

Care Services Improvement Partnership **HOUSING WITH CARE MATTERS**

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**NEWS: Transforming housing for an ageing society: More Choice Greater Voice**

To coincide with the launch of *Lifetime Homes, Lifetime Neighbourhoods: a national housing strategy for an ageing society*, the Housing LIN has published a guide for local authorities to help policy makers, commissioners, planners working with key stakeholders, including older people, produce and implement their local strategies (see policy news and new publications for details).

**NEWS: Extra boost - Extra Care Housing Fund 2008-10 Announcement**

Health and Care Minister Ivan Lewis today (4<sup>th</sup> March 2008) invited local authorities to bid for £80 million of funding to build extra care housing that would allow older people and those with long-term conditions to live in a home of their own.

Local authorities and their partners will bid for a slice of the £80m funding from the DH, a 25% allocation increase from the previous round. It brings to £227m the amount made available to support the development of new extra care housing since the fund's launch in 2004. Over this period, the sector has grown to 30,000 units of accommodation with care, with over 4,000 units for rent and sale funded by the DH.

The criteria makes clear that funding will be available to areas with proven need for help in expanding extra care housing and where proposed plans would:

- \* provide a significant and provable health impact for older people or others with long-term conditions
- \* provide good value independent housing across tenures with access to 24/7 on-site support and care
- \* promote choice and control for older and disabled people
- \* contribute to reduction in unnecessary admissions to hospital or residential care
- \* promote preventative services and well-being strategies that increase independence and delay the need for high-dependency solutions
- \* show an inclusive approach – including schemes for adults with long terms conditions such learning disabilities or physical disabilities and
- \* develop effective local commissioning arrangements between local partners.

For more information and bidding guidance, please go to the DH website at [http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/SocialCare/Deliveringadultsocialcare/Housing/DH\\_083199](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/SocialCare/Deliveringadultsocialcare/Housing/DH_083199)

For supporting information, visit the Housing LIN website at <http://www.icn.csip.org.uk/housing/index.cfm?pid=761> Submission by midnight Monday 12 May 2008.

## **POLICY & FUNDING NEWS**

### **National Housing Strategy for an Ageing Society**

The Government published on 25 February a major new housing strategy giving older people greater choice and addressing the challenges of an ageing population. Hazel Blears, Housing Minister Caroline Flint and Baroness Andrews launched *Lifetime Homes, Lifetime Neighbourhoods: A national housing strategy for an ageing society* (see policy news).

This long-awaited strategy sets out the government's vision for meeting the growing housing demands of an ageing population and ways to meet the changing lifestyle needs and aspirations of current and future generations of older people. Speaking at the launch ([Press release](#)), Hazel Blears stated:

“Demand for housing is high – being driven to a large extent by older people. Not only do we need to build more homes, but the right kind of homes too. That means ‘lifetime homes’ suited to families with pushchairs right through to older people in wheelchairs. By making age friendly changes both inside and outside of homes we can help to break the link between old age and dependency.”

[The strategy](#) promotes new thinking on lifetime neighbourhoods backed by the introduction of lifetime home standards for all new build housing from 2013. It also makes a number of recommendations for better advice and information for older people, more robust market information and improved strategic analysis on accommodation with care solutions for older people across all tenures. For further details visit: <http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/housing/lifetimehomesneighbourhoods>

### **The Strategy and Home Improvement Agencies**

Home Improvement Agencies, Handypersons and Disabled Facilities Grant will have a key role in meeting the Government's aims to meet the needs and aspirations of older people, as outlined in the National Strategy.

There will be an increase in the current provision of Handyperson services and Home Improvement Agencies, with the ambition being full national coverage. This includes new rapid repairs and minor adaptations services from 2009, alongside a requirement for improved service standards and better joining up with preventative health and care priorities. There will be a total of £35million in additional funding provided to meet these objectives from 2009. £31million will go towards expanding

Handyperson services; £4million will be available for information and advice services.

The Disabled facilities Grant System is to be reformed. This will include:

- Year-on-year increases in funding up to £166 million by 2010-11
- Grant maximum raised to £30,000 from April 2008
- Means test altered to remove adverse affect on those with low incomes
- Entitlement to include access to gardens
- Relaxation of the DFG ring-fence
- Limited consent to allow authorities to impose a charge on properties
- Paying DFG to local authorities as part of a Single Capital Pot as part of its incorporation in Local Area Agreements.

