

HOUSING WITH CARE MATTERS



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NEWS UPDATE

EXTRA CARE ANNOUNCEMENT

Speaking at the Laing and Buisson Annual Extra Care Conference today in London, Dr. Stephen Ladyman MP, Health Minister for Community announced that 20 Local Authorities have been successful with a total of 21 projects in the 2005-2006 Extra Care Housing bidding round.

The Department of Health (DH) received over 140 bids in Year Two of the £87m capital funding programme for Extra Care Housing under the Access and Systems Capacity grant arrangements. The total value of all the bids for 2005 - 2006 was over £317m compared with the £40.3m available from the DH this year. The £40.3m figure also includes £2.32m that has been set aside for projects to extend the housing and care choices of people with learning difficulties. A separate announcement of the projects to be funded from this smaller pot is expected soon.

The overall quality of the bids this year was very good. The Minister stated that he was impressed with the innovative approaches being taken to develop Extra Care Housing within the context of local housing for older people strategies. This has resulted in bids that reflect regenerating local communities, developing new build Extra Care Housing schemes with on-site health care resources, taking a fresh look at remodelling sheltered housing and re-provision of residential care, and increased engagement with the independent care and housing sectors.

A copy of the Ministerial Statement and a full list of successful and unsuccessful bids can be viewed on the Department of Health's website at www.dh.gov.uk and the Housing LIN website at www.changeagentteam.org.uk/housing.

We are also aware that many bidders will naturally be disappointed by the outcome of the announcement and the considerable efforts made in preparing their bids.

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The Department recognises the time taken and commitment to work up these bids and the involvement of local stakeholders and partners. It will be providing written information to all unsuccessful authorities with details of the assessments and provide pointers for future bids.

As part of these arrangements, the Housing LIN will be running a series of learning and evaluation event between April and July around the country to support the future development of Extra Care Housing bidding process and the £60m announced for 2006-2008 of the programme. (For details of these events see page 5 of this e-news or visit our website under "Events".

News update

A new vision for adult social care

We are awaiting details of the forthcoming Green Paper on Adult Social Care. At the time of writing this e-news, we anticipate that an announcement will be made shortly. There will be links to new models of housing with care choices, the further development of telecare and related support services for older and vulnerable people to prevent unnecessary admissions into hospital or better enable the facilitated transfer of care.

The Green Paper and the work of the Housing LIN to aids its implementation will be the special feature in a future e-news. Watch this space!

Working across the Care Service Improvement Partnership

The Housing LIN has a full programme in 2005 in raising the understanding and service improvements to support the further developments in housing with care needs of older and vulnerable people. The 2005 programme includes:

- developing a Learning Network for the Valuing People Support Team on housing with care needs of people with learning difficulties, and
- working with Integrating Community Equipment Services (ICES) colleagues to take forward the Department of Health's Telecare Policy Collaborative implementation programme. In particular, to that social services authorities and the partner agencies have prepared local Telecare Delivery

Strategies so that can make best use of and account for the Department's £80million Telecare Prevention Grant. We will be announcing a series of joint learning events with ICES later in the year. In the meantime, for information on the Policy Collaborative visit www.info.doh.gov.uk.etpc/etpc.nsf

INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

Futurecare@home papers

The Housing LIN launched a series of discussion papers about the future of housing and older people to coincide with the [Futurecare@home](#) seminar, held on February 24.

The Housing LIN asked several experts across the sectors to submit their thoughts on how we should be thinking, and planning, to ensure we meet the housing, health and social care needs of older people in 2025. Areas covered include health and welfare services, tenure, the use of technology and design in housing and lifestyle choices to name but a few.

The aim of the conference, and the papers, is to provoke some 'blue sky' thinking about the challenges and opportunities we face with an ageing population.

Copies of the papers are available from the Housing LIN website or by emailing housinglin@e-a-c.demon.co.uk.

Shaping housing strategies for older people – working across the regions

The Housing and Older People Development Group (HOPDEV) was set up by the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (ODPM) and Department of Health (DH) and ensures that older people's housing, care and support needs are addressed across Government.

In 2003 ODPM, DH and the Housing Corporation published 'Preparing Older People's Strategies' aimed at encouraging the development of overarching local strategies for older people. Through a Strategies Sub Group, HOPDEV have now produced briefing material and a presentation about older people's housing aimed at influencing the development of regional housing strategies. This includes the above report.

