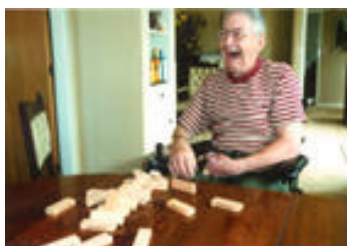


HOUSING WITH CARE MATTERS



from EAC's library of Positive Images of Older People

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Season's Greetings!

BREAKING NEWS

Over 200 bids received

Following the Minister's announcement in August 2003 of new capital funding for Extra Care housing, some 127 Social Services Departments throughout England have submitted 205 bids to the Department of Health, totalling £310.4 million, for the £29 million available for 2004-05.

Single bids range in value from £39,000 to £6.6 million, whilst multiple submissions range from 2 to 15 bids.

We hope to be able to give a more detailed breakdown of the bids in the near future.

The number of bids received demonstrates the important role Extra Care housing has in expanding the range of housing, care and support choices and well-being of older people, and its vital contribution within local care economies.

The Department of Health will announce the final bid approvals on 6 February 2004.

The bidding documents for the £58 million to be spent in the financial year 2005-06 will be available in August 2004.

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

RESOURCES AND INFORMATION

Housing LIN Discussion Forum

A new facility has been added to the Housing LIN website to share information, questions and answers on Extra Care housing and related issues. Over 400 enquiries were received in the lead up to the Department of Health's Extra Care housing bidding deadline.

We hope that you will use the Discussion Forum and we are ready to add new topics or modify existing ones to match the interests of stakeholders. To access the Discussion Forum visit www.doh.gov.uk/changeagentteam/housing-lin.htm.

FACTSHEETS

Latest factsheets from the Housing LIN

Following consultation with Housing LIN members, two new factsheets have been commissioned and are now available on our website. These are:

- Extra Care housing and people with learning disabilities
- Extra Care housing and retirement housing communities

These join our existing factsheets "What is Extra Care housing?" and "Commissioning Extra Care housing".

Further factsheets in the pipeline 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
- Assistive Technology and Extra Care housing
- Design and development
- Extra Care housing and user involvement
- Workforce planning and Extra Care housing

New publication on commissioning Extra Care housing

The Housing LIN has updated and published a limited number of *Extra Care housing for older people: an introduction for commissioners*. The report can be obtained from Alex Billeter at housinglin@e-a-c.demon.co.uk and/or can be downloaded from our website.



Coinciding with the release of this report, the Housing LIN is working closely with the Institute of Public Care to produce an **Extra Care housing action planning toolkit**. Several members of the LIN are helping to "roadtest" the toolkit with an anticipated launch in Spring 2004. Further details to follow.

CASE STUDIES

Smart technology – a case study report

The Housing LIN is producing a new case study report with helpful learning points, hints and tips. The report is on the use of Assistive Technology and focussed on an Extra Care scheme managed by Atlantic Housing in Chandlers' Ford, Hampshire. You will be able to download the report from our website.

Other case studies available on our website include Extra Care Strategic Developments in North Yorkshire and East Sussex. See our website www.doh.gov.uk/changeagentteam/housing-lin.htm.

FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES AND LEARNING EVENTS

Housing LIN 2004 conferences

Attendance at two free conferences on Extra Care housing taking place in Ipswich and York can now be booked by tel 0870 161 3505, fax 0870 161 3506, email info@pavpub.com, or online at www.pavpub.com

- Extra Care housing for people with dementia, 22 January 2004, Ipswich Football Club, Ipswich
- Extra care housing: knowing your market, 3 March 2004, Moat House Hotel, York

Conferences supported by the Housing LIN

The Housing LIN is supporting a number of conferences that focus on Extra Care housing and models of housing and care for older people.

These include:

- The annual Housing, Care and Support conference, 28/29 January 2004, UMIST, Manchester (contact Pavilion for details)
- *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)

Other conferences

- Annual Extra-care Housing conference, 25 February 2004, London (contact Laing & Buisson for details)
- *Managing New Realities: integrating the care landscape across health, housing and social care*, The Guardian, March 10/11 2004, ICC Birmingham (contact Pavilion for details)

Masterclasses/expert seminars:

In November, the Housing LIN worked with the Centre for Urban and Regional Studies at the University of Birmingham to deliver a two-day masterclass on Strategic Commissioning. Other masterclasses and expert seminars planned include themes as diverse as Capital Funding across housing, health and social care, Building Capacity with the private sector, Supporting Independence through Assistive Technology, Developing Retirement Housing communities, and Planning effective Extra Care Housing Strategies. Further information to follow in 2004/05.