Further information see Foundations' website:

<http://wwwFOUNDATIONS.UK.COM/>

### **Transforming Social Care: Local authority circular**

Following the release of *Putting People First* in December, the Department of Health issued a new Local Authority Circular - [LAC \(DH\) \(2008\) 1](#) - on 17 January 2008 that sets out information to support the transformation of social care in England. It builds on the policy direction originally set out in the Department of Health's social care Green Paper, *Independence, well-being and choice* (2005) and reinforced in the White Paper, *Our health, our care, our say: a new direction for community services* in 2006. It describes the vision for development of a personalised approach to the delivery of adult social care and context in which this policy is grounded. It also includes copy of the Social Care Reform Grant Determination and the details of the new ring-fenced grant to help every council to redesign and reshape their systems over the next 3 years.

[http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Lettersandcirculars/LocalAuthorityCirculars/DH\\_081934](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Lettersandcirculars/LocalAuthorityCirculars/DH_081934)

### **The State of Social Care in England 2006-07**

The [third annual report](#) to Parliament by Commission of Social Care Inspection on the state of social care was presented last month and gives a comprehensive overview of the social care sector in England and star rating for every local authority.

Commission Chair, Dame Denise Platt said: “Our report is in two parts. On the one hand we show that those who qualify for council support are having a better experience than before. On the other hand

those people who fall outside the system, including self funders, have a poor quality experience that can leave them struggling to cope. “

There are clear improvements in the range and variety of services for those who do qualify for council-arranged care. Performance ratings of councils have improved for the fifth consecutive year. The number of people using Direct Payments to manage their own care has grown significantly. Individual budget pilots have been set up. Councils are placing a greater emphasis on helping people to remain in their own homes and the number of carers receiving an assessment has increased. There are also examples of people who have been helped through the Government funded ‘Partnerships for Older People Projects’.

The report also notes the role of telecare : “There has been an increase in the number of older people supported to live at home with access to help through 24-hour call centres by the provision of telecare equipment, to an average increase of almost 1,000 new people using this technology per council”.

The report can be found at the CSCI website:  
[http://www.csci.org.uk/about\\_us/news/state\\_of\\_social\\_care\\_2007\\_ne-1.aspx](http://www.csci.org.uk/about_us/news/state_of_social_care_2007_ne-1.aspx)

### **Consultation Response on Care Settings from CSCI**

In July 2007 CSCI consulted to find out if people understood their new policy and guidance, and whether they understood how to use the new tool, and how effective they thought it would be in assessing whether a care service needed to be registered. The results of the consultation will be of interest to Housing LIN members. They were circulated in late January 2008 and can now be found on our website in Care Services, under Personal Care, at:

<http://www.icn.csip.org.uk/housing/index.cfm?pid=235>

### **New investment in specialist housing**

The first investment of the Housing Corporation’s National Affordable Housing Programme (NAHP) for 2008-11 was announced last week. The new allocations for specialist housing for older and vulnerable people total £254 million. Of this, £125 million is for specialist housing for older people, including Extra Care Housing. This will provide 1,900 homes for affordable rent and 500 homes for affordable sale. A notable beneficiary of this programme is Housing 21 who have attracted allocations totalling just over £41 million.

Allocation for other supported housing is £129 million, providing over 1,700 homes for affordable rent and more than 300 homes for affordable sale. Further details available at [www.housingcorp.gov.uk](http://www.housingcorp.gov.uk)

### **Research into the financial benefits of the Supporting People Programme**

The Supporting People programme generates huge benefits, both to the individuals it supports and to society more generally. It improves people’s quality of life, for example, by increasing independent living and reducing the fear of crime. Such benefits are hard to quantify in financial terms but are invaluable. It also produces more general benefits, including financial benefits to society, for example, in reducing the need for vulnerable people to use expensive social care, as well as non-financial benefits such as improved involvement in the community.

The Department for Communities and Local Government commissioned Capgemini to undertake a study to assess the financial benefits of the Supporting People programme. The approach was to consider, for each client group, what the financial impact would be if Supporting People services were replaced with the most appropriate alternative services.

The study found that investment in Supporting People services avoids costs elsewhere, and therefore produces a net financial benefit. Investing in early preventative support will reduce the need for more intensive care and support.

