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The contribution
Housing Related Support
makes to improving outcomes
for local communities

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Context



New uncertainties:

- Lifting of ring fence on SP funding
- Increasingly tight resources
- Impending general election

On top of existing ones:

- What exactly is housing related support
- Why not part of statutory social care funding
- What's it got to do with health

Implications



Increased need to:

- Demonstrate the value of HRS in its own right
- How it complements wider agendas:
 - Public Health, and
 - Social Care

And do so by:

- Demonstrating financial benefits – the Benefits Realisation tool
- And also wider benefits – using the outcome framework

What can be delivered



- For authorities:
 - A good model of partnership working
 - A structured framework for commissioning
 - A preventative approach
- For individuals:
 - The basic support to maintain independence
 - Engagement with wider services
 - The provision of wider skills
 - The development of confidence

Wider agendas



- PSA 16
- Social care
- Public Health
- Building stable communities

.....Not forgetting LAA and wider National Indicators

PSA 16



- Provides a national cross government focus on vulnerable groups:
Learning Disabilities, Mental Health, Care Leavers, Ex-Offenders
- High level political commitment.
- First time such a national delivery target been set for these groups.
- Recognition of link between Accommodation & Employment.
- To improve outcomes by April 2011, and embed sustainable change.

Personalisation/ Transforming social care



- Personalised support plans
- Focus on outcomes not inputs
- Service user involvement at all levels
- Use of assistive technology
- Contribution to Individual Budgets

Public Health



- Public health re-discovering essential role of housing.
- Of non-decent homes, 75% contain ‘vulnerable people’.
- The social determinants of health, defined as “*the socio-economic conditions that influence the health of individuals, communities and jurisdictions as a whole.*”
(see Marmot report ‘Fair Society, Healthy Lives’ published 11th February 2010)
- C.50% go into care home after hospitalisation because a return to home not practical.
- Long-term care expenditure would need to rise by 325% in real terms between 2002 and 2041 if models don’t change.

Mixed stable communities



- Housing related support can offer a range of options;
 - tenure neutral services
 - mixed tenure schemes
 - dispersed developments
 - increased use of private rented sector
 - ensure rural proofing

Way forward



- More imaginative use of funding.
- Establish/update comprehensive needs analysis.
- Develop joint commissioned/aligned services.
- Specify clear outcomes & objectives.
- *Look for wider community benefits !.*

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