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1	<p>Supported by research and good practice initiatives, consider the way forward for housing advice for older people.</p>	<p>Older people housing information and advice research is due to complete early summer 2008.</p> <p>NIHE is represented by Housing & Regeneration Division on a DSD led inter-governmental group, established to take forward the strategy- 'Supporting Delivery of Voluntary Advice Services In the Community' (Sept 2007).</p> <p>NIHE was involved in the Rural Community Network (RCN) Older People rural housing unfitness research (March 07) and Western Health Action Zone (2007) research in Fermanagh.</p>	<p>Research findings to be considered.</p> <p>Consideration of the outworkings of the DSD strategy in relation to older people housing advice and information issues.</p> <p>Grants related information issues to be considered through the PSIS Department's Rural Priority Area Strategy review.</p>	<p>The report was launched during Age Awareness week in October 2008. The summary and full report is on the NIHE website. The report will be brought to the new Belfast Healthy Ageing Planning and Development Information sub-group (see below) for consideration during Summer 2009.</p> <p>NIHE participation with the Government Advice and Information Group is ongoing. Public consultation on possible Area Advice locations is proposed for Summer 2009. As part of the implementation of the "Opening Doors Strategy" DSD have set up a project to produce a guide to the commissioning of Advice Services that would be issued to each of the new Councils to support them in the commissioning of advice services when the new framework goes live post RPA. Full implementation of the new network of advice services will take place in line with the Review of Public Administration in 2011, following the testing pilot phase in 2010.</p> <p>Phase 1 of the Western Investing for Health project detailing the integrated approach to older people was implemented and reviewed in March 2008 with a report detailing the results publicised on the 3rd June 2008. This confirmed that the approach was very worth while with many vulnerable households receiving additional support both in terms of benefits and grant aid. Phase 2 of the project has now been implemented.</p> <p>A review of the Rural Priority Area concept was also completed in</p>

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1	<p>Better information and advice <i>(continued)</i></p>	<p>NIHE is part of a Belfast Healthy Cities led Older People Strategic Information Group (a sub-group of the EHSSB area Strategic Intersectoral Healthy Ageing Partnership).</p> <p>NIHE has contributed to the collation of housing related information for an Older People Information Resource Pack for people working with older people and older people themselves. NIHE has approved a matching funding contribution for the production of the Older People Resource Pack.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>The Resource Pack will be published and launched by Belfast Healthy Cities. It will also be placed on the Belfast City Council website with links</p>	<p>March 08 with a further 7No Rural Priority Areas being declared on the 1st April 08 bringing the total number of Rural Priority Areas within the province to 17No.</p> <p>The Belfast Healthy Cities led inter-agency Information Group (short-term project lifespan) completed its remit during April - August 2008 to collate information of relevance to older people, including housing related information. See below.</p> <p>September 2008:- The Housing Executive along with Belfast Trust, Investing for Health (via Belfast Home Accident Prevention Group) and Belfast City Council funded publication (£5000 each) of the directory '<i>Seniors Info</i>'.</p> <p>'<i>Seniors Info</i>' (15,000 copies) was launched in December 2008 and has been distributed to older people, people working with older people in Belfast, including NIHE's Belfast District Offices and wider afield.</p> <p>The web version of '<i>Seniors Info</i>' has been uploaded and will be maintained on the Belfast City Council website. The web link will be placed on the NIHE website by June 2009.</p>

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1	<p>Better information and advice (continued)</p>			<p>By Autumn 2009 a new Information Group is due to be established under the emerging Belfast Strategic Healthy Ageing Partnership structure. Further awareness raising of the 'Seniors Info' resource will be considered by this sub-group. (See also Rec. 3 below).</p> <p>To date the NIHE/Supporting Communities NI Digital Inclusion initiative has provided 200+ community groups within the Housing Community Network in NI with a website. This has allowed the Housing Executive and Supporting Communities Northern Ireland to communicate electronically, therefore faster with each of the groups. It also facilitates the sharing of information and best practice between the groups.</p> <p>Over half of the community representatives who attended the digital inclusion training are older people.</p> <p>The Housing Executive through its housing and health remit continues to engage with older people groups though involvement with local inter-agency fora including North and West Belfast Healthy Ageing Consortium and Engage with Age in South and East Belfast.</p>

