

HOUSING WITH CARE MATTERS



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NEWS ON EXTRA CARE HOUSING

The Department of Health 2005-2006 funding round

The Department of Health (DH) have released details for making bids for the Extra Care housing funding in Year Two of the Access and Systems Capacity Grant programme.

In 2004/05, £29million was allocated together with a pre-allocation of £17.7million. For 2005/06, the remaining £40.3million has been allocated, including £2.32million for adults with learning disabilities.

Information on the bidding criteria for social services authorities and their partners, the bidding documents/spreadsheet and other supporting material are available on the DH's Housing Learning & Improvement Network (LIN) website at www.changeagentteam.org.uk/housing.

Key dates to note:

October 2004 – bids to be received by the Department of Health

January 2005 – bid approvals to be announced

To provide greater consistency across all bids this year, bids should include the following:

- a coherent structure with index
- a summary sheet with a details of the bid, bidding partnership and contact details
- a project delivery plan approved by project partners
- undertake to start on site before 31 March 2006
- confirm other capital funding sources required
- confirm that nomination agreements are agreed with partners
- confirm that adequate revenue funding is committed
- reference to local strategies and plans
- additional information including if possible architects plans **(contd. on page 2)**

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

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All bids will need to be submitted electronically to:

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If you have difficulty downloading the bidding documents or require further information, email the Housing Learning & Improvement Network at housinglin@e-a-c.demon.co.uk or visit our discussion forum and post questions at www.changeagentteam.org.uk/housing.

Finally, Extra Care housing is about developing sustainable housing with care solutions for older people. The recent announcement by the Chancellor of the Exchequer of a further allocation of £60million from the Spending Review for the period 2006-2008 is welcome news. The Housing LIN will continue to provide further details of funding, policy and practice developments and keep you updated on opportunities for shared learning and local, regional and national events.

DEVELOPING A CODE OF PRACTICE

In recognition of the variety of descriptors for Extra Care Housing (also known as very sheltered housing), the Department of Health is working with a consortium of policy makers and social housing, private sector and care providers to develop an overarching code of practice for Extra Care housing. This work will draw on existing regulatory and performance assessment requirements such as:

- the Housing Corporation at www.housingcorp.gov.uk
- Supporting People Quality Assessment Frameworks at www.spkweb.org.uk
- the new Annex on Extra Care Housing in the Code of Practice for Sheltered Housing developed by the Centre for Sheltered Housing Studies at www.cshs.co.uk
- the Association of Retirement Housing Managers at www.arhm.org
- the Commission for Social Care Inspection at www.csci.org.uk

The aim of this work is to provide greater clarity for older people making an informed choice about their housing with care options, as well as for the sector as a whole concerned about the over regulation and inspection of Extra Care housing. We intend to make further announcements on progress in the autumn.

MAKING BEST USE OF THE HOUSING LIN**A view from Southampton**

Heather Christiansen, Community Care Officer at Southampton City Council writes, "The Housing LIN really does deliver its promises; in this case it was about meeting its aims and objectives of sharing what works and to facilitate good practice in local settings.

In Southampton we are monitoring and evaluating the extra care project based in one of our sheltered schemes to help us identify what will or will not work locally. We identified a dilemma

More NEWS ON EXTRA CARE**Housing Corporation approvals 2004/06**

The Housing Corporation has announced that it is funding 45 new Extra Care schemes via its annual development programme totalling 1432 units. This programme does not include HC/DH joint funded schemes or those funded through the DH Extra Care programme.

Region	Schemes	Units	ADP
LONDON	12	317	27,732,513
SOUTH WEST	7	250	14,060,802
NW & MERSEYSIDE	4	99	5,970,010
NORTH EAST	4	146	11,575,052
EAST	6	180	10,980,000
YORKS & HUMBERSIDE	10	374	18,386,994
SOUTH EAST	2	66	4,295,778
TOTAL	45	1432	93,001,149

when we considered what policy approach we should adopt for a surviving spouse/partner who does not need extra care housing but who is left living in specialised accommodation and not needing it.

We posted a question on the Housing LIN Discussion Forum and received over 25 responses. The level of response demonstrated the support and advice people and organisations are happy to share with others. The views and suggestions and indeed some existing policies will help shape the policy approaches in Southampton.

Finally, I would like to say that the discussion has helped me tremendously in further formulating and reviewing my thoughts and views on extra care. A big thank you to the Housing LIN too for pulling a lot of the material together."

A briefing of the findings from the Discussion Forum are available on the Housing LIN webpages at www.changeagentteam.org.uk/housing or email housinglin@e-a-c.demon.co.uk

RESOURCES AND INFORMATION

New website address

Following restructuring of the Department of Health's website, information on the Housing LIN can now be found directly through the Change Agent Team site at www.changeagentteam.org.uk/housing.

Look for **Housing** under **Improving services for older people**. We apologise for any inconvenience caused whilst migrating the systems.

Spotlight on Housing and Health

In partnership with the Chartered Institute of Housing (CIH), the Housing LIN published a useful introductory briefing on the links between housing and health. It sets out the main Government policy themes and provides examples of joint working and partnership arrangements across housing, health and social care economies.



Further copies are available free of charge from the Housing LIN, email housinglin@e-a-c.demon.co.uk to request a copy.

LATEST CASE STUDY REPORT AND FACTSHEETS

Achieving success with extra care housing

This case study report for the Housing LIN by Contact Consulting draws on the experience of providers of Extra Care Housing, tested against the experience and perspectives of commissioners and those responsible for developing local housing and older people's strategies. It can be downloaded at www.changeagentteam.org.uk/housing.

