

Care Services Improvement Partnership **HOUSING WITH CARE MATTERS**

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NEWS UPDATE - DH Extra Care Housing Fund

Minister announces Extra Care awards

Speaking at the Laing & Buisson Extra Care Housing conference today, Ivan Lewis, Secretary of State for Social Care announced 14 successful bids for the Department of Health's £40million 2007/2008 Extra Care Housing fund. The successful bids from authorities with social services responsibilities are a mix of new build and remodelled schemes.

Bolton	Luton
Bristol	Northumberland
Derby	Nottinghamshire
East Sussex	Oldham
LB Greenwich	St Helens
LB Richmond	Sheffield
LB Southwark	Stockport

The fund was oversubscribed by fourfold this year, with 43 bids submitted in total. There was close attention to the Department's White Paper, *Our health, our care, our say*, with specific focus on improved health outcomes, value for money, partnership, and strategic fit. More details on the programme will be provided in the next enews.

The Housing LIN will also be running learning events for those authorities and partners who were unsuccessful on this occasion. Details to follow shortly.

POLICY UPDATE

Disabled Facilities Grants

On the 18th January the Department for Communities and Local Government announced a consultation on proposals aiming to widen the scope and improve the delivery of the Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) by making the application process more flexible, easier and quicker.

The three month consultation follows on from recommendations made in an independent report on the DFG programme commissioned by the Government and undertaken by Bristol University.

The Government has made available £126m for the DFG programme in England for 2008-08, an increase of 5% on the annual amount for 2006-07.

For further details on the consultation and how to take part go to www.communities.gov.uk/index.asp?id=1505528

(See also the Policy briefing under New CSIP publications below)

Social Enterprise

Social Enterprises are organisations that are run along business lines, but where any profits are reinvested into the community or into service developments. Encouraging social enterprise in health and social care is a key part of the patient-led reforms.

In October 2006, the [Social Enterprise Unit](#) invited applications to be part of its social enterprise pathfinder project. The learning from the pathfinders will be shared across health and social care, so that others can benefit from their experience. For information on the successful pathfinders - several include reference to housing such as the Leicester Homelessness Project - and further information on Social Enterprise go to <http://www.dh.gov.uk/socialenterprise>

Government Confirmation of Communities England

The Government has today announced [proposals for a new agency](#) to deliver regeneration and housing in a major shake-up of the way it supports the delivery of new homes and develops mixed, sustainable communities in England.

The proposed agency - *Communities England* - will bring together the functions of English Partnerships, the Housing Corporation, and a range of work carried out by the Department, including delivery in the areas

of decent homes, housing market renewal, housing PFI, housing growth and urban regeneration. More information at:

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/index.asp?id=1002882&PressNoticeID=2334>

Supporting People Outcomes Briefing

Communities and Local Government and a working group of Supporting People authorities and providers have been developing a national service user outcomes framework. This aims to measure contributions to national and local objectives as well as capture the value added by a service to its user. It aims to measure how the programme is assisting Local Area Agreements in the delivery of both local targets and those of government. For further information visit www.spkweb.org.uk

The Rising Cost Of Dementia In The UK: Are We Prepared?

A new report by the Alzheimer's Society states that by 2050 the number of people with dementia in the UK will more than double to 1.8 million. For more details visit www.careandhealth.com

NEW CSIP PUBLICATIONS

Local Government White Paper Briefings: Strong and Prosperous Communities

CSIP Networks have produced two briefings on the Local Government White Paper published in October 2006.

[The first briefing](#) offers a summary of the key changes proposed and their significance for local care partnerships. The briefing provides background information to the White Paper; it can be downloaded from the Integrated Care Network website at <http://www.icn.csip.org.uk/index.cfm?pid=10&catalogueContentID=887>

The Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) has recently published an implementation plan available from the Integrated Care Network website at <http://www.icn.csip.org.uk/index.cfm?pid=101&catalogueContentID=885>

[The second briefing](#) offers a summary of the key changes proposed and their significance for individuals and organisations working in housing and can be found at <http://www.cat.csip.org.uk/library/docs/Housing/Briefing07.pdf>, on our website under 'Briefings' in the A-Z index

Disabled Facilities Grant Review Briefing

CSIP networks has produced a [briefing on a new consultation](#) paper produced by the DCLG. Views are invited by 13 April 2007. The briefing sets out a summary of the proposals and can be found at <http://www.cat.csip.org.uk/library/docs/Housing/Briefing08.pdf> on our website under 'Briefings' in the A-Z index.

