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Housing and Mental Health: The vital role of Local Authorities and Social Work

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National Developments: MH housing

- The review of the Mental Health Act
- Community Mental Health pathway #commpath
- NICE/NHSE guidelines for Rehabilitation
- Green Paper for Social Care
- The NHS Long Term Plan + FYFV
- National integrated MH workforce strategy
- New MH criteria for Delayed Transfers of Care
- The Development of STPs and ASCs



Social housing supports people to live more healthy lives

Supported housing reduces re-admission to hospital

Supported housing helps people live more independently

Specialist Crisis Housing acts as an alternative to admission

Housing supports people to move out of acute care & reduces DTOC

Housing is key to discharge from Forensic, Private and Rehabilitation Hospitals



The role of the LA

Most Housing Stock is within Housing Associations commissioned by LAs

Most Supported Housing is commissioned by Local Authorities under the Care Act

- Most people with a MH Housing need are leaving NHS or Private hospitals



Integrated Commissioning for MH



Integrated 'whole system' approach to Housing & MH

Stimulating the market – developing the providers and support systems we need

Joint work with VCS and peer support

Joint health and social care budgets for Housing

Commissioning specialist Housing for different groups

Training and support systems in place with shared polices and staff

Reducing Out of Area and bed issues

- 1. NHS discharge planning/tracker
- 2. Alternatives to admission
- 3. Social Care involvement:
 - Supported Housing + Housing SW
 - Care Act + Personalised Support plan+ Resource Allocation
- Whole Systems approach
- Reduced bed s136 and cell use, improved discharged





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Case Study – Bradford

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