See www.changeagentteam.org.uk/housing. Click on "Strategies" in the "A-Z Index" and scroll down to "Regional Housing...".

Health Promoting Housing: Four Themes for Regeneration

The home as a setting for care and access to local health care facilities by older people requires new thinking for service delivery and regeneration planning in our city communities.

MARU, a multi-disciplinary education and health facility planning research unit for 35 years is currently investigating four themes (see boxes) to determine the requirement for a shared agency and community vision in promoting independence for older people in the home.

This will determine an agreed generic master health and housing specification based on a public health needs assessment around chronic disease management NSFs (National Service Frameworks) that can be owned by local community, housing, primary and social care teams.

The aim is to understand both the environmental and practical determinants required for nursing care teams within an affordable 'health specification'. The aim in the first stage of the study has been to consult with local leaders, understand case management and set up a coordinated response from local agencies to the products of assistive technology. MARU are to publish the first stage methodology, a meta-analysis on the technological 'state of the art' to inform local providers and from the Units own work in the field, presenting both local and European innovative models of care and design.

The aim of the next stage in 2005 from consultation with local User groups is to evolve briefing for the local information network and health service hub. MARU will be working in partnership with Lambeth Public Health PCT and Lambeth Supporting People as well as the lead planning regeneration, housing and social care agencies supported by the Department of Health Change Agent Team.

Four themes for a future health specification

1. A new care concept for housing

What are the basic drivers?

- Maintaining independence in the home
- Avoiding hospital admission
- Getting people back to health and work
- Use technology to enhance not replace healthcare
- When is the cut-off with cognitive impairment development?

2. Housing factors

What is not being addressed?

- The drive for redesign and restructuring by health and social agencies.
- The gap between lifetime homes and housing requirements for older people.
- Methodology for the review of exiting public and private housing stock across a region.
- The scale and location of regeneration schemes - the next generation of primary care and intermediate health care estate.
- A patient-centred approach to new technology.
- Decent homes standard, more costs will have to be directed by government.

3. Staff issues

What is required for a sustainable local workforce?

- Making the care-giving attractive to the workforce.
- Overcoming existing environments that are not set up for carers.
- Accessibility from local care centre hub and integrated IT data networks.
- Recruitment aimed at training general health care assistants.

4. Process

How do we progress a shared specification?

- What stops collaboration?
- Linking this work to current government policy agendas.
- Ensuring a briefing link to the regeneration and planning agenda.



Innovative housing specification for care: the sliding bathroom wall lifted at night to prevent accidents and falls between the bathroom and the bed. Verbert Verrijat, Nursing Home Belgium.

(Phil Astley, Senior Research Fellow,, Course Director MSc Planning Buildings for Health, MARU, London South Bank University)

Partnerships for Older People Projects

The DH Older People and Disability Division is leading a project 'Partnerships for Older People Projects' (POPP). The overall aim of the project is to test and evaluate through pilots 'new' arrangements for partnership working between health, social care and local government to deliver better, coordinated care for vulnerable older people in settings appropriate to their needs and wishes. A key outcome will be to introduce incentives, which ensure that funding can be released from across the system for reinvestment in community services. The project will adopt an 'action-learning' approach identifying and disseminating 'best practice' nationally for local decisions on uptake.

The pilots, which will be led by a full range of councils in partnership with health, local government and other organisations, will be established during 2006/07 and 2007/08. They will have an outcomes focus and the strength of partnerships will be tested against agreed performance indicators.

The pilots will be centred around the following key outcomes:

- a reduction in avoidable, unplanned admissions to hospital for older people. This will include developing alternatives to hospital admissions and increasing the availability of preventative social services.
- an increase in the level of care in the community for older people to facilitate timely discharge from hospital and to support more older people.

Whilst the primary focus of this work will be on those with relatively high intensity needs, we will ask pilots to look across the spectrum of need. Services and interventions will be based on the needs of the local population and may include lower level preventative measures, where these will deliver the outcomes set out above.

During the first quarter of 2005 the Department of Health will publish a Green Paper on Adult Social care. It is expected that the pilots will help evaluate some of the principles outlined in that Paper.

Councils and their partners will be invited to apply for funding from the Department of Health in 2005. An underlying principle is that healthcare organisations are full partners in proposals to ensure a holistic approach to redesigning services.

