

HOUSING WITH CARE MATTERS

Housing Learning and
Improvement
Network



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Season's Greetings from all at the Housing LIN

POLICY AND FUNDING NEWS: Supporting People Update

Following the Chancellor's Pre Budget Report statement, Communities and Local Government (CLG) announced the provisional local government financial settlement, including details of Supporting People funding.

The Supporting People funding ring fence will come down for next year 2009/10. But CLG has not rolled the funding completely into Area Based Grants for 2009/10 as expected, and has announced separate Supporting People grants to local authorities for one more year. At the same time a 'transition package' was announced, intended to 'support the delivery of Supporting People in a non-ring fenced environment' because 'CLG is keen to ensure that the expertise developed and gains made in the programme since its inception in 2003 are not lost and that the risks and concerns identified by stakeholders during the Pathfinder project are managed'. This will include published guidance and research, a new financial modelling tool to evidence the value of SP services, conferences, seminars, a focus on small providers and other work yet to be defined.

The amounts per local authority are the same as those provisionally set a year ago – with the exception of those areas where changes in local government structure mean a different authority will be responsible.

The CLG press release is at:

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/news/corporate/1075788>

The breakdown of grant to each Local Authority Administering Authority is at:

<http://www.local.communities.gov.uk/finance/0910/specgrant/supporting%20people.xls>

New capital for Campus Closure Programme

Information about Stage 3 of the learning disability Campus Closure programme is now available on the [DH website](#). There is a much simplified bid form compared with previous stages, providing only 3 levels of bidding to reflect complexity of projects.

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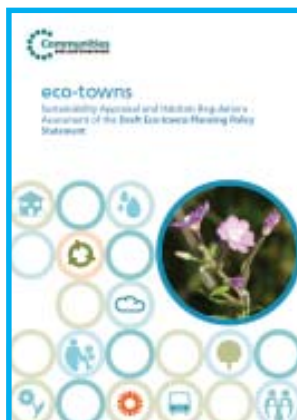
Bidders can put in bids for 2010/11 if projects are likely to overrun and joint bids from LAs/PCTs are required to reflect changed commissioning and funding arrangements from April 2009.

Bids are to be returned to the Valuing People Support Team (VPST) Advisors by noon 30 January 2009.

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Lettersandcirculars/Dearcolleagueletters/dh_091093

Eco-towns consultation

Eco-towns will be new towns which are exemplar green developments of up to 20,000 homes. They will be designed to meet the highest standards of sustainability, including low and zero carbon technologies and good public transport



On 4 November 2008, Housing Minister Margaret Beckett MP launched the second stage of the eco-town consultation with the publication of a number of key documents aimed at making sure that eco-towns are well designed and built to the highest possible environmental standards. The consultation can be reached at:

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/housing/housingsupply/ecotowns/>

Department of Work and Pensions (DWP)

Preparing for an Ageing Society

The Department for Work and Pensions has published a new discussion paper and a series of public discussion events entitled 'Preparing for an Ageing Society'. They are part of the first stage of a review of the government's strategy for meeting the challenges of an ageing society.

The discussion paper is available on the DWP website with responses in by 20th January 2009.

A review of how the Government currently engages with older people has been published. The main recommendations of the review are:

- Establishing a national advisory forum for older people, to be chaired or co-chaired by the lead Minister for older people and supported by regional advisory forums
- Enhancing the role that regional Government Offices play in supporting and developing engagement with older people

- Setting up regional forums to support local authorities to develop elective engagement strategies so that a truly diverse range of older people's voices can be heard.
- Building on the support for older people's forums around the UK, including the Older People's Advisory Groups
- DWP should fund Better Government for Older People, at current levels, until the end of March 2009

A copy of the report can be found at http://www.dwp.gov.uk/opportunity_age/preparing/

Regulation and Inspection

Information on Councils' star ratings for adult social services is now available at:

www.csci.org.uk/about_us/publications/2008_performance_ratings.aspx

NEW HOUSING LIN PUBLICATIONS

New Case Studies

Vertical Housing with Care - Remodelling a tower block as extra care housing.

[Case Study No.44](#) describes Callendar Court in Gateshead, an 11 storey former council housing tower block that has been remodelled as extra care housing. A description of the scheme is followed by an exploration of the factors that need to be taken into account in projects of this type and some of the issues and challenges involved. Available at http://networks.csip.org.uk/library/Resources/Housing/Practice_examples/Housing_LIN_case_studies/Case_study_44.pdf

Supporting Independence and Integration for Disabled People -Foundations for Living Project, the Papworth Trust, Huntingdon

[Case Study No.45](#) describes an innovative scheme that integrates affordable, accessible homes with private flats, as well as a range of key mainstream services for disabled people across housing, support, employment, education and community integration.

