

Health, Housing and Social Care

‘In One Place’

Together we can make a difference

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What is In One Place?

- A new model of collaboration between Health, Social Care and Housing 'In One Place'
- Supported by Aneurin Bevan Health Board, 5 Local Authorities, 8 Registered Social Landlords and the Welsh Government
- Aim is to work together to streamline the process of obtaining suitable, local accommodation for people with complex health and social care needs.



Health, Housing and Social Care working together
- a new concept?



Key Policy Drivers

- Social Care and Wellbeing (Wales) Bill – *enacted 1st May 2014*
- *Housing Bill 2014*
- *Health Homes, Healthy Lives, 2012*
- Simpson Report: Local, Regional, National – *what is appropriate at what level*
- Together for Health – *setting out direction for NHS in Wales, and a partnership approach*
- Williams Commission Report– *Reforming Local Government*

Specific and Local Drivers

- **Welsh Govt. Effective Services for Vulnerable Groups**
PREVENTION THROUGH EARLY INTERVENTION:
Helping people with mental health problems to find and keep a home.
- Winterbourne response
- Local Mental Health Strategy
- Local Learning Disability Strategy

The most powerful driver?

“ I do not want to live in Hospitals anymore I am fed up of them. I just want to live where I want to not where I am told to.....I want to be in control of my life again. I want to live in my own flat, nothing fancy, but my own home”

(Patient on a locked rehab ward)



Overcoming barriers

- Health, Social Care and Housing – different worlds; different words
- Lack of needs analysis
- Timescales
- Legal and legislative
- Funding
- Communication
- Attitudes

It works!

The latest In One Place project in Abergavenny. Tenants moved in just before Christmas 2015 and had a visit from the First Minister Carwyn Jones in February 2016.

Skenfrith Court has given 5 people with complex needs the opportunity to live independently while providing 24 hour support on site. The scheme was brought about by close collaboration between Monmouthshire Housing Association, Monmouthshire County Council and Aneurin Bevan University Health Board.





Health and Well being – what a difference a move makes!

One of the most noticeable changes has been the increased independence and confidence amongst the tenants.

Specific examples include:

- **Freedom** to visit the local community daily, including shops, cafes, sports facilities and church “it represents freedom for him ... he can do what he wants, visit the shops, or go for a coffee.” (Mother of tenant)
- **Self-management of finances**, learning how to budget.
- **Increased ownership of medication**, for example collecting it daily from the local pharmacy.
- **Access into work**, One tenant user started voluntary work with a local charity and has since gone on to find part time employment.
- **Stability and a sense of belonging:**
 - “He’s now in his home ... he’s very proud of it and keeps it very clean and tidy.” (Case worker for tenant)
 - “It’s my home ... I bought the furniture... I have my own door ... I can do what I want”. (tenant)
 - “I love it here ... it’s not noisy ... it’s more grown up ... the noises, shouts and screams in [former residential school] was really bad ... it’s quiet and calm here.” (tenant)

“I am Happier than I have ever been” (service user from skenfrith court)



Any Questions?

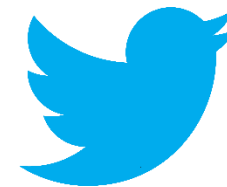
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