

# HOUSING WITH CARE MATTERS



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## **BREAKING NEWS**

### ***Minister announces approved bids***

Speaking at a Laing & Buisson Conference on Extra Care Housing on 25<sup>th</sup> February, Health Minister Stephen Ladyman unveiled the 16 -successful bids that would receive a share of the first year funding from the Department of Health's Extra Care Housing Fund that was announced last year.

The 16 -schemes comprise:

Eleven bids providing 927 units of extra care housing based in the council areas of Brighton & Hove, East Riding, Enfield, Havering, Liverpool, Milton Keynes, Northamptonshire, Peterborough, Staffordshire, Stoke-on-Trent, West Sussex. These are mainly new build, but with some remodelled schemes or a mixture of both.

Five bids that will improve communal facilities in order to qualify as extra care housing. Providing 495 extra care housing units, these will be based in Haringey, Salford, Swindon, Warrington and Worcestershire.

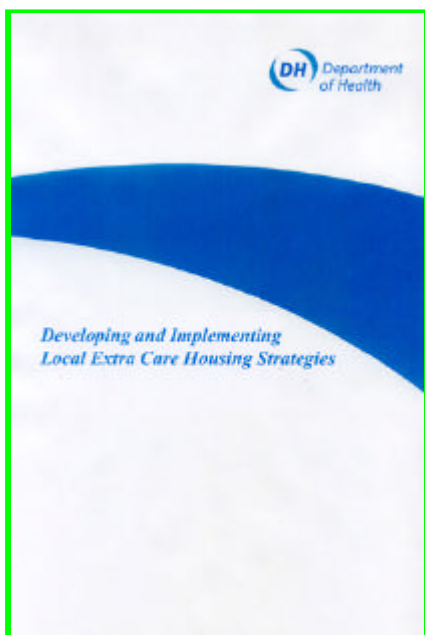
A number of authorities who bid to the Extra Care Housing Fund also made bids to the Housing Corporation Approved Development Programme (ADP). We have worked in partnership with colleagues from the Housing Corporation, in order to deliver best value from the available capital. A number of schemes that could not be funded through the Extra Care Housing Fund are being considered for ADP funds. Final decisions and announcements on these will be made at the same time as the Housing Corporation ADP announcement.

To make best use of the monies available in 2004/5 we have decided to follow best practice of the Housing Corporation and pre-allocate some of the funding for 2005/6. Pre-allocated schemes may be brought forward into 2004/5. Where this is not possible bids will be guaranteed priority for funding in 2005/6. Six bids, two in Warrington and one each based in Gateshead, Gloucestershire, Herefordshire and Leeds, were identified for pre-allocation at a total cost of £17m from the 2005/6 fund of £58m and will provide a further 306 new extra care places.

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

## RESOURCES AND INFORMATION

### New toolkit on developing Extra Care housing strategies



The Housing LIN launched a new toolkit to enable commissioners and providers to develop a more rigorous approach to developing and implementing Extra Care housing strategies.

Prepared by the Institute of Public Care for the Housing LIN, and in partnership with several LIN members, this toolkit will be recommended in the guidance accompanying the Department's 2005/06 bidding round. Copies can be downloaded from the Housing LIN web-pages. Tailor-made workshops will also be held in the coming months as part of dissemination of the learning from Round One of the Extra Care housing bid arrangements (see workshops below for details).

#### Latest factsheet from the Housing LIN

To coincide with the forthcoming Assistive Technology conference sponsored by Hanover Housing Association (see events section), the Housing LIN has produced a new factsheet on Assistive Technology and Extra Care housing. It can be downloaded from our web-pages along with other factsheets in the series.

Other factsheets in preparation for 2004 include:

- Extra Care housing and intermediate care
- Supporting People and Extra Care housing
- Extra Care housing and rural communities
- Extra Care housing for people with dementia
- Design and development
- Extra Care housing and user involvement
- Workforce planning and Extra Care housing

## FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES AND LEARNING EVENTS

### Housing LIN workshops: *Enhancing the housing with care choices for older people*

Following the Minister's announcement of the successful bids for Extra Care housing in 2004/05, the Housing LIN will be running a series of free regional workshops on developing and implementing Extra Care housing strategies. We hope that these will be taking place on:

- 27 April 2004, Birmingham
- 30 April 2004, Taunton
- 6 May 2004, Leeds
- 18 May 2004, Manchester
- 20 May 2004, London

Visit our web-page for latest dates, venues and booking arrangements

### Conferences supported by the Housing LIN

The Housing LIN is supporting a number of conferences with partners that focus on Extra Care housing and models of housing and care for older people. Places still available for:

- Extra Care housing and retirement housing communities, 28 April 2004, Birmingham (contact Pavilion for details)
- Smart thinking: Smart solutions, 10/11 May 2004, UMIST, Manchester (contact Pavilion for details)
- Designing for Old Age, 17 May 2004, UMIST, Manchester (contact PRP Architects for details)

- Housing LIN Policy Fringe, Chartered Institute of Housing Annual Conference, 17 June 2004, Harrogate (contact Housing LIN for details)