In 2008 the Foundations for Life Project won a Housing Corporation Gold Award for Building Cohesive Communities. Available at:

http://networks.csip.org.uk/library/Resources/Housing/Practice_examples/Housing_LIN_case_studies/Case_study_45.pdf

New Report

Housing, care, support - a guide to integrating housing related support at a regional level

[This new report](#) with the CLG is based on a series of events in Birmingham, Bristol, Manchester, London and Cambridge in May and June 2008 exploring good practice examples of integration to support vulnerable groups at a regional level.

It can be found at:

<http://networks.csip.org.uk/IndependentLivingChoices/Housing/Topics/browse/Housing/HousingStrategy/?parent=3656&child=4792>

New Factsheet

The Cohousing Approach to 'Lifetime Neighbourhoods'

[Housing LIN Factsheet No. 29](#) considers how local authorities and housing associations can work with public and private sector partners to develop a co-housing approach towards the outcomes sought from the government's national strategy on housing for an ageing society. Available at:

<http://networks.csip.org.uk/library/Resources/Housing/Support materials/Factsheets/Factsheet29.pdf>

OTHER USEFUL PUBLICATIONS

Local Involvement Networks (LINKs)

Local Involvement Networks (LINKs) have been introduced to help strengthen the system that enables communities to influence local health and care services.

There is a new document which explains more about LINKs (superceding previous versions). More information at:

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Managingyourorganisation/PatientAndPublicinvolvement/dh_076366

Quick reference guide - Mental wellbeing and older people

[This quick reference guide](#) presents the recommendations made in 'Occupational therapy interventions' and physical activity interventions to promote the mental wellbeing of older people in primary care and residential care'.

<http://www.nice.org.uk/Guidance/PH16>

For more information about NICE guidance that has been issued or is in development, see <http://www.nice.org.uk>

Hands Off It's My Home! a path to Citizenship

[This toolkit](#) for auditing support to people with learning disabilities and developing an outcomes-based action plan for Citizenship has recently been refreshed for the Housing LIN.

It was developed to help support Providers (domiciliary care and housing related) better understand the impact on freedoms and citizenship that anything other than the best quality of support will have on people with learning disabilities.

The toolkit now also includes an action plan which gives Providers a means to shape support towards achieving Citizenship for people as defined by Simon Duffy in his guide 'Keys to Citizenship (2006)'. Available at:

<http://networks.csip.org.uk/IndependentLivingChoices/Housing/Topics/browse/LearningDisabilities/?parent=992&child=3436>

Coping with financial systems

Lost in the money maze; How advice agencies and credit unions can help older people cope with today's financial systems. Published by Help the Aged policy.helptheaged.org.uk

Age Friendly Communities in the North

If trends in ageing follow projections the north's population will age broadly in line with the UK average. This new report shows just how aware the north must be of some startling regional, sub-regional and local variations.

www.northern-consortium.org.uk

Good housing leads to good health



[This new toolkit](#) was written by the Building Research Establishment for the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health. It focuses on the links between health and housing and provides useful information for practitioners on the key strategic drivers and operational practices to tackle health and housing inequalities.

Copies are available from:

www.cieh.org/policy/good_housing_good_health.html

CALLS FOR INFORMATION

Carers and housing

Peter Fletcher Associates (PFA) have been commissioned by the Housing LIN in conjunction with the Princess Royal Trust for Carers and Carers UK to prepare a Factsheet for the Housing LIN on Carers and Housing.

The Factsheet will address carers of older people, vulnerable adults and children and will look at policy and practice that is currently, and needs to be, in place in local areas to deliver on the vision of the National Carers Strategy.

PFA would be grateful for information from carers' networks about housing issues that carers have experienced that impact on their lives and the lives of the person/people they care for, e.g. access to information and advice, access to housing, services that support them at home. In particular, examples of good practice that have met the needs of carers in a positive way and that could be promoted more widely.

Please send responses by the **end of January 2009**. Email your information to:
info@peterfletcherassociates.co.uk

Marketing Extra Care Housing

The Housing LIN have commissioned research on the **marketing** of extra care housing and are seeking information on the following from Housing LIN members:

- Techniques/strategies employed in marketing ECH –what works best
- Tools/resources/assets/training required and invested in
- Examples of good practice
- Who are the key marketeers? –dedicated sales team, care/management staff, estate agents, care professionals, other
- Consumer 'engagement' –role of feedback in marketing
- Ideas for improving marketing of ECH
- How will marketing adjust during a recession

Please forward information to Dr Michael McCarthy:
info@workhouse-ltd.co.uk

BME older people's housing

Kalyani Gandhi is looking for good case study/good practice examples where older peoples housing providers have successfully developed a model of

providing for the needs of ethnically mixed older people within a generic setting. This could be in the form of innovative support planning, service development, staffing, external community based services or running a hub for the wider community.

This is for a research project looking at the challenges these providers faced and how they developed services to meet this type of provision/demand.

She would also like to visit 2 projects, so if there are any organisations willing to host a 2 hour visit in January 2009, where she could view the scheme and also speak to the scheme manager directly, she would be very grateful if they could contact her at:

Kalyani Gandhi: 07590 189475
kalyani_gandhi@hotmail.com

ECH for people with dementia

The Housing and Dementia Research Consortium is endeavouring to find any research and evaluation evidence that exists relating to extra care housing for people with dementia including,

- the design and use of the built environment
- facilities, furnishings and equipment
- the social environment
- care, support and therapeutic services
- organisation and management.

