advocacy free at www.scie.org.uk/

CABE: step by step guide to good design of public space

As part of the local government white paper, Strong and prosperous communities, the government has made a commitment to encourage community groups to have greater control over how their local environment is managed and improved. For the first time, CABE has set out how community groups can radically improve the design of public space.

It's our space is a guide for groups getting involved in a public space project. It intends to inspire local communities to demand high standards of design. The guide includes a series of case studies that community groups can use to draw on the good and the bad experiences of others.

Spaceshaper is a toolkit aimed at anyone wanting to evaluate the quality of a public space - before they invest time and money improving it. The toolkit works by capturing the perceptions of professionals involved in running a public space, as well the views of the people that use it. The toolkit aims to raise aspirations, encouraging people to demand more from their local spaces.

<http://www.cabe.org.uk/default.aspx?contentid=1785>

Beyond Sheltered Accommodation -A Review of Extra Care Housing and Care Home Provision for BME Elders

[A new report](#) by Adrian Jones. This is a desk-based review of existing provision and the extent to which it meets the specific needs of older people from BME communities.

'[Beyond Sheltered Accommodation](#)' is available on our website under '[BME issues](#)' in the A-Z index

Assessment of the impact of Warm Front on decent homes for private sector vulnerable houses

A report produced by Communities and Local Government (CLG). In 2002 the government set a target to increase the proportion of vulnerable private sector households living in decent homes. The Warm Front programme provides grants for packages of heating and insulation measures to households in the owner occupied and private rented sectors. This report looks at the impact of the programme on the target on decent homes.

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/gov.uk/pub/309/237Assessmentoftheimpactofwarmfrontondecent>

[homesforprivatesectorvulnerablehouses_id1506309.pdf](#)

Review of the Independent Living Fund

The Department for Work & Pensions (DWP) has now published the review of the Independent Living Fund. The Fund provides financial support for severely disabled people to enable them to live independently in their own homes.

<http://www.dwp.gov.uk/publications/dwp/2007/independentliving/>

Working together for well-being: from vision to reality

The Inter Agency Group on adult social care (IAG) commissioned [this implementation guide](#) as part of a longer-term programme of work on adult social care and community well-being. The IAG was set up in January 2005 to bring together a range of lead agencies from the statutory, independent and voluntary sectors to influence the government agenda on health and adult social care. This document is available on our website under '[Reports](#)' in the a-Z index.

Lifetime Homes Case Studies

The Greater London Authority has published the report of a study of 5 estates that have been constructed in accordance with the Lifetime Homes criteria, which incorporate basic accessibility with features that make adaptations for disabled people easier to carry out. *Accessible London: Achieving an inclusive Environment – Lifetime Homes* is available from Greater London Authority.

<http://www.london.gov.uk/mayor/strategies/sds/docs/lifetime-homes.pdf>

RESEARCH

SW LIN IGP Bid

The newly formed SW LIN steering group has been successful so far in their submission of an IGP bid to fund a project regarding the future of older person's services in the South West. The Housing Corporation has shown considerable interest in the proposed work and has asked the SW Housing LIN to submit a full bid. The success in securing this funding will see the South West make inroads into providing a clear and concise strategic pathway. This will provide the opportunity to cross thresholds and overcome historic barriers to partnership working, thus providing the opportunity for more cohesion across Housing, Health and Social care. The SW

Housing LIN regards this as a positive response in answer to the changing aspirations of older and trainee older people in the South West.

Your views wanted!: Contracting for Extracare Housing Services

Trimmer CS (Housing Consultants) is undertaking some research on behalf of the Housing LIN into the contracting arrangements for Extracare Housing (ECH). They would like to hear from both commissioners and providers regarding their experiences of contracts for Extra Care Housing. They would also be very interested to hear about how contracting arrangements have affected services users. The results of the research, and associated guidance, will be made available through the Housing LIN.

ECH depends upon the provision of a range of housing, care and support services and therefore they want to identify models of good practice in relation to joint working around the delivery of services and how this is reflected in the agreements and contracts between organisations. The study is focussing on operational procurement, not building or development contracts of procurement methods.

They are particularly interested to hear about:

- Contracts that reflect outcome-focussed approaches and a shared vision
- Contracting arrangements that link together the separate funding and service streams for housing, care and support, to create a unified service for the user
- Contracting arrangements that reflect the 'choice' agenda, e.g. Individual Budgets; user involvement in procurement processes
- Learning points from partnership arrangements that have not worked well or given rise to tensions

Please respond by 16th April to Lawrence Miller at Trimmer CS (Housing Consultants): 390-391, Strand, London, WC2R 0LT. Tel 020 7395 3650 e-mail: lawrence.miller@trimmercs.co.uk

NEWS

Extra care website

We are pleased to announce the launch of a new website for people involved in housing with care for older people www.extracarehousing.org.uk, devised by EAC with the support of the Housing Corporation

and Care Services Improvement Partnership (DH).

We hope that this site will help the market in housing with care to grow, and continue to innovate, by providing a forum within which you can:

- Share information about models of housing with care
- Share knowledge and experience of what makes for success
- Work towards a common language to describe your schemes and services to the public
- Adopt outcome measures to demonstrate how you meet your ambitions
- Establish a kitemarking system to build public confidence in housing with care

The site's Search for Extra Care Housing allows you to view information on over 1,000 developments UK-wide, incorporates an exciting new aerial mapping facility and enables you to present a range of audiovisual materials about each of your schemes.

