

Supporting local areas to develop a housing vision and strategy for older people



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Supporting local areas develop place-based plans for older adults

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What do we want the future to look like? Brookmore





A place-based approach to housing with care and support

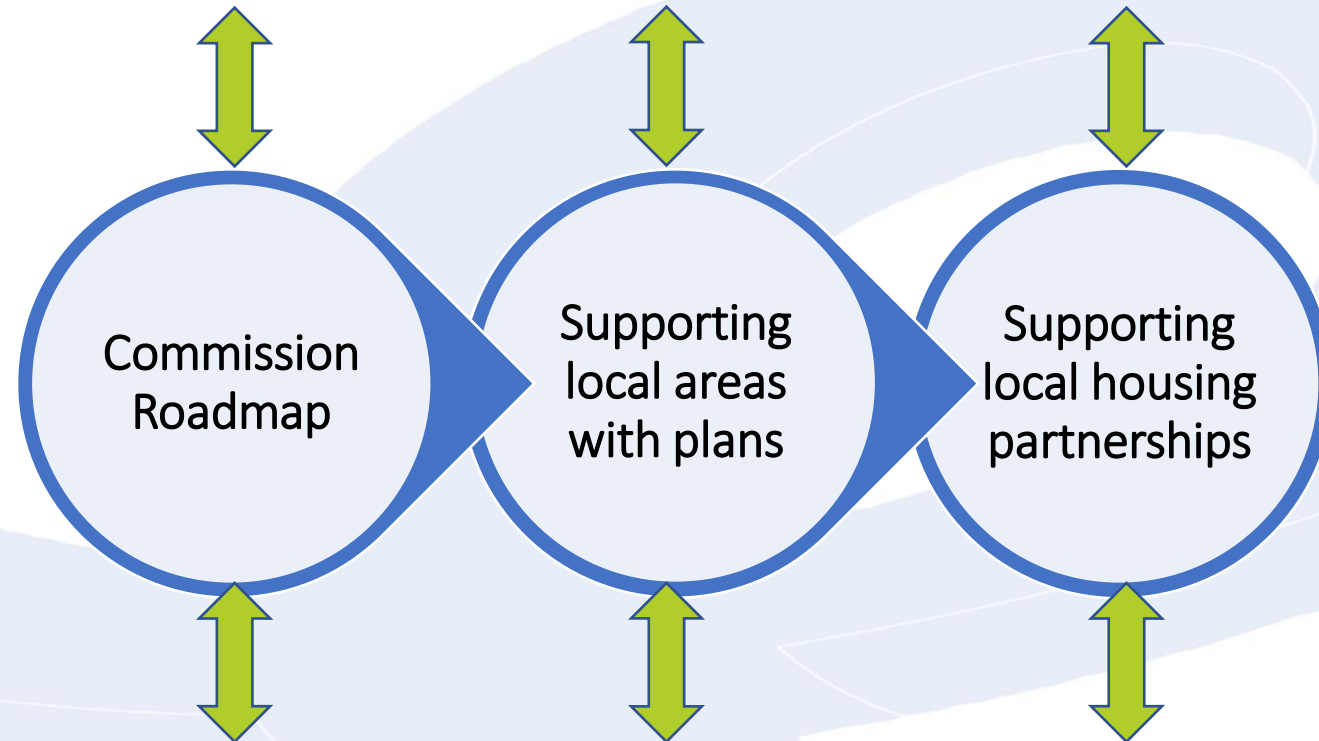


Local Action

“Local areas should be obliged through new legislation to produce a single place-based plan for housing with care and support for older people which is shaped by the local authority, the NHS, local planning authorities, other local partners, and people who draw on care and support.”

Housing for older people: linking evidence, national policy and local practice

National policy: Adult Social Care White Paper (2021)
Older People's Housing Taskforce (2023-24)



- Supporting local areas and sharing what works
- Putting people who are navigating the system at its centre
- Research and evidence informed practice

Developing a business case for housing options for older adults



Step 1: Understanding demand

Introduction



The first step is about drawing on existing data and information to understand your local population and current and future demand for housing, particularly for older people. It involves:

- collecting and analysing local demographic, economic, health, social care and housing trends data
- identifying local needs and preferences for housing in later life
- carrying out demand projections for different types of housing.

It is important that the information collected reflects the diversity of the local population, for example different ethnic groups, LGBTQ+ communities, disabled people, people living with dementia and people with visual or hearing impairments.