The study began prior to the implementation of the Department of Health's (DH) Extra Care Housing funding programme but highlights a number of good practice points and obstacles to achieving success in the development of extra care schemes for older people. These will be extremely useful in this year's DH bidding round as well as accessing other future capital funding opportunities eg grants, private finance/loan arrangements.

Clearly set out, the case study outlines the key determinants for success. This includes the need for a strategic fit, a knowledge of the product/market, good relationships/partnering amongst all stakeholders, land and design issues, costed revenue and capital financial

modelling, and the outcomes to be achieved to support the independence of older people.

Factsheet no. 6 - Good design

On 17 May 2004 at the Designing for Old Age conference in Manchester, the Housing LIN launched a new factsheet on design principles for extra care housing. Produced by PRP Architects, it gives basic information about the key design principles and issues to consider when designing and developing a brief for a new extra care housing scheme. The factsheet can be downloaded from our webpages along with other factsheets in the series.

Factsheet no. 7 - Involving the private sector

On 24 June 2004 at the Association of Retirement Housing Conference (ARHM) in Malvern, the Housing LIN launched its factsheet on developing greater participation and involvement with the private sector. Produced by the ARHM, the factsheet seeks to forge closer links between commissioners of housing with care and the private sector and provides the framework for developing sustainable partnerships in the light of this year's DH extra care funding round. The factsheet can be downloaded from our webpages along with other factsheets in the series.

Factsheet no. 8 - User involvement and extra care housing

This fact sheet, prepared by the Housing, Care and Support Partnership, provides detailed information on involving older people in the management, business planning, commissioning and the delivery of support care and services. It provides a helpful overview of the regulatory framework and references to relevant standards and good practice.

Other factsheets commissioned for later this year include:

- Extra care housing for people with dementia
- Extra care housing for people and rural communities
- Extra Care housing and mental health issues amongst older people
- Extra Care housing for black and minority ethnic older people

FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES AND LEARNING EVENTS

Conferences supported by the Housing LIN

The Housing LIN is supporting a number of conferences with partners that focus on both Extra Care housing and the role housing plays in delivering integrated services for older and vulnerable people. Dates for your diary include

- Bringing Health & Housing Together to Help Build Local Communities - Integrated housing and care conference, 29 September 2004, London (in partnership with the CIH, NHF and Integrated Care Network)
- Investing in Healthier Communities, 7 October 2004, York (in partnership with People for Action)
- Better Commissioning and Extra Care housing, 20 October 2004, Newcastle (ADSS annual conference)

USEFUL PUBLICATIONS

Now you see me... now you don't: how are older citizens included in regeneration?

This report was jointly commissioned by Age Concern England, Beth Johnson Foundation, Better Government for Older People, and Care & Repair England.



It aims to raise the profile of older people in regeneration initiatives and identifies policy and practice issues that enable older people and create barriers to successful involvement. Copies can be obtained from Care & Repair England or downloaded from their website www.careandrepair-england.org.uk

Two new publications from RNIB Cymru

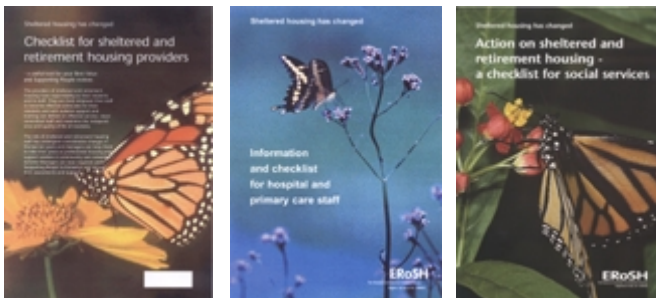
The Royal National Institute of the Blind in Wales have published two helpful guides that set out recommendations for ensuring people with sight loss can live safely and independently in their own home. *Housing Sight* provides detailed information on building accessible homes and is aimed at people involved in the design, development, management and delivery of housing. Whilst *Adapting Homes* is a good resource for those involved in providing adaptations to existing homes to meet the needs of people with sight loss. Both guides are illustrated with checklists and good practice, and start from taking an inclusive approach to housing.

Copies are available in all formats from <http://onlineshop.rnib.org.uk>

New and revised leaflets from EROSH

EROSH produces a range of leaflets on sheltered housing and its benefits. The latest leaflet is on domiciliary care and sheltered housing. This joins other leaflets in the series including:

- A checklist for sheltered housing providers
- A checklist for hospital and primary care staff
- A checklist for social services



These can all be downloaded from www.shelteredhousing.org

Introducing Assistive Technology into Older People's existing homes: feasibility, acceptability, cost and outcomes

This research report is about older people, the houses they live in and the role of assistive technology enabling them to live independently as possible in their own homes. It builds on earlier work of the Royal Commission on Long Term Care and considers how far, and at what cost existing housing stock can be modified with assistive technology.

Copies of the report are available from www.kcl.ac.uk/acig

Telecare pack

We reported on this and the Audit Commission report *Assistive Technology: independence and well-being*, Report 4 in our spring edition – the pack is now available on the ICES website at www.icesdoh.org/telecare

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. If you have promotional material, articles or features you would like 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

Please use your Discussion Forum on www.changeagentteam.org.uk/housing

GETTING INVOLVED

The Housing LIN now facilitates a number of regional LIN forums in England. If you would like more information on our regional programme, or would be willing to develop further networks in your area, contact housinglin@e-a-c.demon.co.uk