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## NEWS RELEASE

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### *Head of Older People's Charity, Care & Repair England, Awarded OBE*

Sue Adams, Director of Care & Repair England, has been awarded an OBE in the Queen's Birthday honours for services to older people's housing.

At Care & Repair England Sue has been tireless in her work to highlight the housing situation of disadvantaged older people, particularly those living in poor and inadequate private sector housing. She has been at the forefront of the development of practical help with repairs and adaptations which can make all the difference to older people being able to live independently in their own homes.

*"As well as being a great personal honour I see this award as being a great tribute to everyone who works to improve housing for older people,"* said Adams. *"It is an important recognition of the value of the Care & Repair approach – listening to what older people say about their homes and lives, and finding ways to enable their housing choice."*

Sue Adams worked closely with the Department for Communities and Local Government on the creation of the national government strategy for housing in an ageing society, *Lifetime Homes, Lifetime Neighbourhoods*, when she co-chaired the department's advisory committee, the Housing and Older People Development group alongside Terry Alafat. Adams went on to say:

*"We very much look forward to working with the new administration and fully support their intention (4) of enabling older people to live in their own homes for longer through practical help such as home adaptations and community support"*

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### Editor's notes

1. Care & Repair England is a national charity set up in 1986 to improve the housing and living conditions of older and disabled people, particularly those occupying poor quality private sector housing, thereby enabling people to 'stay put' in their own homes in greater comfort and security.
2. Sue Adams has worked for Care & Repair England since 1987.
3. Sue Adams was the co-chair of the government's advisory group on housing and older people during the writing of '*Lifetime Homes, Lifetime Neighbourhoods: a housing strategy for an ageing society*' published in 2008. ([www.communities.gov.uk/news/corporate/702993](http://www.communities.gov.uk/news/corporate/702993)).
4. Sue now chairs the Housing and Ageing Alliance and the Home Adaptations Consortium.
5. The Coalition's Programme for Government has set the objective:  
  
*"We will help elderly people live at home for longer through solutions such as home adaptations and community support programmes."*  
  
<http://programmeforgovernment.hmg.gov.uk/nhs/>
6. A copy of the current Care & Repair England Annual Review is available here <http://www.careandrepair-england.org.uk/pdf/annualreview2009.pdf>
7. Further information available from the PA Catriona Saxton, [info@careandrepair-england.org.uk](mailto:info@careandrepair-england.org.uk) , 0115 950 6500.

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