The report is available on our website at  
<http://www.icn.csip.org.uk/housing/index.cfm?pid=528&catalogueContentID=2528>

## ***HOUSING LIN PUBLICATIONS – NATIONAL HOUSING STRATEGY***

### **More Choice: Greater Voice**

To support local authorities produce and implement their new strategies for housing with care, the Housing LIN has published a new toolkit for policy makers, commissioners and providers. Based on work undertaken with local authorities and their partners, the toolkit provides a template for developing local strategies and signposts to source information that will help assess local markets for specialised housing, inform local strategic plans and priority setting.

This toolkit is available on our website at  
<http://www.icn.csip.org.uk/morechoicegreatervoice>

## **Sustainable Planning for Housing in an Ageing Population – A guide for regional-level strategies**

The ILC-UK, CLG, the Housing LIN and the Retirement Housing Group have launched [a new guide](#) to support 'Lifetime homes, lifetime Neighbourhoods: A National Strategy for Housing in an Ageing Society', unveiled on February 25th 2008 by Secretary of State Hazel Blears MP.

The guide takes the form of a pocket-sized pamphlet designed to help regional strategy makers in understanding the key issues and evidence-base in linking housing and the built environment to health, social care and wider social and economic sustainability in the context of an ageing population.

The guide will also be of interest to those who wish to lobby regional or local strategies to take better account of the impact of housing on older people's wellbeing, and a fold-out section at the back provides key, region-specific 'ready-to-quote' indicators on population ageing and projections of older people's health and household circumstances up to 2028.

This free guide comes in a pocket-sized A6 pamphlet and a larger, more accessible A4 online pdf. To order copies of the pamphlet via HLIN, please contact [jerome.billeter@dh.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:jerome.billeter@dh.gsi.gov.uk). Alternatively, you can download the A4 version at <http://www.icn.csip.org.uk/housing/index.cfm?pid=528&catalogueContentID=2666>

## **HOUSING LIN PUBLICATIONS – EXTRA CARE HOUSING**

To coincide with the Department of Health's announcement of the bidding criteria and arrangements for the £80m Extra Care Housing Fund, the Housing LIN has produced timely materials for commissioners and providers of housing with care to develop stronger local strategic partnerships, improve strategic planning and produce more robust bids. The publications include:

### **Updated Housing LIN factsheets**

#### **Extra Care Housing- What is it? and Commissioning and Funding Extra Care Housing**

Two well-used factsheets on extra care housing commissioned by the Housing LIN from Moyra Riseborough and Peter Fletcher are being updated by the authors. The factsheets on [Extra Care Housing – What is it?](#) and [Commissioning and](#)

[Funding Extra Care Housing](#) have been substantially rewritten and updated in the light of new knowledge and recent developments. The new version of [Factsheet 1 Extra Care Housing – What is it?](#) can be found at

<http://www.icn.csip.org.uk/housing/index.cfm?pid=521&catalogueContentID=1633>

A greatly revised Factsheet 2 [Commissioning and Funding Extra Care Housing](#) will be up on the website by the end of February.

### **Achieving independence by design**

This new factsheet from PRP Architects is an update of the 2004 factsheet, [Design Principles in Extra Care Housing](#), commissioned by the Housing LIN. It coincides with the announcement of the Department of Health latest Extra Care Housing Fund and the government's forthcoming national housing strategy for an ageing society.

The factsheet signposts to the latest information on Building Regulations and standards, such as on Lifetime Homes, and showcases industry-accepted good practice examples. It also provides a series of useful case studies which highlight different building designs, styles and approaches to designing new Extra Care Housing. To download a copy, visit our website under Design in the A-Z index:

<http://www.icn.csip.org.uk/housing/index.cfm?pid=521&catalogueContentID=1629>

### **New Report**

#### **Remodelling Sheltered Housing and Residential Care Homes to Extra Care Housing - Advice to Housing and Care Providers**

[This advice](#) is based on the findings of the project "Remodelling Sheltered Housing and Residential Care Homes to Extra Care Housing", carried out by a multi-disciplinary team at Kings College London and the University College London supported by the Housing LIN.

