

HOUSING WITH CARE MATTERS



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Happy New Year!

NEWS UPDATE

New role for the Housing LIN?

As reported in our previous e-news, the Change Agent Team, including the work of the Housing LIN, is planned to become part of a new agency called the Care Service Improvement Partnership (CSIP).

CSIP will bring together a number of specialist Department of Health agencies that lead on managing change and supporting policy into practice around children and adult services. Full details are available in a CSIP consultation paper at www.csipconsultation.org.uk. You are invited to email/send in your comments on the proposals and state how you wish to see the services, information and support you currently access delivered under any new arrangements. This could help strengthen the housing with care dimension under CSIP and the future work of the Housing LIN. The deadline for comments is 25 January 2005.

Extra Care Housing Fund announcement

We have had a number of requests about when the Minister is likely to announce the successful bids for 2005/06. We hope to make an announcement of the date shortly.

Change of address

Please note that the Change Agent Team have moved offices to Wellington House, LG33, 135-155 Waterloo Road, London SE1 8UG

For further information, contact the **Housing Learning & Improvement Network** tel: 020 7820 1682;
or email housinglin@e-a-c.demon.co.uk
or write to Housing LIN c/o EAC, 3rd Floor, 89 Albert Embankment, London SE1 7TP

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Conferences

The Housing LIN is supporting a range of national and regional learning events in the New Year that will add to the knowledge of housing, care and support for older people. These include:

- Laing & Buisson Annual Assisted Living conference on 23 February 2005 in London, see <http://www.laingbuisson.co.uk/extracare05.htm>
- Futurecare@home conference at the Building Research Establishment on 24 February 2005 in Watford see at http://www.integerproject.co.uk/meeting_booking.html
- National Housing Federation *Innovations in Older People's Housing* conference on 2 March 2005. For details, see <http://www.housing.org.uk/prodserv/conferences/index.asp>.

In addition, following the joint publication Health and Housing briefing with the Chartered Institute of Housing (CIH), we are in discussion with the CIH and the NHS Confederation about two events in April and May. These will focus on building sustainable communities involving health, housing and regeneration, and a designated afternoon session *Smarter choices for older people* at the CIH annual conference on 22 June 2005 in Harrogate. Nigel Crisp, Chief Executive of the NHS has kindly agreed to speak at this event.

We are also planning to hold another stimulating annual conference with PRP Architects on Designing for Old Age. This will take place in May 2005 in Southampton. Details to be announced shortly.

If you would like to showcase good practice or an innovative project or design at one of these events, please email housinglin@e-a-c.demon.co.uk.

NEW PUBLICATIONS

Factsheets

We have published several new factsheets and case studies on the Housing LIN website at www.changeagentteam.org.uk/housing. These include:

- An Introduction into Workforce Issues in Extra Care Housing (No. 9)
- Refurbishing or Remodelling Sheltered Housing: a checklist for developing Extra Care (No. 10)
- An Introduction to Extra Care Housing and Intermediate Care (No. 11)
- An Introduction to Extra Care Housing in Rural Areas (No. 12)
- Eco Housing: Taking Extra Care with Environmentally Friendly Design (No. 13)
- Supporting People with Dementia in Extra Care Housing: an introduction to the issues (No. 14), (a limited number of CD-ROM on Extra Care Housing and Dementia *My Own front door*, narrated by Judi Dench and Gavin Campbell, will also be available from housinglin@e-a-c.demon.co.uk in the spring).

Case study reports

As part of examination of issues affecting older people from black and minority ethnic (BME) groups, we have published a case study (No. 6) on Sonali Gardens, an Extra Care Housing scheme managed by Epic Trust in Tower Hamlets.

If you manage or are seeking to develop a scheme for BME elders, we would be interested to receive contributions from you for a forthcoming fact sheet. Email housinglin@e-a-c.demon.co.uk with your examples.

We have also two new case studies: *How to get an Extra Care Programme in Practice* (No. 6) and *Sonali Gardens - an Extra Care Scheme for Bangladeshi and Asian Elders* (No. 7), both available at www.changeagentteam.org.uk/housing.

Workbook and CD-ROM

Due to a large demand for the Strategic Commissioning workbook and CD-ROM launched at the Commissioning conference last month, we are currently reproducing a limited number of additional copies of *Strategic Moves* on CD-ROM. These will be available shortly. Email us to pre-order your free copy.

In the pipeline

We have commissioned a large body of work that will interest Housing LIN members. These will be issued during the year and include:

- a collection "blue sky" thinking on housing, health and social care by 2025 to coincide with the Futurecare@home conference on 24 February 2005
- a template for developing strategies for accommodation and care for an ageing population. This is based on "whole-systems" site work undertaken in several local economies, commissioned by the Change Agent Team
- a report on developing regional Extra Care Housing strategies. This is based on work currently being undertaken for the LIN in the Government Office region - Yorkshire and Humber
- a series of case study reports on services for people with learning disabilities, homelessness, developing intermediate care and on direct payments, tackling health inequalities and urban renewal, affordable warmth, health promotion and telecare, and
- further factsheets on mixed-tenure schemes, regeneration, and functional mental health.

SUPPORTING PEOPLE Health Pilots

Progress update December 2004

The *Supporting People* health pilot programme launched in 2004 was developed to support commissioning bodies and service providers wishing to develop their partnerships with health

and social care services. Although the six pilots are in their early stages, a number of themes have emerged which may be of interest to a wider audience. This 2-pages document is on our website *Supporting People* page <http://www.changeagentteam.org.uk/index.cfm?pid=187>

RESEARCH UPDATE

Home Improvement Agencies

We have commissioned a short piece of work with a sample of agencies (including Disabled Persons' Housing Services, other not-for-profit agencies and private companies) to investigate the strategic links with Primary Care Trusts, NHS Trusts and other health agencies. We are keen to gather examples where there are sound relationships, and the contribution they make to the local health economy, as well as where there is no partnership working. If you have any information, reports or evaluations that may contribute to this research, email housinglin@e-a-c.demon.co.uk

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

