

Housing an Ageing Population

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The Challenge of an Ageing Population

Life expectancy is rising, by 2025/2030:

- Over 65s will increase by 46%
- Over 85s will increase by over 50%
- 28% increase in older people who have problems with daily living
- 67% increase in over 65 dementia cases
- Without changes this equates to a 150% increase in care costs
- 95% vulnerable residents want to live at home

Challenge and Opportunity

- 9.5 million older households live in 43% of all homes (mostly owner occupied)
- Between 2008 and 2039 74% of household growth will be made up of over 65's
- Over 47% of the public would be more likely to move if the property had accessible features (Ipsos Mori)
- Only 7% of homes in England include basic accessibility features
- Specific housing for older people accounts for just 6% of existing stock
- Only 7,000 of the 155,000 homes built in 14/15 were for older people
- Large number of older people holding asset wealth

Making Housing Count – the opportunities

- Housing is critical to independence and can deliver independent living with less dependence on Health and Care services
- Housing impacts on physical and mental well being and health inequalities
- Housing options have evolved to meet new and emerging demand and aspirations (for Health & Care)
- Contributes to community solutions
- Instrumental in improving outcomes for people, carers, families
- A workforce in touch with communities that can support integrated working and deliver substantial health and social care benefits

National Context

- **Marmot Review** - need to improve the social determinants of health
- **Health and Social Care Act** - creating Health & Well Being Boards
- **Care Act** - an emphasis on housing/home based solutions
- **Better Care Fund** – promoting integration including Housing
- **Five Year Forward View** – recognising the role of housing - Healthy New Towns
- **Improving Health through the Home** – National Memorandum of Understanding
- **Building our Homes , Communities and Futures** – Dec 16 LGA Housing Commission
- **Housing White Paper** – “Fixing our broken housing market” Feb 17
- **Neighbourhood Planning Act** – 2017
- **DCI G Supported Housing Green Paper** – Spring 2017?

National MoU



- NHS England initiated discussions with the Housing and Care sector
- Supported by DH and PHE
- Provides the ‘mood music’
- Supports the development of Regional/Local partnerships and solutions

Taking the Opportunities

- Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and a focus on the broader determinants of health
- Health and Wellbeing Board and Strategy
- Local Plan and Housing Strategy
- Using the opportunities of technology and the digital age
- Developing age-friendly Communities
- Government – focus on housing
- Department of Health – specialist funds
- NHS England – STP's, Healthy New Towns

Examples of Local Delivery

- North Yorkshire
- Sunderland
- Birmingham
- Central Bedfordshire

A world without care homes?

“In my view, the growing human rights agenda for community care will see institutional provision in the form of care and nursing homes as very much a thing of the past, an anachronism. I anticipate a substantial growth in the move towards sheltered and very sheltered housing, it is only a matter of time - even perhaps a couple of decades - before the old people’s home as we have known it follows its clear predecessor, the workhouse, into history” - **David Hinchliffe MP in 2002 when he was Chair of the Health Committee in the House of Commons**

‘It would be a disappointment if in 30, 40 or 50 years’ time nursing homes still exist. I think we may find that nursing homes are a bit like TB beds were, they were particularly a feature of the way care was provided in the latter part of the 20th century.’ – **Simon Stevens, Chief Executive NHS England speaking in July 2014**