

SUPPORTED LIVING AND EXTRA CARE PROJECTS

Summary

1. The Council's Integrated Commissioning Unit has been invited to provide an update on the projects providing Supported Living and Extra Care, including progress to date and future plans.

2. Supported Living / Extra Care is part of the Panel's 2015 work programme.

Background

3. Supported Living and Extra Care developments provide accommodation and support to adults with a physical disability, learning disability, mental health challenge, dementia and individuals experiencing increasing frailty. The aim is to support individuals to continue to live independently.

4. Extra care housing schemes offer people the combination of living in their own home with 24 hour background support and personal care if needed. Extra Care is usually aimed at people aged 55 years and over. Extra Care offers a service to a wide range of service users and where appropriate, their family members. The size of Extra Care schemes may vary from 30 apartments up to 130 apartments. Rental, co-ownership and full ownership are all available. The Worcestershire Extra Care Housing Strategy 2012 – 2026 is available online at the following link: <http://moderngovwebpublic.bromsgrove.gov.uk>

5. Supported Living provides services for individuals from 18 years old. These developments are usually no larger than 16 apartments. Currently all apartments are for rent but co-ownership and full ownership is being explored.

6. The county's website for adult social care and health services 'Your Life, Your Choice' provides further information and advice: <https://ylc.worcestershire.gov.uk/information-and-advice/accommodation/supported-living/>

Provision in Worcestershire

7. There is a range of provision across Worcestershire. The scale of available accommodation is being accelerated to meet the changing needs of service users whilst ensuring best use of available resources. New schemes have already opened and more are planned on a year by year basis. We are currently working with Housing Associations within Worcestershire as well as new providers who are keen to offer both new build and refurbished accommodation. The refurbishment of existing Sheltered Schemes is planned.

Purpose of this Meeting / Next Steps

8. Further information will be provided via a presentation at the meeting.

9. The purpose of the meeting is to update the Panel on projects relating to Supported Living / Extra Care. As part of this, panel members may reflect on issues raised during other discussions, including:

- Is current provision meeting demand across all service user groups?
- How to ensure viability of care settings within the community - within the on-going climate of cost savings?
- Is partnership working effective enough?
- 'Your Life, Your Choice website' – is information reaching those who need it?

Next Steps

10. Arising from the discussion, members are asked to determine whether any further information or action is required at this stage, or whether they wish to submit any comments to the Cabinet Member.

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Background Papers

In the opinion of the proper officer (in this case the Head of Legal and Democratic Services) the following background papers relate to the subject matter of this report:

- Agenda and Minutes of the Adult Care and Well-being Panel on 12 May and 22 January 2015

All Agendas and Minutes are available on the Council's Website

<http://worcestershire.moderngov.co.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=139>