It recognises that extra care is a significant policy development in both the support and housing available to older people and provides useful information and practical examples on remodelling sheltered housing and residential care homes into extra care schemes. To download a copy, visit our website under Remodelling in the A-Z index:

<http://www.icn.csip.org.uk/housing/index.cfm?pid=520&catalogueContentID=2540>

## New Factsheets

### Medication in Extra Care Housing

[This factsheet](#) was prepared for the Housing LIN by Opus Pharmacy Services. For the first time, it takes a detailed look at the management of medication on schemes, staffing issues and self-care. The factsheet is aimed at practitioners, commissioners, care service managers and housing managers in extra care housing, an environment not specifically referred to in any guidance on the handling of medicines. It covers areas such as safe storage, administration of medicines, monitoring and record keeping and staff training. To download a copy, visit our website under Medication in the A-Z index:

<http://www.icn.csip.org.uk/housing/index.cfm?pid=521&catalogueContentID=2544>

### Social Well-Being in Extra Care Housing

[This factsheet](#) explores social well-being and how it can be promoted in extra care housing, whether for rent, shared ownership or for sale. It is aimed at those involved in commissioning, planning, designing, providing and managing extra care housing. It has been developed alongside a directory of social well-being, which can be seen at

<http://www.icn.csip.org.uk/housing/index.cfm?pid=531&catalogueContentID=2777>

To download the factsheet, visit our website under Well-being in the A-Z index:

<http://www.icn.csip.org.uk/housing/index.cfm?pid=521&catalogueContentID=2780>

## New Case Study

### Mini-Cost Model of Housing with Care Project

[This case study](#) reproduces an article by Max Wilkes of Davis Langdon was published originally in issue no 45 of Building magazine, 2007. It provides an overview of extra care housing in general and concludes with a helpful cost model based on a scheme of 16 self-contained single-bed flats and six two-bed homes located as a three-storey separate wing to a care home. To download a copy, visit our website under Costs in the A-Z index:

<http://www.icn.csip.org.uk/housing/index.cfm?pid=257>

## **HOUSING LIN PUBLICATIONS – Housing and LEARNING DISABILITY**

In 2004, the Department of Health allocated £2.3 million to ten projects for people with a learning

disability as part of its extra care housing grant funding. The ten sites funded included all ages and a wide range of housing options such as shared ownership, the private rented sector, new build housing association/Registered Social Landlord (RSL) for rent and remodelling. The ten projects focused on working with older family carers and utilising assistive technology. The aim was to support people in becoming more independent and having choice and control over their lives and housing. Both the Valuing People White Paper “A new strategy for learning disability in the 21st Century”, (DH, 2001) and the consultation “[Valuing People Now: From Progress to Transformation](#)”, launched in December 2007, emphasise the need for choice, independence and control for all people with a learning disability and the role of housing in that.

The Housing LIN has launched a number of resources to support commissioners and providers in looking at housing options for people with a learning disability. This will be helpful to those areas who are planning the closure of their NHS campuses and/or seeking to incorporate units of accommodation for people with a learning disability in their Department of Health Extra Care Housing bid.

## New Report

### **A Measure of Success: An Evaluation of the Department of Health’s Learning Disability Extra Care Housing Programme**

Launched at the Pavilion Housing, Care and Support conference in January 2008, [this report](#) describes the ten projects, evaluates the results and identifies key lessons across all the sites.

Written by Nigel King at Housing & Support Partnership, the learning points are likely to be most helpful to those re-modelling services, involved in NHS campus closure programmes or trying to develop modern provision for people with learning disabilities whether in social housing, the private rented sector or owner-occupation. Its aim to help commissioners and providers in thinking about ever-wider choices for disabled people. Find this document on our website under Learning disabilities in the A-Z index: <http://www.icn.csip.org.uk/housing/index.cfm?pid=520&catalogueContentID=2495>

## New Case Studies

We have two case studies looking in more detail at two of the projects cited in the above report; they are:

### **Norfolk: Private Sector Leasing Scheme for People with Learning Difficulties**

[This case study](#) describes the development of an innovative private sector leasing scheme for people with learning difficulties in Norfolk.

<http://www.icn.csip.org.uk/housing/index.cfm?pid=533&catalogueContentID=2523>

### **Park View: an 'Independent Living' scheme with support for individuals with a learning disability**

[This case study](#) describes the development of five new build homes for people with a learning disability in South Tyneside.