### Other expert seminars: *Implement Change, Learning from examples*

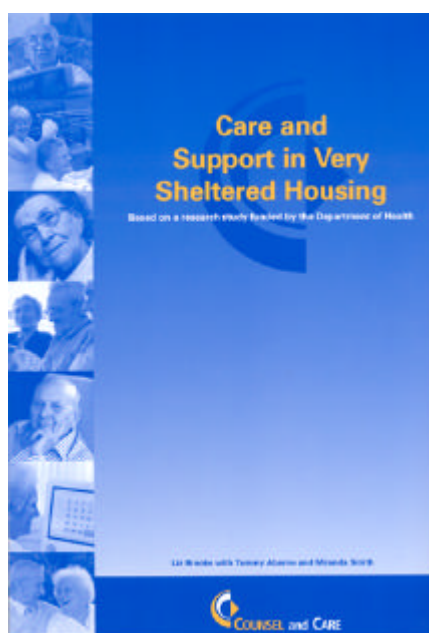
The Housing LIN is pleased to announce a series of free local learning events on Assistive Technology with the Audit Commission and the Integrating Community Equipment Service (ICES). These events compliment the recent publication of the Audit Commission report *Keeping Independent: Assistive Technology* and the ICES guide *A practical pack of information and resources for implementing telecare and telehealth*, and will be held in June and July 2004

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## USEFUL PUBLICATIONS

### Care and Support in Very Sheltered Housing

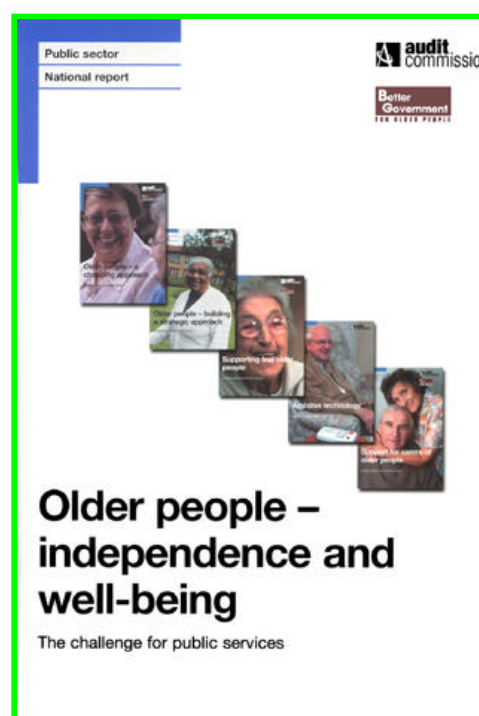
This report was written by Counsel and Care and is based on research funded by the Department of Health



The report is divided into sections which explore the themes of communications, assessing needs and planning services, meeting needs in a scheme; physical, personal and social wellbeing; and disadvantage and differences. Each section also includes a summary of relevant standards and guidance (pre-the DH bidding guidance), and recommendations for good practice.

Copies can be obtained by emailing [advice@counselandcare.org.uk](mailto:advice@counselandcare.org.uk) or Tel No: 020 7241 8555

**Keeping Independent Older People - Independence and well-being: The challenge for public services** encapsulates the main messages from the five supporting reports and sets out how to take forward the many recommendations made.



Details and order reports [www.audit-commission.gov.uk/olderpeople](http://www.audit-commission.gov.uk/olderpeople)

## A resource pack for implementing telecare and telehealth

This pack is based on the work of the Integrating Community Equipment Team (ICES) and the Change Agent Team at the Department of Health. The aim of the pack is to provide a useful resource for commissioners, managers and practitioners to implement telecare for the benefit of people living in the local community.

The resource pack can be downloaded from [www.icesdoh.org](http://www.icesdoh.org)  
020 8995 0880

## Well-being leaflets: *Take extra care of your....*

Extra Care Charitable Trust's Well-being Service have produced a series of nine leaflets with practical advice and information on a range of health related issues for older people.



Copies of the leaflets are available from ECCT at [betterlives@extracare.org.uk](mailto:betterlives@extracare.org.uk)

## PROMOTE YOUR WORK

The Housing LIN is keen to promote examples of good practice, reports and/or events that relate to housing with care for older people from a variety of sources. If you would like us to include reference to these, please send details to Alex Billeter at [housinglin@e-a-c.demon.co.uk](mailto:housinglin@e-a-c.demon.co.uk) or in writing to the Housing LIN, Department of Health, c/o EAC, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, 89 Albert Embankment. London SE1 7TP.

**We welcome your contributions!**

## HOUSING LIN WEBSITE

The Department of Health is in the process of modernising its website. The Housing LIN webpages will soon be fully accessible again; they will have a different address which we will email to all the members immediately it is fixed. Meanwhile access to the incomplete webpages and to the Discussion Forum can be gained from the home page of the new DH website [www.dh.gov.uk](http://www.dh.gov.uk) by entering "Housing LIN" in the "Search this site" box, and then clicking on the 1<sup>st</sup> proposed article.

## LIN for COMMISSIONING BETTER CARE for OLDER PEOPLE

A new Learning and Improvement Network for Better Commissioning will be launched in mid-March aiming to bring together senior staff from local authority social services, primary care trusts, independent sector care providers and housing providers who are interested in forging better working relationships in commissioning better care for older people.

The Better Commissioning LIN will be established, run and financed by the Health and Social Care Change Agent Team in partnership with DH policy colleagues. It is supported nationally by Association of Directors of Social Services (ADSS), national organisations representing the independent care sector and the National Primary and Care Trust Development Programme (NatPaCT).