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2	Better planning and commissioning arrangements for older people services by building on Supporting People partnership structures.	<p>Consideration of the Supporting People Commissioning arrangements in response to the Review of Public Administration.</p> <p>Restructuring of the Supporting People Team is being undertaken to respond to strategic and operational priorities.</p> <p>A WHSSB led Older People sub-group has been established. This will help inform the West Area Supporting People Partnership planning for older people services.</p>	<p>New interim Supporting People Team area based structures are in place.</p> <p>Continued SP involvement & participation in this and any other area based older people planning groups.</p>	<p>The changes to the structures in health and social services with RPA, has necessitated discussion on the future joint commissioning of SP services. New commissioning arrangements have been developed, consulted upon and presented to the SP Commissioning Body. Formal ratification of the new arrangements is anticipated at the May 2009 Commissioning Body meeting.</p> <p>The new SP team area structures are in place and the communications feedback in 2008/09 from the partners has been positive.</p> <p>The SP Modernising Services Project continues to roll out with revised processes, contract management arrangements and communications strategy development.</p> <p>The new Regional Health Board has been established from 1st April 2009 and this replaces the four Health Boards. Work is ongoing in the new structure regarding engagement around older people services.</p>

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2	<p>Better planning and commissioning arrangements for older people services by building on Supporting People partnership structures. <i>(continued)</i></p>			<p>A DSD led group on supported housing services is also looking at older people services.</p> <p>In the overall Supporting People context it is of note that: in relation to funding in 2009/10:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nine out of the 85 Floating Support Schemes are for the older people client group (£545k+). - There are 418 Supporting People funded accommodation based schemes for older people (£8.5m+). - 15% of the total Supporting People schemes budget spend (£61m) is for older people.
3	<p>Supported by research, better strategic planning for older people.</p>	<p>In EHSSB area the Housing Executive is part of the Strategic Intersectoral Healthy Ageing Partnership with agencies including Belfast Healthy Cities, Age Concern, Help the Aged, Belfast City Council and Belfast Trust.</p>	<p>Continued involvement with the EHSSB group and any similar groups that emerge.</p>	<p>From 2009 Belfast Healthy Cities is no longer the lead partner on this initiative as new WHO priorities for 2009-13 have been introduced for Belfast.</p> <p>However, building on the previous work, the Belfast Strategic Healthy Ageing Partnership, chaired by Belfast Trust was formally established November 2008, reporting to the Chief Executive's Forum.</p> <p>A Healthy Ageing Co-ordinator, joint funded by Belfast City Council and Belfast Trust, was appointed in early 2009 to Support the partnership working.</p>

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3	<p>Better strategic Planning for older people (<i>continued</i>)</p>	<p>The NIHE contributed to the Healthy Ageing InterAction Plan, EHSSB Area 2006-09 (Belfast Healthy Cities 06).</p> <p>The NIHE also provides updates to the PSI Ageing in an Inclusive Society Action Plan.</p>	<p>Continue to update on housing related areas in the plan as required.</p>	<p>The emerging structure also includes a Planning and Development group (1st meeting April 2009) to take forward work on the four priority areas (sub-groups to be established) on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Joined up information and advice -Community capacity building -Combating Social isolation -Home Support services/care and repair. <p>In April 2009 a mapping exercise commenced on work that statutory organisations, including NIHE, are leading on in relation to the main areas.</p> <p>Under RPA the EHSSB ceased to exist and the Regional health Authority will be taking on the lead role over the coming months.</p> <p>The EHSSB InterAction plan recommended the establishment of multi-agency consortia within each new Trust/Council area that would develop joined up and coordinated approaches to addressing issues affecting older people.</p> <p>This has now been achieved in Belfast with the establishment of the new Strategic Health Ageing Partnership (see above).</p> <p>Help the Aged completed a review of the PSI Strategy (to be published) and are calling for a comprehensive review. (NB Age Concern and Help the Aged have now merged with the new interim title '<i>Age Concern Help the Aged NI</i>'.) Links to be established to the re-established PSI group.</p> <p>Prior to the establishment of a full-time Older People Commissioner</p>

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3	<p>Better strategic Planning for older people (<i>continued</i>)</p>	<p>Strategic planning for older people will be supported by the Older People Research Programme.</p> <p>The NIHE Research Department established an Older People Research Advisory Group, which includes</p>	<p>Continue to support the Research Advisory Group role with the older people research.</p>	<p>for Northern Ireland, Dame Joan Harbinson was appointed Older People Advocate from December 2009. The duties include providing independent advice regarding development of policies relevant to older people and consultation on development of the roles and responsibilities of the proposed Commissioner for Older People. Links will be established with the Advocate on housing issues in 2009/10.</p> <p>The drive to modernise and to respond more effectively with the new RPA structures has resulted in restructuring of the age sector in Northern Ireland. This has included the early 2009 merger of Age Concern and Help the Aged. The new group with the interim working title of 'Age Concern Help the Aged NI' is being headed up by the previous Chief Executive of Age Concern Northern Ireland. NIHE have been in contact with the new organisation and representation on the consultative group has been requested and is under consideration.</p> <p>The research programme continues to be rolled out with ongoing input and guidance from the inter-agency Older People Research Advisory Group and Professor Chris Paris.</p>