<http://www.icn.csip.org.uk/housing/index.cfm?pid=533&catalogueContentID=2539>

These join an earlier case study on one of the projects, **Pennine Court: Remodelling sheltered housing to include Extra Care for people with learning difficulties (August 2007)**.

<http://icn.csip.org.uk/housing/index.cfm?pid=533&catalogueContentID=2128>.

These case studies can all be found, along with other useful resources on our website, under Learning Disabilities in the A-Z index:

<http://icn.csip.org.uk/housing/index.cfm?pid=237>

### **New DVD and CDrom resource pack**

The Housing LIN has also produced a DVD and CD Resource Pack on housing options for people with a learning disability, ***Housing Now: Choice, control and independence for people with learning disabilities***

The resource pack includes a DVD with a short film and an interactive CD with supporting papers. The DVD film centres upon the experiences of people with a learning disability as they move into their own homes and describe ways in which greater independence has improved their quality of life. Comments from family and care workers are also included alongside thoughts from planners and policy teams.

To obtain a copy email [housing@csip.org.uk](mailto:housing@csip.org.uk)

## **A NEW HOUSING LIN RESOURCE**

### **DVD -The Benefits of Sheltered Housing**

Coming soon, a DVD by EROSH, supported by the Housing LIN.

This DVD:

- emphasises the benefits of partnership working;
- demonstrates a range of health and social care related activities that do or should take place in sheltered housing
- links to EROSH checklists for health and social care professionals and the good practice examples in this DVD pick out just a few themes.

This DVD will be viewable at:

[www.shelteredhousing.org](http://www.shelteredhousing.org)

## **OTHER USEFUL PUBLICATIONS**

### **Good practice in access to housing and good housing services**

Published in November last year by IdEA, [this guide](#) focuses on the 'people' issues at the heart of the local authority strategic housing role; the wide range of roles local authorities have in helping people gain access to, and sustain occupation of, suitable housing including the role of strategic housing teams in promoting quality landlord services by affordable housing providers in their area. The main purpose of this guide is to inspire authorities. It shows how successful authorities have tackled complex issues through a strategic approach. All of the examples have resulted in better outcomes, with strong performance achieved through partnership working, as part of councils' wider place shaping activities.

<http://www.icn.csip.org.uk/housing/index.cfm?pid=528&catalogueContentID=2483>

### **A Survey Of Regional Housing Strategies and Regional Spatial Strategies : Are these Addressing Population Ageing?**

Produced by Care & Repair England, [this useful paper](#) considers the current position with regard to whether population ageing is being adequately addressed by housing and planning systems.. Care & Repair England carried out a survey of current Regional Housing Strategies and Regional Spatial Strategies, which are currently available via the websites of each Regional Assembly, and found that there were a low number of specific references to older people and discrepancies by region. A copy of the paper can be found on our website under Strategies in the A-Z index:

<http://www.icn.csip.org.uk/housing/index.cfm?pid=528&catalogueContentID=2529>

## **GROWING MEDIA INTEREST!**

### **Did you read?**

The Housing LIN was featured in a Guardian supplement on [Senior Living](#) last month. There have also been useful articles in recent editions of Inside Housing on housing for an ageing society and in Community Care on well-being and independence in Extra Care Housing. See the Guardian supplement at <http://www.icn.csip.org.uk/housing/index.cfm?pid=528&catalogueContentID=2536>

## **RESEARCH UPDATE**

### **Evaluation of the Extra Care Housing Initiative – Interim findings**

Commissioned by the Department of Health, the PSSRU is [evaluating 19 of the Extra Care Housing schemes](#) funded by the Department of Health. The aim of the study is to see how well Extra Care housing meets the needs of its residents and to investigate the impact on their health and quality of life. Following a stakeholder event held last month, there are two newsletters and a summary of initial findings on the Housing LIN website that have information on this research, current activities and progress so far. See our website under Evaluating in the A-Z index:

<http://icn.csip.org.uk/housing/index.cfm?pid=217>.

Copies of the powerpoint presentations from the stakeholder event are also on our website under Evaluating in the A-Z index:

<http://www.icn.csip.org.uk/housing/index.cfm?pid=537&catalogueContentID=2463>

### **Quality Care and Housing for People with Dementia: Enhancing the 'What Works' Research and Knowledge Base**

On 18 January 2008 Housing 21 Dementia Voice hosted a 'planning and consultation' forum which brought together the largest older people's housing providers in the UK along with a range of other key stakeholders including funders, researchers, voluntary organisations, practitioners, and colleagues from government sectors.

