

3. Having the Right Place to Live



What we know

Having the right accommodation contributes to better health outcomes.

The wrong environment can have a big impact health and wellbeing, including distress that can lead to behaviours that are considered to be challenging, with the risk of losing accommodation.

There needs to be a range of housing options that meets the variety of needs and requirements. The accommodation should be in places that make it easy to access community resources as well as peoples support networks.

That the use of technology can enable people to have more independence and control in their home environment and lives.

What people have said

"I want more say about who lives with me"

- "Don't want to move too far from my family, need to look at local needs".
- "No housing options on the council website for people with a learning disability".
- "Shared Lives schemes are good, more people should get involved".

What we are doing

Working with operational teams and District Councils to develop a housing and accommodation needs list to help plan for future accommodation needs.

Working with Children Services to plan for future accommodation and housing needs for young people that also enables independence skills.

Working with developers and providers to capture opportunities for developing new accommodation options.

Working together to consider what different types of accommodation and support do people with a learning need to be happy and independent in their home. Recognising people need different types of spaces and reasonable adjustments.

Considering what type of short-term crisis accommodation that is not a hospital or residential home that a person could use when their own accommodation is causing them distress.

What we will do next

Have a single accommodation and housing needs list across Norfolk for people with experience of a learning disability accessing social care, including people who need new or different accommodation.

Work with housing developers and providers to develop new accommodation.

Review the existing supported living options to make sure it meets the needs of people now and in the future.

Review the shared lives model to offer more opportunities, focusing on enablement, young people returning from residential school, people moving out from home and respite.

Explore opportunities for the development of crisis placements when the current accommodation is not meeting needs.

What difference it could make

- ✓ More people have the right place to live that meets their specific needs.
- ✓ More people say they are happy with their accommodation at their review.
- ✓ Young People will have accommodation included within their transition plans.
- ✓ More accommodation offers greater opportunities to develop skills and live as independently as possible, including the use of technology.