

# HOUSING WITH CARE MATTERS



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## NEWS UPDATE

### Preventative Technology Grant

On 19 July 2005, The new Health Minister, Liam Byrne, announced the launch of the Preventative Technology Grant at the *Investing in Telecare* conference in London. £80 million will be made available to local authorities through the Preventative Technologies Grant in the two years from April 2006.

Telecare involves the use of technology to support the delivery of care to people in their own homes or in the wider community. Evidence indicates that telecare can bring substantial benefits in providing people with greater choice over their care and support by:

- assisting people to remain in their own homes,
- enhancing the delivery of home care and support services
- reducing inappropriate hospital admissions, and
- facilitating discharge from hospital

The Department of Health (DH) has issued policy guidance, *Building Telecare in England*, on the use of the Preventative Technology Grant and on the telecare policy more generally to local authorities, PCTs and local partner.

The guidance is accompanied by a range of implementation support materials developed by the new Change Agent Team (incorporating the Integrating Community Equipment Services) and the Housing LIN in the Care Services Improvement Partnership (CSIP). This includes:

- a cd-rom showcasing examples of Telecare entitled, *Telecare: Living With Independence*
- the *Telecare Implementation Guide*, a revised edition of the joint CAT/ICES *Getting Started in Telecare* pack, and
- a series of fact sheets (forthcoming) and further information material.

The Change Agent Team (CAT) and the Housing LIN will also be taking forward a package of implementation support and learning events over the coming year to help local authorities and their partners to facilitate the change required to bring telecare in to mainstream of service provision.

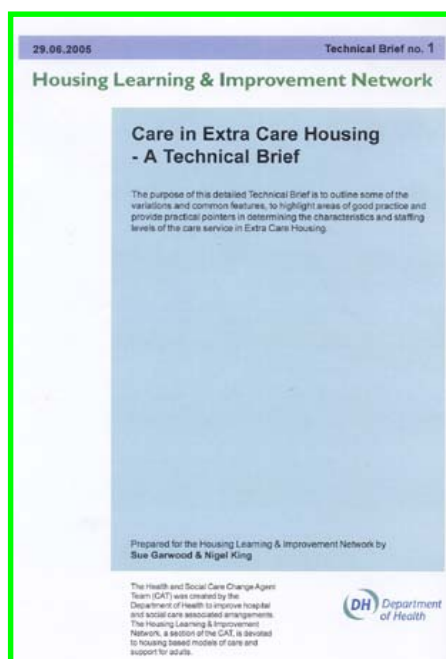
For copies of the DH's policy guidance, the CAT implementation guide and details of learning support available, visit [www.icesdoh.org/telecare](http://www.icesdoh.org/telecare) or [www.changeagentteam.org.uk/telecare](http://www.changeagentteam.org.uk/telecare). To order your free cd-rom, *Telecare: Living with Independence*, email [housinglin@eac.org.uk](mailto:housinglin@eac.org.uk).

## NEW PUBLICATIONS FROM THE LIN

Two new documents were launched at the Housing LIN's Extra Care Housing conference in London this month. Following requests for more technical information on managing care services in Extra Care Housing and the financial models relating to capital & revenue funding arrangements in Extra Care Housing, the LIN has published two Technical Briefs. These are:

### Technical Brief 1: Care in Extra Care Housing

This Brief provides an outline of some of the variations and common features of delivering care in Extra Care Housing. It highlights areas of good practice and provides practical pointers in determining the characteristics and staffing levels of the care services in Extra Care Housing for rent and for sale.



### Technical Brief 2: Funding in Extra Care Housing

This technical brief provides an overview of the principle ways Extra Care Housing developments are financed. It builds on our previous factsheets by providing further technical information on the principle sources of capital funding, different sources of finance and variables that interact to create a viable scheme, and the key elements in meeting the operating and care costs.

Copies of both these Technical Briefs are available on our website under "Technical Briefs" in the A-Z index, or [www.changeagentteam.org.uk/index.cfm?pid=259](http://www.changeagentteam.org.uk/index.cfm?pid=259)

## Briefing on Healthy Sustainable Neighbourhoods

This Briefing, published by the Future Healthcare Network at the NHS Confederation, examines how the NHS contribute to the creation of healthy sustainable neighbourhoods. The Briefing, supported by the Housing LIN, proposes a 'decent neighbourhood standard'; it builds on the 'Health Risks and Health Inequalities in Housing: an Assessment Toolkit' released recently.



Copies of the Briefing are available at [www.nhsconfed.org/publications](http://www.nhsconfed.org/publications) ; Issue 7 June 2005.