The aims of the forum were to identify: How can we help achieve timely, appropriate, high quality 'what works' focused research which will influence policy and practice relating to dementia, care, and housing of older people in the UK? The notes from the 2008 Planning and Consultation Forum are available at

<http://www.icn.csip.org.uk/library/Resources/Housing/Supportmaterials/Notesfromtheplanningandconsultationforum.doc>

## **Contributions sought**

The Housing LIN would welcome contributions to two projects we are supporting. They are:

### **Design in extra care housing**

A study of the design of extra care housing (ECH) is currently reviewing the best examples of ECH. This is a three year research project, EVOLVE (evaluation of older peoples living environments) funded by the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council, being carried out by The University of Sheffield and PSSRU in partnership with the Housing LIN and EAC.

The project will look at the design of ECH and the influence of design on the quality of life of the residents. The aim is to produce a building evaluation tool which reflects best practice that will be of use to commissioners, designers, practitioners and older people in the selection, design, and evaluation of buildings. The tool will be published on the Housing LIN.

The project is particularly interested in:

- Examples of recent innovatory schemes
- Examples of remodelled schemes
- Experience of 'what works' in design terms, and what should be avoided

Please email your selected good examples and views to Judith Torrington at [j.m.torrington@sheffield.ac.uk](mailto:j.m.torrington@sheffield.ac.uk)

### **A Directory for social well-being**

In 2007, the Joseph Rowntree Foundation funded researchers at the University of the West of England and Housing 21 to explore best practice for promoting social well-being in extra care housing. One outcome of this work is a [directory of information and ideas](#) for how to support social well-being, which combines findings from the project with signposting to further sources of information. It is very much a work in progress and your contributions are welcome. A first version of the directory will be accessible on the Housing LIN website very shortly under Guidance in the A-Z index.

Please click here [Simon.Evans@uwe.ac.uk](mailto:Simon.Evans@uwe.ac.uk) to send details of additional sources of information that you think should be added, along with any suggestions on how you think the directory can be improved. A revised version of the directory will sit on the Housing

LIN website, along with a new factsheet on social well-being.

The full report on the research project can be downloaded from the JRF website at [www.jrf.org.uk/knowledge/findings/socialcare/2115.asp](http://www.jrf.org.uk/knowledge/findings/socialcare/2115.asp)

## OTHER NEWS

### **Raising the Stakes - An Information Kitemark for retirement and extra care housing**

Thanks to the *Raising the Stakes* project funded by the Housing Corporation and the Housing LIN, EAC (Elderly Accommodation Counsel) is introducing its own kitemark, the ***EAC Quality of Information Mark***, to help housing providers deliver better information to older people. EAC's aim is to ensure that older people, their families, carers and advisors, understand the variety of models now available, and are able to make well informed choices about which will best meet their aspirations and needs.

The launch of the *Mark* is timely, coinciding with the Government's long awaited *Strategy for Housing in an Ageing Society*. It offers an opportunity to celebrate the innovative role that specialist housing for older people has played over many years, from the first almshouses to today's extra care schemes and retirement villages. The ***EAC Quality of Information Mark*** will up the game for all of us, by requiring for each scheme a statement of purpose, a comprehensive description of its buildings, services, lifestyle features, intended user base, and costs, as well as information about how its outcomes for residents are measured.

Learn more about the Mark, at [www.housingcare.org](http://www.housingcare.org) and [www.extracarehousing.org.uk](http://www.extracarehousing.org.uk).

### **Housing providers and Digital television switchover**

Five public housing providers have been named as the first recipients of a new award recognising housing providers and managers who are prepared for digital television switchover. The Homes Set for Digital scheme, established by Digital UK, recognises organisations able to provide digital television and information about switchover to residents in good time before analogue services are switched off in their region.

Research shows that while most property managers are aware of switchover many have yet to take action to upgrade their television reception systems. According to research published by DCMS last year,

around one third (34%) of social housing providers in the UK's first regions to switch don't have a plan to be ready in time.

Further details can be found at their website <http://www.digitaluk.co.uk/propertymanagers/home/YBrowser.HTML/Shell/Open/Command>

### **Ceretas National Home Care Awards 2008**

Following on from the success of the inaugural awards and last year's event, Ceretas are delighted to announce plans for the 2008 Ceretas National Home Care Awards, part sponsored by CSIP Networks.