OTHER USEFUL PUBLICATIONS

A Recipe for Care – Not a Single Ingredient Clinical Case for Change

[Report by Professor Ian Philp](#), National Director for Older People (DH). The report looks at how reconfiguring specialist services to bring care closer to home will make a big difference to the lives of older people and their families. It addresses the challenges and identifies the key elements of older people's care. Download from <http://www.dh.gov.uk/assetRoot/04/14/24/27/04142427.pdf>

RESEARCH

Research Summary no 42 (PSSRU) - Scoping Extra Care Housing for Older People

[The summary reports](#) on the level of extra care housing (ECH) in a sample of local authorities, and ECH leads' views of the barriers and supports to its development. This paper can be found at http://www.cat.csip.org.uk/library/docs/Housing/Echmodels/PSSRU_ECH_researchSummary42.pdf, on our website under 'Planning' in the A-Z index.

'Good Practice in involving service users'

The **Tenant Participation Advisory Service** (TPAS) are working with LIN to collect and share good practice examples from the housing sector about how service users are involved in influencing decisions about housing. LIN members will be contacted with a brief survey about your experience and you will be asked to provide any examples you have of good practice. TPAS will also contact organizations on it's database of contacts. TPAS need to establish 'what good practice is' what it actually looks like for real as a bench mark to measure your examples against. To



help with this process they are looking at the criteria others have for determining what good practice is eg Chartered Institute of Housing, Housing Corporation. They are also looking at guidance in the TPAS Pinpoint Quality Toolkit and the Key Lines of Enquiry used by the Audit Commission to help develop a framework of what good practice in involving service users in housing services should look like.

TPAS will be consulting a small reference group of service users to help with determining the good practice criteria from their perspective too.

It would help TPAS had a view from LIN members about what you think the criteria for being recognized as good practice should be.

Once TPAS have all this feedback the 'good practice' criteria will be finalized and the survey on the LIN website and to TPAS members asking for any good practice examples which meet the criteria provided be sent to TPAS to be included in a learning matrix to be shared with all LIN members. The Service user reference group consulted about the Good practice criteria will be consulted about the shortlist of examples presented for inclusion to check from a service user perspective that the examples do meet the criteria.

If you have any thoughts or views on what the good practice criteria should include please email info@tpas.org.uk by 12 February and mark for the attention of Carole Amer.

Housing and Dementia Survey

Calling anyone who commissions or provides any of the following:

- Extra Care, sheltered or general needs housing in any sector
- Social or health care to people with dementia in any of the above
- Care and repair agencies
- Housing-related support services
- Telecare and assistive technology to people in their own homes

We still need more responses to the HOUSING AND DEMENTIA SURVEY. In order to develop the Housing LIN programme of events and papers for the coming year we want to know from you:

What would you like more information about to help improve services for people with dementia?

You can EITHER fill in the questionnaire at the following link:

http://www.changeagentteam.org.uk/library/docs/Housing/Dementia/HousingandDementia_survey030107.doc

OR simply e-mail me with your thoughts. Please be as clear and specific as you can be. Please return your thoughts or questionnaires to me at Sue@suegarwood.co.uk by the end of February. (If you send an e-mail rather than a completed questionnaire, it would be helpful to know what organisation you work for to assist with targeting the programme.)

NEWS

An Extra Care Housing Kitemark and a new ECH website

The Department of Health wants to see provision continue to grow, new providers entering the market and new models developed. But a prerequisite for a healthy market is that older people – the customers – feel they understand and can trust the product. That is why the Housing LIN is delighted at the progress being made within the Extra Care Industry Forum, supported by DH (through CSIP) and the Housing Corporation, towards a voluntary kitemarking system for extra care.

The work of the Forum is ongoing, but the indications are that its recommendations, to be put before the industry later this year, will focus primarily on information. A protocol will ensure that all providers of housing-with-care give a clear explanation of what their particular model comprises, what it aims to deliver in terms of results or ‘outcomes’ for customers, and how they measure the outcomes achieved in practice.

A kitemark of this kind would be something wholly different from the well developed codes of practice that already exist for sheltered housing, and the quality control of care services imposed by CSCI. It would help strengthen this new market by educating customers about what extra care has to offer, whilst demanding that providers prove that they deliver what they promise. You can learn more about the work of the Forum on a new website appropriately named www.extracarehousing.org.uk created by the charity EAC (Elderly Accommodation Counsel).