### Supporting People with Dementia in Sheltered Housing

By David Self, Housing 21

The experience of a Dementia Services Advisor working for Housing 21. On our website under "Dementia" in the A-Z index, or [www.changeagentteam.org.uk/index.cfm?pid=160](http://www.changeagentteam.org.uk/index.cfm?pid=160)

### The Sandwell Telecare Project

By Paul Waddington and Barry Downs

An innovative venture to pioneer the introduction of electronic aids to enable vulnerable people to live independently. On our website under "Telecare" in the A-Z index, or [www.changeagentteam.org.uk/index.cfm?pid=188](http://www.changeagentteam.org.uk/index.cfm?pid=188)

## **POLICY UPDATE**

### **GREEN PAPER ON ADULT SOCIAL CARE**

The deadline for responses on the Green Paper is 28 July 2005 (contact Paul Richardson at [adultsocialcare@dh.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:adultsocialcare@dh.gsi.gov.uk)). There are a number of important issues that will in future change the landscape of how care and support is delivered. If you want to find out more, the Department of Health is holding a conference on 21 July in London. On-line registration can be made at [greenpaper@glasgows.co.uk](http://greenpaper@glasgows.co.uk).

### **PARTNERSHIP FOR OLDER PEOPLE PROJECTS (POPP)**

The POPP programme has now moved into its next phase with the selection of 44 bids to go through to Stage 2. The competition was fierce. A total of 144 bids were received and there is an expectation that only around 20 will be successful in receiving funding at the end of the process. What characterised the bids which went through was the assembly of a number innovative elements into a coherent framework with a clear focus on bringing about a systemic shift towards prevention. The successful bids are very broadly representative of the national profile of local authorities - in other words they encompass all ranges of social services star ratings, authority type and geographical distribution. The only significantly under-represented authorities were those with 'one star' and unitary authorities.

The bids demonstrate an impressive range of approaches to prevention. To read more about POPP, go to:

[www.changeagentteam.org.uk/index.cfm?pid=226](http://www.changeagentteam.org.uk/index.cfm?pid=226)

## **OTHER PUBLICATIONS**

### **King's Fund Inquiry**

The King's Fund Inquiry Report on Care Services in London, *The Business of Caring*, specifies some of the shortcomings of care provision for older people and their carers. However, it also cites a number of ways that can improve the access to care and practical support, widen choices to a range of services and mechanisms to make service improvements, including the need for a growth in Extra Care Housing in the capital.

Copies of the report and accompanying research studies are available at

[www.kingsfund.org.uk/careserviceinquiry](http://www.kingsfund.org.uk/careserviceinquiry).

### **The Successful Activity Co-ordinator: A Learning Resource**

By Rosemary Hurtley and Jennifer Wenborn

The second edition of this pack is full of information, ideas and resources for those engaged in activities and leisure pursuits with older people in residential, nursing care homes, sheltered housing and day care centres.

Email [hurtley@btinternet.com](mailto:hurtley@btinternet.com) for details.

### **Developing a Quality of Life Strategy for Manchester's Older People**

Published by Valuing Older People (VOP) formed by Manchester City Council, Manchester North Central and South Primary Care Trusts, and community and voluntary organisations.

## **OTHER NEWS**

### **CIH ANNUAL CONFERENCE A resounding success!**

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to putting the housing and care needs of older people on the map at the recent Chartered Institute of Housing annual conference & Exhibition in Harrogate.

The LINs were extremely busy during the week and contributed to 4 high profile events. These included - a Housing LIN Health Zone, supported by the Housing Association Charitable Trust, in one of the exhibition halls; an Extra Care Housing commissioning policy session; a half-day seminar on *Smarter Choices for Older People*, and a plenary session on the links between housing and health with Peter Dixon, Chair of the Housing Corporation and Sir Nigel Crisp, Chief Executive of the NHS.

These were really well received and we will be seeking to build on this success of this year's conference for next year with LIN members and our CSIP colleagues.

### **HOUSING OPTIONS ADVICE & INFORMATION FOR OLDER PEOPLE (HOPDEV)- NEW INFORMATION**

Anyone interested in housing issues for an ageing population may find the following of use.

Housing charity Care & Repair England set up a national initiative, '*Should I Stay or Should I Go*,' in order to stimulate the development of local '*Housing Options*' advice and information services for older people. It has recently published an evaluation of local services, highlighting key policy and practice issues.

The evaluation is summarised in five short documents:

- General explanatory brochure about *Housing Options Services*.
- Overview of the findings of the evaluation of pilot projects.
- Issues for rural areas.
- Issues for black and minority ethnic elders.
- Issues for the social rented sector.

They found that what older people using the services valued the most was talking to someone who was totally impartial and independent. Most of those who decided (and were able) to move home said that the without the practical help of the service they would never have managed to move.

However, housing choice was far from a reality for all older people – many wished to move but found there was no suitable, acceptable housing available either to rent or to buy. The reports conclude that it is essential to start to plan better housing stock for an ageing population to address this lack of housing options for older people.

The evaluation summaries plus comprehensive information about setting up and running a service are freely available on their website alongside a self training package on *Housing Options Advice for Older People*. [www.careandrepair-england.org.uk](http://www.careandrepair-england.org.uk) and click on *Housing Options*. Email [info@careandrepair-england.org.uk](mailto:info@careandrepair-england.org.uk).