These awards pay tribute to those who work within the sector. They are organised by Ceretas, the only membership organisation solely representing the sector. The Ceretas National Home Care Awards, sponsored by the Royal Bank of Scotland, aim to promote best practice within home care and pay tribute to individuals who have demonstrated outstanding excellence within their field of work.

The awards will be representative of all those working within home care whether it be older people or specialist services, from frontline staff such as care workers and home care managers to people who have made an impact in other ways such as training, IT and innovation.

Closing date is the 24<sup>th</sup> March. For further information:

<http://www.ceretas.org.uk/page.asp?pageidx=15>

## REGIONAL UPDATE

### **News from the SW Housing LIN**

The SW LIN have a number of exciting developments to report.

The first Extra Care scheme designed and built for the BME community by the Guinness Trust is due to open in March in Lincoln Gardens in Bristol.

Jeremy Porteus and Liz Cairncross (IPC) will lead a workshop on the SW Housing LIN Innovation and Good Practice (IGP) project at the SW Chartered Institute of Housing Annual event in Torquay on the 10<sup>th</sup> April.

Details: <http://www.swhousingevent.co.uk/>

SW LIN will launch the findings of their IGP funded research project "Assessing Housing Markets for Older People in the SW" at a Regional Conference on the 9<sup>th</sup> June at the Exchange in Bridgewater. More news soon!



## CONFERENCES / EVENTS

### Housing in an Ageing Society – York 12 March 2008

This timely event will seek to explore and explain what the strategy will mean to you and your organisation and for anyone working in the social housing sector. Anyone working in the field of older people's service provision will benefit from attending this conference. In particular, those working in all areas of housing, social care and health provision. Housing Policy and Strategy, Managers, Chairs of Housing and Board Members would also benefit, as the event aims to cover the wider strategic direction in planning and delivering services that meet the needs of an ageing society.

Details at: <http://www.northern-consortium.org.uk/assets/events/pdf/2008%20-%20housing%20in%20an%20ageing%20society%20flyer.pdf>

### Community Care Live – London 14 and 15 May 2008

Exhibition, workshops and plenary sessions for all professionals involved in social care.

The plenary sessions provide a range of expert speakers covering highly topical social care issues and policy issues that affect you and your profession.

The exhibition has more than 100 exhibitors, including local authorities, private and voluntary sector providers and key social care bodies.

Workshops are run by practitioners involved in delivering effective, innovative services that demonstrate best practice. The sessions are informal and designed to share best practice with delegates and to stimulate discussion and the exchange of ideas.

For more information:

<http://www.communitycarelive08.co.uk/>

### Chartered Institute of Housing – Harrogate 17, 18 and 19 June 2008

The Housing LIN will have a stand on 'caring communities' and will be running a policy session on the 18<sup>th</sup> on housing for vulnerable people with the Home Office and the Housing Corporation.

Details at <http://cihhousing.com/conference/>

## REGIONAL LIN MEETINGS

### West Midlands LIN

13<sup>th</sup> March 2008, Birmingham

### South West Region LIN

2<sup>nd</sup> April 2008, Bristol

### West Midlands LIN

10<sup>th</sup> April 2008, Dudley

### East Midlands LIN

19<sup>th</sup> June 2008, tbc

### West Midlands

19<sup>th</sup> June 2008, tbc

To register for these events, visit our events page at [www.icn.csip.org.uk/housing](http://www.icn.csip.org.uk/housing) under [Events](#).

## COMING SOON!

- A new report on Equity Release, *Rainy days and silver linings*
- A guide with TPAS on user involvement and supported housing, and
- A literature review on joint commissioning and housing related services

### A few CD-Roms and DVDs still available free from [housing@csip.org.uk](mailto:housing@csip.org.uk)

- That's My Home – Housing Needs for Older People with Dementia (CD Rom)
- Telecare – Living with Independence (CD Rom)
- Healthy Homes, Healthier Lives (DVD / CD Rom and support material)
- Strategic Moves – Thinking, planning and delivering differently - Strategic Commissioning of Services for Older People (CD Rom)
- Housing Now - Choice, control and independence for people with learning difficulties (DVD and CD Rom pack)

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