The Housing and Dementia Research Consortium has been set up in order to help galvanise the generation of robust research evidence relevant to providers and commissioners of housing with care for people with dementia, and has received funding from the Joseph Rowntree Foundation to carry out a review of research evidence relating to Extra Care housing for people with dementia.

A hugely important part of the review is to locate findings from work organisations have carried out or commissioned that is not available in the public domain.

If you have carried out, or commissioned, any evaluation or research that relates to Extra Care Housing for People with Dementia they would be extremely grateful if you would send a copy of any information or reports you have before the end of December 2008. *Any information and documents they receive will remain strictly confidential and organisations and/or establishments will remain anonymous in the write up of the literature review if this is desired.*

Please email hdrc@housing21.co.uk
or telephone 0370 192 4669

RESEARCH UPDATE

Housing with care expert seminar

Last month, the JRF hosted a joint seminar looking at key policy, practice and research issues facing housing with care for older people. The aim of this seminar was to

- Highlight the current evidence base with regard to housing with care for older people.
- Probe and discuss the implications of recent research findings for policy and practice.
- Identify evidence gaps and inform future plans for research.

For a summary of the key findings and a copy of the powerpoint presentations visit:

<http://networks.csip.org.uk/IndependentLivingChoices/Housing/Topics/type/resource/?cid=4881>

REGIONAL ROUND-UP

London

The Mayor of London published the first draft of the London Housing Strategy (LHS) last week. This first draft is in consultative form for the London Assembly only. A second draft will be published in the spring as part of a wider consultation with the public.

The draft contains good news for Home Improvement Agencies (HIA's) as the Mayor aims to devolve more power down to the individual London Boroughs, which are responsible for commissioning HIA services in the Capital. The draft LHS contains a great deal of interest for HIAs, including calls for:

- targeted funding streams for vulnerable people
- the provision of comprehensive advice and information on housing options
- help for private homeowners to improve the energy efficiency of their homes and improve accessibility for older and disabled people, and
- ways for the Housing Health and Safety Rating System to be implemented more effectively.

For info visit, <http://www.london.gov.uk/mayor/housing/strategy/index.jsp>

North West

Innovative local health service in extra care wins the Health Service Journal's Patient Centred Care Award.

The Healthy Legs Clinic, an innovative local health service unique to Blackburn with Darwen, recently won the national Health Service Journal's Patient Centred Care Award. The Healthy Legs Clinic is a new service developed by the Tissue Viability Nursing Team for people with leg problems, delivered within a non-clinical setting at an extra care housing scheme - Spring Bank Court in Blackburn (See also Housing LIN Case Study no.38:

http://networks.csip.org.uk/library/Resources/Housing/Practice_examples/Housing_LIN_case_studies/Case_Study_38.pdf)

Set up earlier this year, the clinic has made a real impact locally, providing an important health service in sociable, non-medical surroundings. Most patients have relatively simple health problems that can be resolved in a straightforward way in a friendly environment. However, several people have already been referred for urgent, potentially life saving treatment. For more information contact:

Debbie.Murphy@bwdpct.nhs.uk

REGIONAL LIN MEETINGS

The regional LIN leads have regular meetings to review current and forthcoming policy, research and events that will be of interest to members and to ensure we keep improving regional meetings.

Our regular regional meetings are:

West Midlands Region Housing LIN

22nd January 2009, Stoke On Trent

North East Region Housing LIN

29th January 2009, Pontefract

North West Region Housing LIN

26th February 2009, Wilmslow

South West Region Housing LIN

4th March 2009, Bristol

West Midlands Region Housing LIN

30th April 2009, location tbc

NATIONAL EVENTS

Housing, Care and Support Conference, 27/28 January – Manchester

Self directed support - The future for supported housing? The 15th annual housing, care and support conference.

<http://www.pavpub.com/pavpub/conferences/showfull.asp?Conference=777>

Housing Conference, Guardian Newspaper, 29 January – London

This event is designed to find solutions to the current challenges facing the housing sector. It aims to bring together the most forward-thinking and influential delegates from RSLs, local authorities, house builders, lenders and central government.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/futurehousing>

Managing new realities 2009 – Tuesday 3rd & Wednesday 4th March, Inmarsat conference Centre, London

Now in its sixth year, this event looks at the future shape of care and support and brings together professionals in health, housing and social care to examine how these services can be improved and integrated. This year, the event will explore how personalisation could expand across other areas, for instance, transport and leisure, to create better services and will include key issues such as accessing services, the importance of local leadership and the resources needed to

Contact details: 0844 8805061 or

www.pavpub.com/mailings

A few CD-Roms and DVDs still available free from 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)



PROMOTE YOUR WORK

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 housing@csip.org.uk

We welcome your contributions

The next issue will be in Nov/Dec 2008

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