## OTHER NEWS

### PIONEERING NEW 'HOUSING WITH DEMENTIA CARE' DEVELOPMENTS HELP COUPLES TO STAY TOGETHER

The UK's first 'housing with dementia care' developments, created by not-for-profit care provider MHA Care Group are being welcomed by experts in the field as a breakthrough in providing more choice and opportunities for older people with dementia.

The pioneering developments in Swindon and Leeds are designed to broaden the range of options available to couples where one person is living with dementia, offering them a purpose-built home of their own, with on-site access to the care and support they need. MHA's specialist dementia care is based on research and long term experience and focuses on the unique needs of each individual. Activities and opportunities to socialise will be an important

part of everyday life. The developments present an important third option to partners who currently face the choice of managing at home or living apart as one partner moves into a care home.

Apartments at both sites are equipped to host the very latest "assistive technologies" designed to help people orient themselves, to promote mobility and independence and to provide unobtrusive security and peace of mind for the caring partner.

Neil Hunt, Chief Executive of the Alzheimer's Society, the UK's leading care and research charity in the field of dementia welcomed the developments saying:

"MHA's developments in Leeds and Swindon are innovative in providing care for the person with dementia and support for their carer, enabling them to continue living together and significantly reducing the stress that dementia can bring."

Roger Davies, Chief Executive of MHA Care Group says:

"We are seeking to broaden the range of options for people caring for relatives with dementia, which are currently very limited. Most people tend to manage at home for as long as possible before eventually deciding that their partner's needs will be better served in a care home.

In Leeds and Swindon we now have a new approach which addresses the needs of the person with dementia and their carer, whilst enabling them to stay together in a home of their own."

Whilst the Leeds scheme offers apartments to rent, the Stanton Lodge scheme in Swindon offers 14 apartments for sale and via shared ownership. A dedicated staff team offers couples the care and support they need, as and when they need it, with easy access to day care facilities and much-needed respite opportunities.

## EVENTS

### FORTHCOMING REGIONAL LIN MEETINGS

21 July	South West, Weston Super Mare
7 Sept	Yorkshire & Humber, Halifax
8 Sept	North East, Newcastle/Gateshead
22 Sept	West Midlands. Worcester
12 Oct	South East, Surrey CC
1 or 2 Nov	North West, Cheshire CC



## FORTHCOMING NATIONAL EVENTS

### Adding Value to Healthcare through Building Intelligence

27th July 2005

Building Research Establishment, Watford

This is a one-day professional seminar organised by *i&i limited*. The event will demonstrate to end-users of healthcare buildings how building intelligence can add value to their business processes, not only by delivering better performing buildings, but ultimately by contributing to the delivery of better healthcare. The event will also enable suppliers of intelligent building solutions to evaluate and develop the potential of the healthcare market, and help policy makers to understand the potential impact - and challenges - of incorporating highly integrated information systems into healthcare building strategies.

For more information and booking form, please visit the events page on the Housing LIN webpages, or [www.i&i.ltd.uk](http://www.i&i.ltd.uk)

### CIH Sheltered and Retirement Housing Conference

10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> August 2005,

Radisson Edwardian Hotel, London

The new ***CIH Good Practice Guide to Sheltered and Retirement Housing*** will be launched at this event. All delegates will receive a complimentary copy of this brand new book.

This ever-popular event brings together over 300 people committed to providing quality sheltered housing services. The conference addresses current themes such as changes in regulation and the challenge of meeting Supporting People requirements, and some issues which never seem to go away. With the frequent changes in regulation and the introduction of new initiatives, this is the ideal opportunity to learn from other practitioners and discuss how they manage to constantly improve performance. Delegates will consider the practical skills needed when dealing with a wide range of people and look at new ways of developing both their own interpersonal skills and inter-agency partnerships.

To book a place or to find out more information, please contact Stephanie Whittle, Conference and Seminar Organiser at [Stephanie.whittle@cih.org](mailto:Stephanie.whittle@cih.org), or visit details on-line at [www.cih.org/training/confshelter.htm](http://www.cih.org/training/confshelter.htm)

### Extra Care Housing and Dementia

15th November 2005

Fielder Conference Centre, Hatfield

A conference for commissioners and providers developing Extra Care Housing which caters for people with dementia.

This conference, supported by the DH Housing LIN, is targeted at those planning, designing, commissioning and managing quality services for older people with dementia. A contribution to costs by the Department of Health has enabled the delegate charge to be kept low. The conference will combine presentations on the context and framework within which schemes are developed, with others covering innovative developments, and the lessons learned in the process.

To find out more and to register for the event, please visit the Housing LIN webpages, under Forthcoming Events, complete the booking form and return it to Sue Garwood at [Sue@suegarwood.co.uk](mailto:Sue@suegarwood.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@eac.org.uk](mailto:housinglin@eac.org.uk).

**We welcome your contributions**

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