

## Definitions

### What do we mean by housing options for older people?

**Here are some definitions for different types of accommodation, which you can refer to as you complete the questionnaire.**

Private sector retirement housing	Age designated social housing	Sheltered housing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Usually built by private developers.</li> <li>• Once all the properties have been sold, the scheme is usually run by a separate management group</li> <li>• Management group employ the scheme manager and organise maintenance and other services.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Usually relates to flats or bungalow.</li> <li>• All tenants are over a certain age (generally age 50 or 55 for flats and 60 for bungalows).</li> <li>• No staff available on site.</li> <li>• Usually there are no arranged activities.</li> <li>• Sometimes there may be a communal lounge.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Typically offer self-contained accommodation for rent.</li> <li>• Usually supported by a part-time/visiting scheme manager</li> <li>• 24-hour emergency help via an alarm.</li> <li>• Often has communal areas</li> <li>• Some offer activities.</li> <li>• Most accommodation is offered for rent, based on need, by local councils or housing associations.</li> </ul>
Extra care housing	Care home	Supported housing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Self-contained homes.</li> <li>• Designed with the needs of people with higher levels of care and support in mind</li> <li>• Typically has more communal facilities, e.g. a restaurant</li> <li>• Offers access to on-site domestic and personal care support.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A residential setting which provides 24 hour care and accommodation where a number of older people live</li> <li>• Usually in single rooms</li> <li>• Access to on-site care services.</li> <li>• Provides personal care or personal care together with nursing care.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sometimes called a group home</li> <li>• Usually shared housing, sometimes individual flats.</li> <li>• Combines housing with support services.</li> </ul>
Mainstream housing		Community-led housing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For people of all ages.</li> <li>• Includes housing of all types for sale.</li> <li>• Includes housing for rent from private landlords and social landlords (e.g. Housing Associations and Councils)</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No standard approach.</li> <li>• Set up and run by local people in their own communities, often with external support from housing associations, local authorities or regional and national support organisations.</li> <li>• Often small scale.</li> <li>• Not-for profit involving voluntary effort.</li> </ul>