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3	<p>Better strategic Planning for older people (cont).</p>	<p>representation from the age organisations, the Equality Commission and housing associations. Part of the remit of the group is to provide guidance to the researchers undertaking the studies in terms of methodology, data sources and key issues.</p> <p>The Research programme was launched in 2007:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Housing related advice and Information. -Retirement Villages. -Assistive Technology -Analysis of demographics, waiting 		<p>The report was launched during Age Awareness Week in October 2008 (See also Rec. 1).</p> <p>As above (See also Rec. 13).</p> <p>The research is underway. (See also Rec. 4).</p> <p>From early 2009, NIHE’s Research Department commenced scoping of existing baseline information sets - the 2001 Census,</p>

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3	<p>Better strategic Planning for older people (cont)</p>	<p>list, house condition survey, to help inform projection of future trends and the associated housing and support needs.</p> <p>- Home Improvement Agencies and care and repair services.</p> <p>Research: In addition to the above items and Recommendations 1, 4, 7 8, 9, 13, 14 and 15, the NIHE's Older People Research Programme includes the following:</p> <p>- To provide an overview of best practice in GB, NI and elsewhere in relation to new provision of accommodation for older people.</p>		<p>House Condition Survey, Waiting List etc. Analysis and consideration of this and the 1997 Joint NIHE/NIFHA Review of Older People Social Housing Needs, will inform focus for the next stage of the research.</p> <p>The Care and Repair/HIA research commenced in 2008. Initial difficulties with mapping services resulted in restructuring of the research in Spring 2009 to re-focus on public funding, key stakeholders, case studies and then focus groups. Research to complete by September 2009.</p> <p>A research brief for a study of Barnhalt Cottages, Carrickfergus as a new model of housing and support is being finalised – subject to NIHE CXBC approval in May 2009.</p>

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3	<p>Better strategic Planning for older people (cont)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assessment of the feasibility of a not for profit equity release scheme for older owner occupiers. - Provide an insight into the effectiveness of housing accommodation and services for older BME client groups. - Carry out a Supporting People base line survey, using ODPM 2005 methodologies as a guide to aid development of a distribution/ capitation formula and evaluate the benefits of Supporting People. 	<p>The remaining older people research programme items prioritised and commissioned.</p>	<p>ToR agreed. The Equity Release study will commence May 2009 (See also Rec.9)</p> <p>By Summer 2009- Discussion on the prioritisation and commissioning of these remaining elements in the Older People Research programme between NIHE's Research Department and Strategic Partnerships will include discussion on other research areas including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - homelessness (to include older homeless issues) - evaluation of effects/benefits of floating support schemes in comparison to accommodation based schemes. <p>As above</p>

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4	<p>Research on Assistive Technology.</p>	<p>NIHE commissioned research on Assistive Technology is underway.</p> <p>Supporting People is working with the four Health Boards on mainstreaming of Assistive Technology and a joint way forward with matching funding to purchase regional Assistive Technology provision.</p>	<p>Research findings and way forward to be considered.</p> <p>Together with Health Boards/Trusts the development of a regional contract to be considered.</p>	<p>The research on Electronic Assistive Technology by UJJ commenced in 2008. It includes development of an Electronic Assistive Technology (EAT) products website resource for housing providers. Discussions ongoing on content, management, hosting and funding of the site.</p> <p>The proposed date for launch of site and draft final research report to be available is June 2009.</p> <p>Under RPA the four Health Boards have been replaced with the new Regional Health Board and the Housing Executive will find a way to engage with the new Board on making better use of assistive technology for older people and other client groups. The approach would not preclude working with local groups.</p> <p>In December 2009, NIHE responded to consultation on the DHSSPS European Connected Health and Care Strategy (the final strategy was due by end of March 2009), making the case and endorsing the need to harness the role of technology in responding to the changing housing, support and care needs of a range of client groups, identifying where the NIHE in its delivery of services makes a significant contribution to the Connected Health agenda.</p>

