

Factsheet



Adult Care Services

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Adult Disability Service Accommodation Plan

What is the Plan about?



We are looking at where people with disabilities live and what their Supported Housing looks like to make sure it is right.



Supported Housing means where people can live in the community with support, close to their friends and family in the way they choose to.



We want to build new homes and make the housing we have now, better.



Supported Housing can be rented from Housing Associations, from local councils or privately or buying your own home.

The Plan would like to:



Create lots of different housing options in Hertfordshire.



Create homes that last for a long time and that are good for the environment.



Work together with people who live in Supported Housing, their families and carers.



Look after the homes we have now to make sure they work in the future.

How will we make sure we work together?



Some people might be involved from the very start of a new process, and some will be involved in the redesign of places they already live in.



The ideas of people who use or will use Supported Housing in the future are very important.



Their ideas will be shared with the developers and architects who can make sure their housing is going to work for them now and in the future.



Developers and Architects are the people who know how to design and build properties.

Why have we got this new strategy?



We know that Supported Housing is good for the people who live there and for the Council's money.



We want to make sure people who live there have more choice of housing options.



The Care Act 2014 says that local councils must make sure people are well supported. Housing is very important in making sure this happens.



In the past, people in Hertfordshire have lived in 'group homes' but we want to give people the option to live in their own home with support.



Group home means living with other people in the same house, sharing a kitchen and living room and staff.



There are not many opportunities for this now, so we want to make sure housing is right for everyone now and in the future.



There are lots of people supported by different services in Hertfordshire who live in different ways.



There are lots of good things about accessible housing being available everyone. This will also save the Council some money.

What are the challenges we might face?



There are more people who need support than there used to be. Now, there is not enough housing in Hertfordshire.

The Strategy will be working with people who are supported by the following teams:



0-25 Together Team works with people aged 18 to 25 with disabilities. This can be a scary time as many people want to move into their own home for the first time. We want those people to feel happy and safe.



The Transforming Care Team works with people with disabilities who might need to go to hospital because of their mental health.



Older people with Disabilities includes people who already live in Supported Housing. They might be ready to move into new services where they can be supported with their health needs such as Dementia. We want to make sure these people can live in the community if they still want to.



Adults with Physical Disabilities includes people who need help getting around. We want to make sure that there is housing available in the community with any equipment they need to live as independently as possible.

What are our Goals?



Goal 1: To work with other services in Hertfordshire like the NHS to make housing options better.



Goal 2: To make housing options better for adults with disabilities.



Goal 3: To make the properties Hertfordshire County Council already own better.

How will we do this?



A new team has been put together to work on the strategy.



The Government has said there will be more money to create better housing for people with disabilities.



We will build homes that are eco-friendly and use less energy to keep the environment safe and bills low.



We will aim to build properties that can meet other housing needs if they are no longer needed by Hertfordshire County Council.

Conclusion:



This is a 10-year plan with different ideas to work on in each year.

There is a specialist team who will work with services and with people who use services.

We want to make sure we get the best results for people who live in Hertfordshire.