

Suffolk HOLD Partnership

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Project method

In January 2016, Suffolk's H&WB adopted a Suffolk Joint Learning Disability Strategy, with eight key priorities clustering the theme "*This is my life*". One of those themes is concerned with "*choosing where I live and who I live with*". At the same time, Suffolk County Council, Ipswich Building Society, Saffron Housing Trust and The Professional Deputy Service discussed how, in a constrained local authority spending environment, they could retain opportunities for shared ownership in Suffolk for adults with severe disability. The Professional Deputy Service decided that it would integrate into its service the access, project management and administrative support to new shared ownership housing developments. The PDS purpose is to act as the MCA mechanism for access to shared ownership properties to bring forward specialised housing supply for adults with complex lifelong disability. The key is an Ipswich Building Society interest only mortgage tracking the DWP mortgage interest rate.

Project results/evaluation

Ipswich Building Society has offered up to 40 mortgages each year. Two Housing Associations have agreed to bring forward property: a third HA meeting is pending. A national support organisation, United Response, is engaged and made positive comment as to bringing its housing interest to bear through shared ownership property purchase.

Project area classification

Hospital care		Emergency care	
GP care		Dementia	
Social care	x	Learning disability	x
Voluntary sector	x	Other mental health	
Financial services	x	Palliative care	
Police		Advance planning, LPAs	
Legal	x	Commissioning	x
Community health care		Training	
Nursing and care home		For professionals?	x
Acute care		For public and service users?	x
Chronic care		Housing	x