What is the Housing Learning and Improvement Network?

The Housing LIN brings together groups of senior staff within local authorities, Primary Care Trusts, Registered Social Landlords and the private sector interested in forging closer partnerships in delivering housing with care solutions for older people.

The Housing LIN was established in November 2002 under the auspices of the Health and Social Care Change Agent Team at the Department of Health. It works alongside two other Learning Improvement Networks on Hospital Discharge and Intermediate Care.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

A virtual network

The Housing LIN membership is approaching 700 members, of whom 44 are local networks Leads. All members are kept informed of all developments in the Network by e-mail and e-zine, as well as by accessing our discussion forum.

Making alliances

Many local Networks are joining forces in Regional Networks in order to share valuable resources, information and best practices, or showcase new extra care housing development

Existing Regional Networks are: the North East Region, Yorkshire & Humberside, the North West Region, and the London Region.

In addition, a number of other formal and informal networks have been developed. We are proposing to group these as set out below:

Central (Lincs, NE Lincs, Northants, Nottingham, Rotherham)

Derbyshire (Bolsover, Chesterfield, Derby)

North West (Cheshire, Cumbria, Lancs, Bury, Salford, Trafford)

South East (East Kent, Eastbourne)

South West Coastal (Bournemouth, Southampton)

South West Inland (Surrey, Windsor, Wokingham)

West Midlands (Dudley, Wolverhampton)

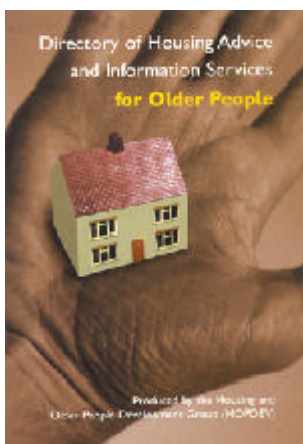
Western (Bristol, Devon, South Glos)

For further information on taking these forward in your area, contact the Housing LIN.

OTHER RECENT PUBLICATIONS

Directory of Housing Advice and Information Services for Older People

Produced by HOPDEV (Housing and Older People Development Group) and published by Help the Aged and EAC (Elderly Accommodation Counsel), this book is designed specifically to direct older people to the housing advice and information services best suited to meet their needs. This **free** Directory will be an invaluable resource for older people, their families and carers, and the professionals working for and with them.



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 207-221 Pentonville Road
 London N1 9UZ
 Tel: 020 7239 1946
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All Our Tomorrows: Inverting the triangle of care

This influential report was commissioned by the Association of Directors of Social Services (ADSS) and the Local Government Association (LGA). It challenges the way current services are delivered and considers future opportunities for older people to have meaningful choices that improve their quality of life and enable active levels of engagement.

The report can be downloaded from the ADSS or LGA websites at www.adss.org.uk or www.lga.org.uk

Home Improvement Agencies Delivering Government Strategies

Foundations, the national co-ordinating body for Home Improvement Agencies (HIAs) has published a set of five booklets that form part of their 'Evidence Project' series. The booklets provide useful information for local authorities, Primary Care Trusts and NHS Hospital Trusts on:

- Falls and accident prevention
- Hospital discharge
- Delivering adaptation
- Handyperson services
- Energy efficiency and fuel poverty

Copies are available from foundations@cel.co.uk or tel. 01457 891909

Now for something different: the Extra Care Charitable Trust's approach to retirement living

This report was commissioned by the ExtraCare Charitable Trust to identify some of the distinctive features of developing accommodation with care solutions for older people. It locates this work within latest policy and funding framework and showcases the history and work of Extra Care Charitable Trust.

Copies can be ordered at betterlives@extracaretrust.org or tel 024 7650 6011

A better life: private sheltered housing and independent living for older people

This study reflects the views of older people in highlighting the economic, health and social care benefits of older people in private sheltered housing. It raises some key issues for planners and investors alike, and questions the scale of housing choice in the private retirement housing sector for older people.

Copies of the report are available from McCarthy & Stone plc at info@mccarthyandstone.co.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 or in writing to the Housing LIN, Department of Health, c/o EAC, 3rd Floor, 89 Albert Embankment. London SE1 7TP.

We welcome your contributions!