What will it add?



What will this step add to your business case:

This information will help inform your business case by helping potential investors understand the local context and current and projected demand for different types of housing that meet older people's specific needs, across different localities.

How to?



Outline a demographic overview and socio-economic profile of the local population, focusing particularly on older people. For example, you should highlight age groups, ethnic groups, gender, deprivation, life expectancy, health issues, prevalence of dementia, disability, care and support needs, care and support eligibility status, people who fund their own care and support, and unmet needs, etc. Highlight any relevant differences across different localities in the local area. Outline local projections about population growth, particularly for older people and projected changes in any relevant demographics. You can



KEY QUESTIONS

- What do we know about our local population?
- What do we know about trends in housing and living arrangements?
- What is the economic status of the older population and what proportion of older people would be eligible for social and/or means restricted options (e.g. sheltered housing)?
- What do we know about housing needs and preferences?
- What are the projections for local demand for housing?

Toolkit structure

- Introduction
 - Housing options specifically for older adults
- Getting started – Vision and Leadership
 - Local housing partnerships
- Co-production principles
- Steps 1-10
 - *Introduction*
 - *Key Questions*
 - *What will it add?*
 - *How to*
 - *Sources of information and resources*
 - *Tips on co-production*
 - *Case study*
- Business case template
 - Examples of business cases

Getting started – vision and leadership

Introduction

Developing a business plan for housing for older adults, is not something a department can do on their own; it is more effective in terms of delivery and implementation when everyone works together. The Commission for the Role of Housing in the Future of Care and Support identified local housing partnerships as essential for local areas to create an overarching vision and strategic housing plan for older adults, stating that any plan should be "shaped by the local authority, the NHS, local planning authorities, other local partners, and people who draw on care and support".

A housing partnership can:

- Ensure the right people are in the room with the range of expertise needed to develop a robust age-friendly housing strategy.
- Support co-production and shared decision making with older people and the wider community.
- Help identify local data, business intelligence and information held by different partners to avoid duplicating effort.
- Make best use of capacity and funding.
- Ensure buy-in of any plan, greatly enabling the delivery of the vision and plan.



Local housing partnerships

- **Older people and carers**, representative groups, charities and community groups.
- Local Authority:
 - Social services, social workers and community workers.
 - Housing, planning and regeneration departments, finance/corporate resources
 - Commissioners, Better Care Fund managers.
- NHS, community health, Occupational Therapists, mental health leads.
- Integrated Care Partnerships
- Elected members: County, Borough Parish or Town councillors.
- Developers, builders, planners and architects.
- Social care and community services providers.
- General needs and specialist housing providers (LA, housing associations and commercial operators).
- Grant makers/funders of housing for older people.



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Developing local housing partnerships through 'Serious Games'



Housing LIN

Connecting people, ideas and resources




Serious Play for Serious Change

Hopetown was developed as an impact methodology for supporting important insight and strategy around housing and ageing

Housing and Ageing:
Linking strategy to future delivery for Scotland, Wales and England 2030



The research emphasized:

- **The importance increased need for partnership working between housing, health and social care**
 - **The need for more strategic planning for future demographic change**
 - **Housing planning and support is an underexplored yet key priority, especially in the preventative agenda**
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**We are all on
the same
team**



Ripple in the pond

Ways of Working

- ✓ Partnership
- ✓ Communication methods
- ✓ Joint decision making
- ✓ Information and advice
- ✓ Co-production

“Health, Housing and Care are all in crisis. If we can work together in spectrum from admission end rather than the discharge end for someone, we have longer to plan it.”

(Community Team)



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Shaping Southwark's priorities

Tasnim Rahman, SCIE

Evaluation activities

- Notes during the game
- Debrief transcriptions
- On-the-day feedback forms
- Workshop priorities
- 12-15 week follow-up interviews
- 12-15 week follow-up survey



On the day observations

- **Understanding** the diversity of older people and their market power (or lack of)
- **Communication** – with the right people at the right time in the process
- **What can be achieved** with a housing partnership
- **Understanding** other team's priorities and pressure points facilitates good decision making
- **An informed housing strategy** early on would help with budget pressures and changes in community need



Priorities for Southwark's housing plan

- **Co-produce** a housing plan that meets the needs of a diverse community
- **Supporting** people with dementia and chronic conditions with proactive dementia support and aids, adaptations and retrofits
- **Investment** in different types of housing with the development of a range of housing models and budget options in Southwark. Prioritising accessible housing with aids and adaptations
- **A needs-based and person-centred approach** for rehousing older adults within their communities and neighbourhoods
- **Becoming proactive and preventative** in approach as opposed to reactionary in responding to crises.



