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Older Persons Housing Strategy
Update

DCA consultants were commissioned to carry out a Local Housing Market Assessment and, as part of this, to produce a report on Older Persons Housing. This report has now been produced and is attached.

This report has been presented to the social housing managers group and was well received. The findings are currently being considered and will inform the Housing Strategy which is currently being developed and also the review of the Allocation Policy.

As part of the Housing Strategy a 5 year affordable housing development plan will be produced which will include proposals for specialist accommodation including older persons accommodation.

Work is underway to redefine the current older persons housing schemes, such as designated elderly and sheltered schemes, to better reflect the facilities available. This will in turn allow for more effective allocation of properties based on need.

Work is being undertaken on how best to target Supporting People Grant funding towards those in greatest need as part of a review of neighbourhood service provision.