NEWS FROM THE REGIONS

Trent Dementia Services Development Centre

have announced that their Assistive Technology Dementia website is now ‘live’. It can be found at

www.atdementia.org.uk. It will include a discussion forum. Comments about the site are welcome. The contact is Deborah Hutchings at dhutchings@trentdsdc.org.uk

UK Housing schemes for older people are among the very best in Europe

Three UK housing schemes for older people have received awards for best practice in design excellence across Europe.

The three winning UK schemes received awards from the prestigious WELHOPS (Welfare Housing Policies for Older People) project this month in a series of award ceremonies, while award winners in Europe received their awards in December 2006. See www.welhops.net.

The WELHOPS Steering Group from Italy, Spain, Sweden, Hungary and the UK examined 45 European housing schemes this year, awarding 12 in recognition of best practice and excellent design, 3 of which were British. All 12 schemes will feature in the WELHOPS housing design guide to illustrate good practice.

The three winning UK schemes are:

- **Darwin Court, London - Peabody Trust**

Darwin Court, in a deprived part of London, was seen a beacon of good housing for older people with its generous amount of community space, excellent IT facilities, swimming pool and roof terraces which made use of optimum space in a built up area.

- **Sonali Gardens, London - Circle Anglia and London Borough of Tower Hamlets**

Sonali Gardens showed how successfully cultural and faith needs can be met to create a happy atmosphere for staff, residents and the local community. Again, situated in a deprived area, Sonali Gardens still set high standards for its lifetime homes which were light and airy with good quality communal areas and much loved “Golden Gardens”

- **New Larchwood, Brighton - Hanover Housing Association and Brighton & Hove City Council**

New Larchwood is the most recently built of all three schemes, being completed in summer 2006. This impressive development incorporates the greatest range of accessibility and variety of communal areas, offering a café, shop, cinema for residents, library and a new GP surgery which serves the whole community.

For more information on WELHOPS, please visit www.welhops.net

EVENTS

“Closing campuses: Challenges and the way forward”

Monday 26th February, 10.30-3.30, Skipton House, Elephant and Castle, London.

The Valuing People Support Team with partners are implementing strategies to develop the work that must happen to close NHS campuses and to support the people who currently live in them. This development day is part of this ongoing support.

It is open to providers and commissioners who are involved in planning and implementing closure strategies. Further details from Yvonne Maxwell Yvonne.maxwell@dh.gsi.gov.uk

Managing New Realities conference, London 5 & 6 March 2007

Managing New Realities: an opportunity for professionals in the health, social care and housing sectors to forge a common, innovative and challenging agenda for adult service development.

See agenda and list of speakers at www.pavpub.com/mnr

The standard delegate rate for Managing New Realities 2007 is £595 + VAT (for-profit organisation), £495 + VAT (statutory organisation) and £350 + VAT (voluntary sector), which includes lunch, refreshments, and conference materials across the two days, but does not include accommodation or dinner. However we there is a special rate for LIN members of £ 300+VAT for the two days.

Delegate places are limited, so to book your place, please call 0870 890 1080 and quote MNR07/LIN.

Effective Commissioning in NHS Continuing Care

CSIP's ICN is pleased to announce a [national conference, London, 14 March 2007](#), on Effective Commissioning in NHS Continuing Care. With the forthcoming launch of the NHS National Framework for Continuing Care and the new Commissioning Framework for the NHS, this is a timely conference which will look at the issues around commissioning for NHS Continuing Care, examples of how effective commissioning can impact on both the quality and choice of care at the same time as providing value for money. Further information at <http://www.icn.csip.org.uk/index.cfm?pid=17&eventID=46> or contact nick.mikeangelo@dh.gsi.gov.uk

Regional Housing LIN events

Eastern Region LIN

7 February 2007 (Haughley, Stowmarket) on leasehold extra care housing

North East LIN

28 February 2007 (Middlesbrough)

Yorks & Humberside LIN

8 March 2007 (Barnsley)

East Midlands LIN

28 March 2007 (Nottingham)

West Midlands LIN

29 March 200 (Dudley)

West Midlands LIN

17 May 2007 (Birmingham)

West Midlands LIN

1 November 2007 (Walsall)

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

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

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)
- **DVD** Embracing Diversity - A look at housing with care
- CD Rom Embracing Diversity - Housing LIN Resources related to the Embracing Diversity DVD

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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