Investing in accessible housing

It was highlighted by players that within existing housing stock, accessible homes are scarce.

In the game, players found it hard to balance wider community needs (services and transport) with individual residents' needs for accessible housing.

Service provider 1 – “I would like to know how place enhancements would benefit the wellbeing of all the people around. What if you can’t step down from the bath and go down the stairs or recognise the area much?”

Service provider 2 – “Well I guess it’ll be a case of I have a great view outside, but I just won’t be able to get out of the bath!”



Key learning for players



Making headspace for strategic thinking



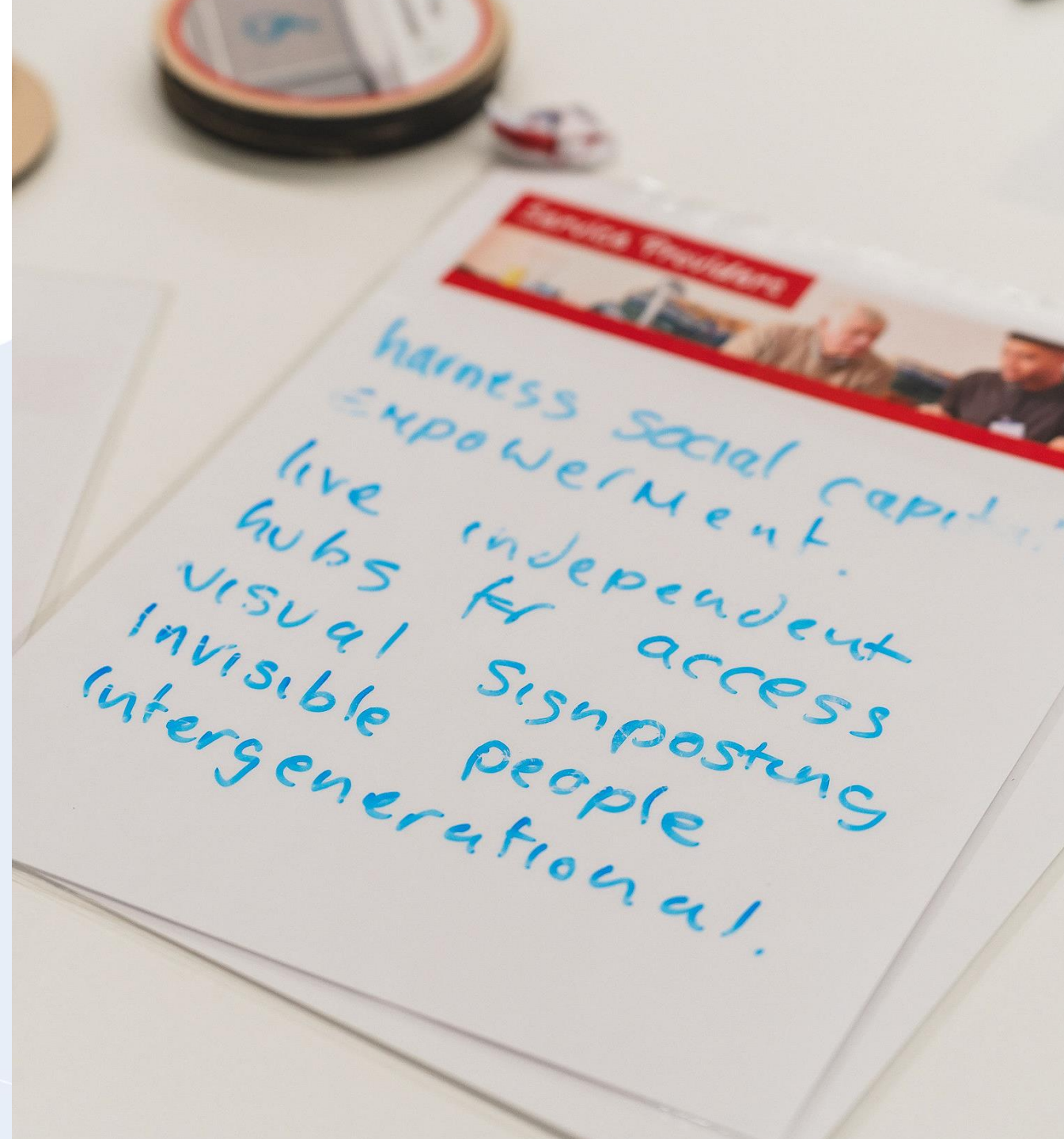
Motivation to collaborate with more stakeholders



