



Weblinks: Further information and resources

www.careandrepair-england.org.uk for information about Care & Repair England's programme of work and associated free resources.

Policy Context and National Perspectives

The main government websites are;

Department of Health - for both health and social care issues
www.dh.gov.uk

Communities and Local Government - for housing issues
www.communities.gov.uk

For a wide range of data, including census and demographic trend statistics:
www.statistics.gov.uk

The overarching government strategy document on older people is *Opportunity Age: Meeting the challenges of ageing in the 21st century*
http://www.dwp.gov.uk/opportunity_age/

Department of Health – some key references

There is an older people's services section of the website aimed primarily at local NHS organisations and local councils who deliver services for older people. It includes details of the *National Service Framework for Older People* and subsequent related reports.
<http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Policyandguidance/Healthandsocialcaretopics/Olderpeopleservices/index.htm>

The Housing Learning and Improvement Network, part of the Department of Health's Care Services Improvement Partnership, commissioned this resource. It was produced by housing charity Care & Repair England. The Housing LIN and Care & Repair England websites will help you to keep up to date with any changes to the information provided in these materials, and to learn more about the other work they undertake in the sphere of housing and health.

www.icn.csip.org.uk/housing for the Housing LIN and links to their Newsletters, Briefings and associated materials

Our Health, Our Care, Our Say: A new direction for community services
<http://www.dh.gov.uk/PolicyAndGuidance/OrganisationPolicy/Modernisation/OurHealthOurCareOurSay/fs/en>

Choosing Health
<http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Policyandguidance/Organisationpolicy/Modernisation/Choosinghealth/index.htm>

The NHS in England: operating framework for 2007-08
http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_063267

Supporting people with long term conditions: An NHS and social care model to support local innovation and integration

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Policyandguidance/Healthandsocialcaretopics/Longtermconditions/DH_4128537

Discharge from hospital: pathway process and practice

www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/Browsable/DH_4097757

Operating Framework for the NHS

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_063267

Communities and Local Government – some relevant references

Quality and Choice for Older People's Housing: A Strategic Framework

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/index.asp?id=1153618>

[Note: A new government 'Housing Strategy for an Ageing Society' is expected to be published in Summer 2007]

Preparing Older People's Strategies

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/index.asp?id=1162273>

Housing, Health and Safety Rating Scheme

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/index.asp?id=1152820>

Decent Homes Standards and related documents on

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/index.asp?id=1152136>

Delivering Housing Adaptations for Disabled People: A Good Practice Guide - June 2006 Edition <http://www.communities.gov.uk/index.asp?id=1501571>

English House Condition Survey bulletins are available on

<http://communities.gov.uk/index.asp?id=1154758> or

http://www.statistics.gov.uk/ssd/surveys/english_house_condition_survey.asp

Survey of English Housing - bulletins and detailed reports

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/index.asp?id=1154760>

A Sure Start to Later Life: Ending Inequalities for Older People

<http://archive.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/seu/page9b96.html?id=708&pld=27&url=page.asp?id=573>

Strong and prosperous communities - the local government white paper

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/index.asp?id=1137789>

Publications from the Government's Advisory Committee on Housing and Older People

(HOPDEV), including *Delivering housing for an ageing population: Informing housing strategies and planning policies* and *Older people's housing strategies: Key policy drivers*

hopdev.housingcare.org

Office for National Statistics

Demographic trends

<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/cci/nugget.asp?ID=949>

Housing and Health Links: Evidence

For one of the most comprehensive assessments produced of the research data see the report commissioned by the Office for Disability Issues (www.officefordisability.gov.uk) *Better Outcomes, lower costs: Implications for health and social care budgets of investment in housing adaptation, improvements and equipment: A review of evidence* Frances Heywood (2006)
<http://www.bristol.ac.uk/sps/research/cus/completed.shtml>

For detailed referencing of the evidence of health and housing links also see *Healthy Risks and Health Inequalities in Housing: an Assessment Tool* on this disc or via
[www.cat.csip.org.uk/library/docs/Housing/Housingandhealth/Health and housing assessment tool.pdf](http://www.cat.csip.org.uk/library/docs/Housing/Housingandhealth/Health%20and%20housing%20assessment%20tool.pdf)

For a digest of key papers see the report 'Healthy Homes, Healthier Lives' on the Care & Repair England website.

Some Specific Housing and Health Linked Issues

A step by step appraisal of the impact housing has on a range of health conditions and the actions that can be taken locally to address each of these is provided in *Healthy Risks and Health Inequalities in Housing: an Assessment Tool* on this disc or via LIN website (link above).

Falls

Statistics, fact sheets and resources regarding falls and accidents in the home are available from the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (ROSPA)
<http://www.rospa.com/homesafety/advice/index.htm#old>

Adaptations

See government guidance above.

'*Minor Adaptations Without Delay*' provides guidance from the College of Occupational Therapists and the Housing Corporation for improving delivery of minor adaptations
www.cot.org.uk

The Self Assessment, Rapid Access System www.dlf.org.uk (click on 'ASK SARA')

Community Equipment, Telecare and Assistive Technology

For newsletters, guidance and a wide range of information see LIN website above and also:
www.icesdoh.org/telecare

Fuel Poverty

UK Fuel Poverty Strategy and Annual Monitoring
<http://www.dti.gov.uk/energy/fuel-poverty/strategy/index.html>

Older People, Decent Homes and Fuel Poverty: An analysis based on the English House Conditions Survey. Help the Aged 2006
http://policy.helptheaged.org.uk/NR/rdonlyres/exi4gtx2y5jbuooj2qvs233g6zorixmewa3f6h6jyymfsy2bkwz3kmg3mvizu7zbpixizefjvgipslzqx4kifn37nc/op_decenthomes_fuelpoverty_june06.pdf

Gas

For information about gas safety www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/gasindex.htm

Websites with information about sources of help for older people

Information about the Home Improvement Agency network and details of local services are available from the national co-ordinating body on <http://www.foundations.uk.com/hiasearch.aspx>

Local Age Concern groups in some areas operate handyperson services and offer housing advice <http://www.ageconcern.org.uk/AgeConcern/local.asp> . Age Concern England produce a range of information available on-line www.ageconcern.org.uk

Help the Aged operate some handyperson services and produce a range of information www.helptheaged.org.uk . They have specific information about safety in the home local Falls Prevention Schemes and related initiatives.

Counsel and Care is a national charity for older people offering range of housing related information, particularly with regard to care homes. www.counselandcare.org.uk

The Elderly Accommodation Counsel website offers a wide range of housing and care related information for older people, professionals, families and carers www.housingcare.org

Information about the Warmfront grant for heating and insulation is available from the Eaga Partnership: www.eaga.co.uk

Energy Efficiency Advice Centres (EEAC) provide advice about grants and support for people experiencing fuel poverty. Details about the EEAC network is available from the Energy Saving Trust : <http://www.est.org.uk/myhome/localadvice/>

Information about good practice

Descriptions of models of good practice with regards to service delivery which brings together health, housing and social care are located on the 'Healthy Homes' area of the Care & Repair England website www.careandrepair-england.org.uk

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