



Leicestershire  
County Council

# Accommodation Strategy For Working Age Adults 2017 - 2022

## A Place To Live - My Home



Our plan about housing  
for people with a disability  
in Leicestershire

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# Introduction



This report is about housing for disabled adults in Leicestershire.

Leicestershire County Council has a new plan for supported housing for disabled adults.



Leicestershire County Council wants to make sure there are lots of different sorts of housing with support, for people to choose from.

The people affected by this plan are:



- Those who could have support from Adult Social Care
- Between 18 and 64 years old
- People with Learning Disabilities or Autism
- People with Mental Health Needs
- People with a Physical Disability
- Young people who will soon be moving to Adult Services

# Your home



People with a disability want the same things from their home as everyone else.

They want:

- A roof over their head
- Somewhere they can afford
- Somewhere they feel safe
- Somewhere they can be quiet and not disturbed by other people
- To be able to relax and be with family and friends
- Be part of a community



# Leicestershire

In Leicestershire:



- There are about 35,000 children and young people with a long term illness or disability



- About 3000 adults with a disability under age 65 are getting support from the council



- Lots of people with a disability are happy where they live but some would like to have more freedom



- We need to do more to make that happen

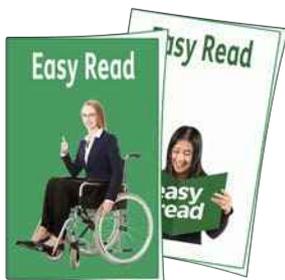
# The Whole Life Approach

We plan to use the whole life approach.



This makes sure that people get the right support at the right time to keep them as independent as possible.

We will do this in 4 ways:



## 1. Prevent need

All disabled people will need good information and advice to stop them needing more help later.



## 2. Reduce need

Some people should get a bit of help now so they don't need so much later



## 3. Delay need

Some disabled people will need help and support quickly. The right sort of help now will put off the time when they need a lot of help



## 4. Meet need

A few people will have long term support to meet their needs

# Our Vision



We want to help people be independent so that they can be:

- Healthier



- Stronger



- Better able to deal with problems



- Better able to cope without needing social care services

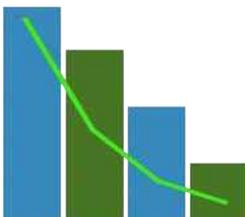


We want to do this by:

- working with other organisations to support people to live the way they want



- Ask organisations to think about building more houses for disabled people who might need support



- Reduce the number of people under 65 who are living in residential care homes

# What people said

We asked people what were the main problems in supported housing.



Staff who support people said:

- There isn't enough suitable housing in Leicestershire that people can afford
- Staff like houses which are near to each other and have places where people can be get together, like a shared kitchen
- The council needs to tell more people with disabilities about living in a house with support
- There needs to be places that people can move to as they become more independent and need less support





People who get support said:

- It was a good thing for them when they moved into their own supported home



- It is sometimes hard to understand the information from landlords



- There can sometimes be problems



Landlords are the people who own the houses

# People who may want supported housing



The number of people living in Leicestershire is growing.



Disabled people are living longer.



We think that there will be more disabled people in Leicestershire in the next 20 years.



At the moment we have 437 people living in a supported home.



We think that there are about 1150 people who may want supported housing. These are:

- People who are already on a waiting list



- People who have been living in a long term hospital



- Young people who will become an adult



- People who are currently living with their parents



- People living in a residential care home

# The plan

We plan to:



- Look at the different sorts of supported housing that is available at the moment
- Look at what supported housing we will need in the future
- Make plans for future supported housing
- Talk to district and borough councils about the need for new supported housing
- Help support agencies to be ready for more people wanting support to live at home
- Make sure we have the money to do this

For people with a learning disability we plan to:



- Look at having more supported living places that could help people move towards independent living



- Look at having a group of supported homes on one site



- Ask each person what they need so we can find the right home for them



- Talk to the people who build houses so they know what people with learning disabilities want in their home



- Use more new technology to help people be in their home more independent



For people with a physical disability we plan to:

- Work to increase the number of houses that are suitable for people in wheelchairs
- Look at the best ideas from around the country
- use more new technology to help people be more independent



For people with mental ill health we plan to:

- Develop more supported housing in some areas of the County
- Look at having a few homes for single people all together in one place so they can share their support
- Have some homes ready for people who are wanting to have more independence for themselves





For people with complex needs we plan to:

- Develop more supported housing which have been designed for them and the support team



- For young people to move away from living with their parents

With this plan we want to see:



- More people living in homes that are right for them

- People living in their own home as long as they can



- Better working between all the different organisations involved in supporting people to live in good housing



- Health and social care workers should know more about the different housing options locally



- Less people aged 18 to 64 living in residential care homes



- Better design for supported homes



- More options for people who want to live in a supported home

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