Based on a provisional timetable of activity the Department of Health will issue a specification and

accompanying guidance during the first quarter of 2005. Initial expressions of interest will be invited by a deadline of mid-April 2005. It is expected that full plans will be invited from a shortlist during mid-May for submission by the beginning of September 2005. Successful applicants will be notified by the end of September 2005 and funding will be made available at the beginning of 2006/07 financial year.

More detailed information about the project and associated funding will be on to the Department of Health's website in March.

Getting Started in Telecare

ICES and the Change Agent Team have updated this guide. It now contains useful information on Telecare and the Single Assessment Framework and the incentives (both financial and performance related priorities) for incorporating Telecare in local strategies. Visit www.icesdoh.org for details.

Developing a cluster of Extra Care standards

The Housing LIN has commissioned the Institute of Public Care and Tribal HCH to develop a competencies framework and a service improvement assessment framework on Extra Care Housing. Working with the ODPM, Housing Corporation, CSCI and a group of stakeholders, this work will look at the variety of domains that presently help describe what Extra Care Housing is and then develop a cluster of standards that will enable users to identify both the ethos of Extra Care and "rate" their scheme and/or services against a set of agreed principles.

The LIN intends to launch this in 2006 as an on-line resource that will help commissioners, housing and care managers, and developers across housing, health and social care to set standards that they and/or older people aspire to as well as support the training and organisation needs in recruiting, retaining and mentoring staff. For an on-line demonstration of the prototype visit www.hchadapt.co.uk/extracare

New Factsheets/case study reports

There are several new LIN publications in the pipeline. These include:

- Understanding the needs of people with functional mental health and Extra Care Housing , and
- a case study review of an innovative Telecare project at Dray Court, Guildford.

"Evaluating Portland House", an extra care unit for eight people with dementia opened in February 2003. This evaluation commissioned by St Helens MBC

Social Services is available on the Housing LIN website (look under Dementia in the A-Z index)

Other publications anticipated for release in 2005 include looking at work on BME issues, the interface with the Single Assessment Process, influencing regeneration and sustainable communities, developing mixed tenure schemes, working strategically on affordable warmth, and getting a better understanding of care contracts/management arrangements in ECH. We welcome examples of policies, practices and procedures that you may have for inclusion in our "bank" of factsheets.

DATES FOR YOUR 2005 DIARY

Extra care roadshows

As reported on p1 of this e-news, the Housing LIN is planning a series of **free** Extra Care learning events between April and July 2005. Please note the following provisional dates and locations in your diary 20 April (Bham), 10 May (York) 23 May (Bristol), 7 June (York) and 5 July (London). Pre-register your interest by emailing francesb@pavpub.com. We will notify you of joining instructions nearer the time.

Innovations in Older People's Housing

We are sponsoring bursaries to small voluntary organisations for this joint event between the National Housing Federation and the Housing Association Charitable trust on 2 March in London. For details visit www.housing.org.uk or www.hact.org.uk.

Investing in healthy communities

The Housing LIN is supporting 2 regeneration conferences being put on by the NHS Confederation, the Housing Corporation and the Chartered Institute of Housing. These are taking place on 14 April in London (booking at www.nhsconfed.org/events) and 12 May in Manchester (booking at www.cih.org/training)

Designing for Inclusion

Working alongside PRP Architects, the Housing LIN is supporting this conference on 4 May 2005 in Southampton. To book your place email Sandra.Jordan@prparchitects.co.uk

Regional LIN Meetings

If you would like to be actively involved in the Housing LIN regional networks, please email your contact details to housinglin@e-a-c.demon.co.uk and specify which regional grouping(s) you come under. The regional meetings are organised on a first come, first

served basis so to avoid disappointment it is always best to confirm your availability a.s.a.p.

We also like to hold meetings at Extra Care or related schemes so that we can combine the meeting with a study-visit. This enables LIN members to share experiences, exchange information and build on practice.

The LIN regional groupings are: London & the SE, West Midlands, East Midlands, South West, West of England, NE, Yorks & Humber, NW and Eastern LINs. In some areas there are county based sub-regional LINs or Metropolitan area based LINs.

The regional meetings are advertised on our website under "Events".

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@e-a-c.demon.co.uk.

We welcome your contributions