Perspective taking



Enabling choice and control



What people said about the impact of the Serious Games

“Serious games has made a difference... because people are reaching out more than they were before and conversations are working differently. Council staff are reaching out a bit more to the voluntary sector partly because we’ve pushed them, so they’re actually starting to put more teeth into the work they do with us and trying to put more realistic money to help us.” (Charity CEO)

“What the Serious Game does is get you in front of people who've got a different perspective, different angle, you've got different outcomes in mind and you start to understand things from their perspective and what they're trying to achieve [and then] can come up with a better solution... So [it's about] that relationship building, that patience, that listening, that willingness to understand things from a different perspective... And I think absolutely the need to continue that relationship building afterwards. (Game player)

Redefining housing for older people through partnership working

Alison Benzimra
Head of Research and Influence



























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Fascinating site visit to [United St Saviour's Charity](#)
Appleby Blue almshouse with [Martyn Craddock](#) and an
array of professionals from local authorities. From
architects, to occupational therapists the questions were
so varied and insightful. Looking forward to bringing the
group back when the building is completed and our
residents are settled. [#knowledgeexchange](#)



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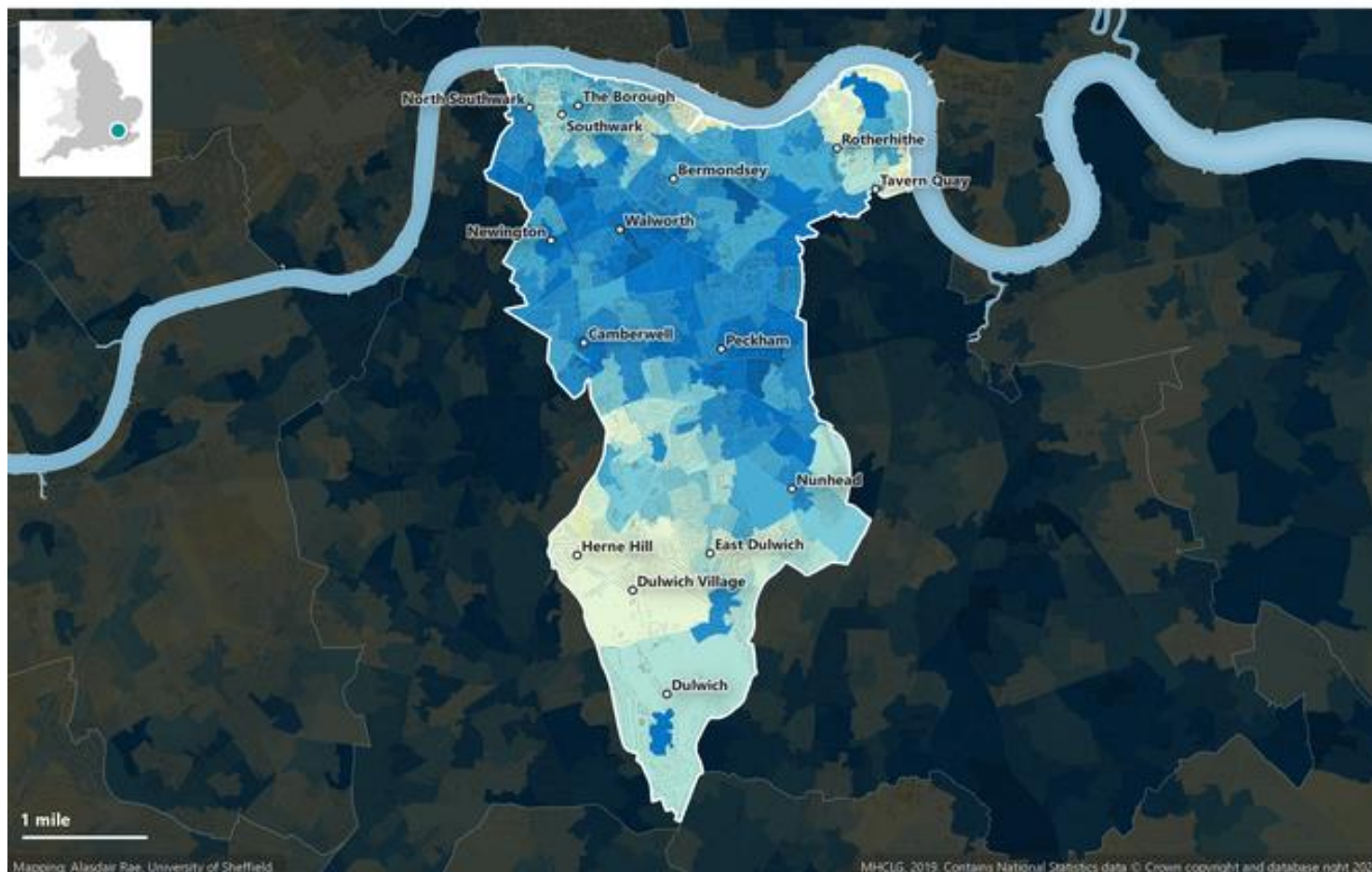
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Index of Multiple Deprivation 2019

