



supporting**people**

supporting independence

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Purpose of housing support

- Promoting quality of life, independence and inclusion
- Preventing homelessness and events leading to homelessness
- Rebuilding lives
- Promoting and enabling opportunity for independent living

What is housing support

- Accommodation based and floating support
- Short term and long term
- Helping people
 - at times of crisis
 - to become more independent
 - to maintain a level of independence

Key tasks

- Personal budgeting and debt counselling
- Claiming welfare benefits
- Helping to furnish a property
- Minor repairs to home or equipment
- Arranging adaptations to cope with disability
- Safety in the Home
- Liaising with other services
- Move -on

Other tasks

- Shopping
- Cooking
- Accessing employment, education, training and daytime activities
- Personal care (hygiene, appearance)
- Accessing health services
- Building and maintaining social networks

Links to health and social care

- Joint Commissioning
 - Supported living schemes for people with learning disabilities
 - Supported accommodation for people with mental health problems
 - Support for people with physical disabilities
 - Support for people with substance misuse problems

Preventative services

- Older People
 - Wardens (sheltered housing and visiting)
 - Community alarm

Home Improvement Agency

Advice on adaptations, repairs, safety in the home

Social exclusion

- Women fleeing domestic violence
- (additional 9 places recently opened)
- Teenage parents (Springfield and outreach worker)
- Young People at risk (10 additional places – spring 2007)

Not currently funded:

- Ex-offenders (and substance misuse)
- Traveller /gypsies
- Refugees

Challenge

- To provide support to those who need it including “unpopular groups”
- Provide support regardless of where people live
- Increasingly diverse population
- Shrinking resources
 - 2003 £5.8m
 - 2006 £5.2m

SP Inspection

- Audit Commission, Housing Inspectorate, Probation inspectorate, Commission for Social Care Inspectorate (CSCI)
- Meeting with Lead Inspector October
- Prepare self assessment and supporting documents
- On-site inspection week beginning 15 January 2007

SP inspection 2

- Governance & partnerships
- Grant compliance,
- Strategy & needs
- Delivery arrangements
- Commissioning & Performance

SP Inspection 3

- Value for Money
- Service user involvement
- Access to services and information
- Diversity
- Outcomes for service users

National context

- Government sees Supporting People as a driver for change
 - Health and well being
 - Prevention services
- Mainstreaming
- Ring fence will go (statutory duty?)
- Commissioning and Procurement
- Local Area Agreements