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'On the Mend' looks at the range of services broadly referred to as 'hospital discharge' or 'home from hospital' schemes and examines the policy framework in which these services are expanding and developing. It profiles in detail those services which have a particular emphasis on ensuring that the homes of people leaving hospital are both adapted to their needs and also in a fit state for them to live in. The majority of these services are currently run by home improvement agencies.

As well as demonstrating the valuable contribution that such housing based hospital discharge services can make to meeting the broad aims of the national health and social care policy agendas, 'On the Mend' is a practical resource for those interested in developing or commissioning a service. It provides step by step guidance to planning, establishing, managing and monitoring a scheme with sections on best practice, service agreements and evaluation.

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