

LINCOLNSHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Open Report on behalf of Glen Garrod, Executive Director of Adult Care & Community Wellbeing

Report to	Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board
Date:	7 March 2017
Subject:	Government Proposals for the Future Funding of Supported Housing

Summary:

Supported and sheltered housing enables tens of thousands of people across the country, including the elderly, homeless and those living with disabilities, to live independently and help get their lives back on track. Stable funding for these vital support services reduces pressure on more costly public services, such as the NHS and social care, saving the taxpayer an estimated £3.5bn per year.

In September 2016, the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) and the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) outlined proposals to change the way supported housing is funded. A consultation by the Government ended on 13 February 2017. The aim is to have a new system in place by April 2019.

Actions Required:

The Committee is asked to note this report as an information item.

1. Background

Lincolnshire County Council currently commissions a range of supported housing services across Adult Care and Community Wellbeing including:

- Extra care schemes;
- Refuges for people at risk of domestic abuse;
- Emergency accommodation for homeless singles;
- Crisis housing for people with mental health problems.

All of the services above will be impacted by the proposed funding changes.

LCC approached the response of a formal submission by:

- Officers working collectively to co-ordinate a LCC wide response;
- Early identification of risks and the possible impact of the proposals;
- Informing providers of the consultation to ensure they had the opportunity to contribute;
- Achieving an appetite for Lincolnshire to be a shadow pilot site.

A consultation ran for 12 weeks and ended on 13 February 2017. A Green Paper on the detailed arrangements for the local top-up model and approach to short-term accommodation will follow in the spring.

2. Conclusion

It is expected there will be a large, strong response from across the country by a range of organisations on this complex service area.

The Communities and Public Safety Scrutiny Committee received this presentation on 25 January 2017 and fully supported officers' approach to the consultation response.

This item is presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board for information purposes. It is a high profile topic and will have a big impact on residents of Lincolnshire.

3. Consultation

Not applicable

4. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Funding For Supported Housing - DCLG/DWP Consultation
Appendix B	Learning Disability England: Changes to Supported Housing – What do you Think?
Appendix C	Funding for Supported Housing Consultation - Lincolnshire County Council Response

5. Background Papers

No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

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