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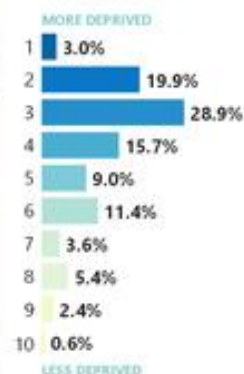


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Local authority profile

% of LSOAs in each national deprivation decile



What this map shows

This is a map of Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) 2019 data for **Southwark**. The colours on the map indicate the deprivation decile of each Lower Layer Super Output Area (LSOA) for England as a whole, and the coloured bars above indicate the proportion of LSOAs in each national deprivation decile. The most deprived areas (decile 1) are shown in blue. It is important to keep in mind that the data relate to small areas and do not tell us how deprived, or wealthy, individual people are. LSOAs have an average population of just under 1,700 (as of 2017).





<https://research.utdallas.edu/blog/predicting-the-onset-of-alzheimers-disease-with-biomarkers>



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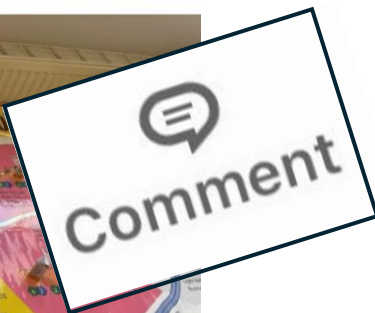
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Replies to [Vikki McCall](#)'s comment on this post



Vikki McCall · 1st 2y ...
Professor of Social Policy at University of Stirling...

It was lovely to meet you also Alison! Gaming is such a good mechanism for breaking down barriers and silos between services, I am so glad you liked the methodology 😊

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Susan Kay · 1st 2y ...
Chief Executive of the Dunhill Medical Tr...

Would love to find out more about this Vikki and how it could be used in tandem with the toolkit produced as part of our work with SCIE and the Commission on the Role of Housing in the Future of Care and Support. Hopetown sounds like Brookmore (the fictional town we 'built' in the report... Do get in touch.

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Thank you Susan, I would love to talk more about that. I'll be in touch via email. Will be so exciting to explore some linkage opportunities.

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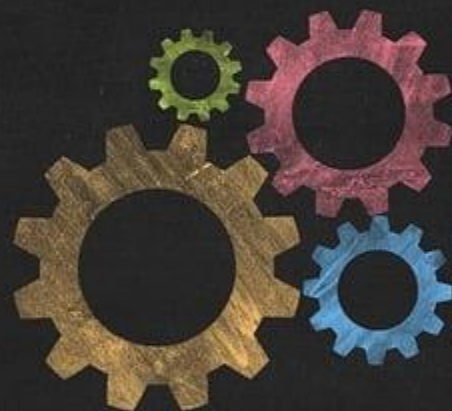




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“Moving to Appleby is like jumping out of an airplane without a parachute and landing on a bouncy castle.”

Appleby Blue resident

Thank you

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The Older People's Housing Taskforce

Kathryn Smith, CEO Social Care Institute for Excellence

The Older People's Housing Taskforce

The aim of the task force is to look at options for the provision of greater choice, quality and security of housing for older people.

It will work across the housing, health, and care sectors to prompt and secure an increase in the volume and range of housing options and make recommendations to the Government.





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