We encourage you to share as much information as possible with Colleagues involved in commissioning and providing housing with care. If you have not yet completed our scheme questionnaires, please download them from the site. Scheme photographs, plans, brochures, reviews and videos can be emailed to EAC at any time to alex.billeter@eac.org.uk

Success for the Extra Care Housing Toolkit

We are very pleased to announce that the British Urban Regeneration Association (BURA) Tools of the Trade Assessment Panel have recommended that the Housing LIN Extra Care Housing Toolkit should form part of South East Excellence's online 'toolbox' resource available shortly on www.southeastexcellence.co.uk.

The [Toolkit](#) is designed to assist in the development of extra care housing and is available on our website under 'Toolkit' in the A-Z index

Tendering for Extra Care

Devon County Council Adult & Community Services Directorate and the Devon Supporting People Partnership are seeking expressions of interest from suitably experienced, CSCI registered domiciliary care organisations who wish to tender for the provision of integrated care and housing related support services to older people in the South Hams and West Devon Locality. Two contracts will be let, one for integrated care and support services at Bishops Court Extra Care Housing Scheme situated

in Newton Ferrers, and the other for integrated care and support plus the provision of day services at Douro Court Extra Care Housing Scheme located in Ivybridge. These contracts will be let under block arrangements each for a period of three years. The commencement date for both will be the 1st October 2007.

Organisations interested in tendering for these services should register their interest by Friday 13th April 2007. To register an interest please visit: <https://www.devontenders.gov.uk/systems/devonqtplanner.nsf>

Tender packs will be sent electronically to those organisations who have expressed an interest on Monday 16th April 2007 and the deadline for submissions is 5pm Friday 18th May 2007. For general queries please contact : Rebecca Beasley, Procurement & Contracts Officer, Tel: 01392 383559

EVENTS

NATIONAL EVENTS

BMEspark 3rd annual conference

May 3rd 2007, Royal Institute of British Architects
Portland Place, London W1

Better commissioning, better service delivery: making the most of Supporting People for black and minority ethnic vulnerable people.

For details and booking <http://www.bmespark.org.uk/conference2007.php>

Adaptations Conference, York Racecourse, York, 3rd May 2007

This conference is an opportunity to hear about the Government's proposed changes for home adaptations. Challenges include providing services that are focused on: the individual, fast tracking systems outside the Disabled Facilities Grant, and building homes that are flexible, adaptable and affordable.

For more details, visit the Foundations website: www.foundations.uk.com .

National Care Forum 4TH Annual conference, 22-23rd May

Chesford Grange, Kenilworth, Warwickshire

Third Sector: Leading Innovation in Care - The NCF wants to attract commissioners from local authorities and PCTs to the 2007 Annual Conference with the intention of creating an opportunity to share

information and ideas for future care services.

<http://www.nationalcareforum.org.uk>

The Chartered Institute of Housing Annual Conference & Exhibition

19-21 June 2007 Harrogate International Centre

Policy session at the Chartered Institute of Housing on Housing for

Older People in Rural England on 19 June with Jeremy Porteus and Commission for rural Communities, North Yorkshire County Council and Housing 21)

<http://www.cih-housing.co.uk> .

REGIONAL EVENTS

CSIP events

SW Region

The Future of Older person's Services

SW Housing Conference, 5th June at Taunton racecourse.

It will highlight the importance of meeting the rising aspirations of older people both here in the South West and across the country in general.

Details : tommy@ridgeway-associates.com

Regional Housing LIN events

Eastern Region LIN

15 May 2007, Norfolk

West Midlands LIN

17 May 2007, Birmingham

North East LIN

17 May 2007, Prudhoe

London & SE Region LIN

24 May, Denham

North West Region LIN

06 June 2007, Sefton

Yorks & Humberside LIN

11 July 2007, Bainbridge

East Midlands LIN

To be confirmed

West Midlands LIN

01 November 2007, Walsall

To register your interest for the Housing LIN regional events, email housinglin@cat.csip.org.uk.

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Copies of presentations from each regional network meeting are archived on the Housing LIN website under '[Presentations](#)' in the A-Z index.

OTHER REGIONAL EVENTS

Mental Capacity Act conferences

Run by the Northern Housing consortium: two events on behalf of the DH Policy team Monday 11th June in Leeds and Thursday 14th June in London for more details contact

Sarah.mtango@northern-consortium.org.uk or telephone 0191 5661000

Introducing the National Minimum Data Set For Social Care (NMDS-SC) Workshops for local authorities

These will be practical hands-on events for those who will lead the NMDS-SC data collection for your authority.

The aims of the workshops are to:

- introduce local authority leads to the National Minimum Dataset for Social Care
- offer feedback on the lessons learned by the pilot authorities
- offer guidance on the methods for completing the data collection
- put colleagues in touch with a regional support network
- launch the tools specially developed for them.

The workshops are being held as follows:

Monday 30 April 2007 LGA Conference Centre, Westminster LONDON

Wednesday 9 May 2007 Birmingham City Football Club BIRMINGHAM

Tuesday 15 May 2007 Park Inn Hotel YORK

Thursday 17 May 2007 Holland House Hotel BRISTOL

Registration is from 10.00am and the workshop is from 10.30am to 3.00pm (including lunch)

Further information and a booking form for these workshops can be found on our website under this link:

<http://www.cat.csip.org.uk/index.cfm?pid=42&catalogueContentID=2126>

A few CD-Roms and DVDs still available free from HousingLIN@cat.csip.org.uk

- That's My Home – Housing Needs for Older People with Dementia (CD Rom)
- Telecare – Living with Independence (CD Rom)



PROMOTE YOUR WORK

The Housing LIN is keen to promote examples of good practice, reports and other events that relate to housing with care for older people. If you have promotional material, articles or features you would like us to include in future editions of *Housing with Care Matters*, please send details to housinglin@cat.csip.org.uk

We welcome your contributions

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