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5	Publish good practice.	The Supporting People Good Practice Booklet (2006) included information on some older people schemes.	Information on older people housing related schemes collated and published.	<p>The Supporting People newsletter 'Spotlight' (publication six monthly) was re-launched in 2009 and will include examples of Supporting People schemes.</p> <p>The May 2009 edition of '<i>Spotlight</i>' will include a feature on St Paul's scheme, Lisburn, which is a supported living scheme for people with dementia.</p> <p>Good practice examples of Supporting People housing services for older people via floating support, supported housing etc, to be published 2009/10.</p>
6	Build in Lifetime Homes standard into existing stock and upgrade to 2 bedroom where appropriate.	<p>The Housing Executive has adopted the Lifetime Homes standard for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • all newbuild by housing associations • for Private Sector grants and • for improvement schemes where it is standard policy to assess the feasibility of making the necessary 	Continued implementation of the Lifetime Homes standard for all programmes of work.	There is continued implementation of the Lifetime Homes Standard, where feasible in all areas of work.

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6	<p>Build in Lifetime Homes standard into existing stock and upgrade to 2 bedroom where appropriate. (continued)</p>	<p>changes to stock with a view to building in lifetime use improvement works.</p> <p>Where achievable within NIHE stock, there has been conversion of ground floor flats and bungalows from 1 to 2 bedroom.</p>	<p>Where feasible, continued roll-out of bedroom upgrades within Multi-Element Improvement (MEI) programmes.</p>	<p>Continued upgrade of 1 bed accommodation to 2 bedroom is achieved where feasible in multi-element schemes e.g. in 2009 - 7no. bungalows at St Matthews Estate, Keady.</p> <p>The Housing Association Guide, currently under review, is being progressed via the Housing Futures group.</p> <p>Rollout of this programme is subject to DSD scrutiny on NIHE upgrades.</p> <p>(Further to the Budget announcement the MEI programme has been deferred during 2009-10).</p>

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7	Look at establishing a Care and Repair service in Northern Ireland.	<p>Research on Home Improvement Agencies and Care & Repair services is a priority item in the NIHE Older People Research programme.</p> <p>NIHE funds two Home Improvement Agencies, (HIAs) Shelter/Gable in the North West and Fold HIA in the east of the Province.</p> <p>From 2007 Supporting People is piloting some older people floating support schemes which include some care and repair elements.</p>	<p>Research has been commissioned</p> <p>Joint review of HIAs' to be undertaken by NIHE Grants Department and Strategic Partnerships.</p> <p>Evaluate models</p>	<p>The Care and Repair/HIA research commenced in 2008. Initial difficulties with mapping services at macro/micro level resulted in restructuring of the research in Spring 2009 to re-focus on public funding, key stakeholders, case studies and then focus groups. Research to complete September 2009.</p> <p>Initial meetings were held in March 2009. Fold's Staying Put scheme is to be evaluated by Corporate Services during 2009/10.</p> <p>Floating Support schemes which have some Care and Repair elements are by BCM's scheme in South and East Belfast Trust area and by Newry and Mourne Volunteer Bureau.</p> <p>In 2009/10 Supporting People is to commission a broad evaluation of Floating support schemes across a range of client groups.</p>

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8	Better use of adaptations to facilitate independent living.	<p>Issues are being taken forward by the jointly funded DHSSPS/NIHE Housing Adaptations Liaison Manager through the Inter-departmental Group on Adaptations.</p> <p>A data audit in relation to the quality of information held on homes with adaptations and advice on how this information could be improved is included in the NIHE older people research programme.</p>	<p>Issues being addressed include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Interagency communications including IT interfaces. - Strengthening user, including older people user involvement (Disability Action project) <p>Research to be commissioned</p>	<p>In 2009/10 the inter-agency structure is being reviewed in light of RPA.</p> <p>The 3 year user involvement project is well underway with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - mapping the experiences of wheelchair users accessing social housing - mapping and evaluating the 'User involvement strategy' for people with a disability, with the aim of strengthening their voice within NIHE organisational structures. <p>Work is ongoing by NIHE's H&R Department to develop an 'accessible housing register'. The aim is to map the accessibility standards of NIHE stock to achieve better utilisation of properties.</p>

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8	<p>Better use of adaptations to facilitate independent living. (continued)</p>	<p>The 2006 Wheelchair User Housing Study (NIHE) is with DSD for consideration. Drivers influencing space standards include the 1960s/70s baseline housing space standards which under-estimated the spatial needs of assisted wheelchair users and space for carers and the increasing size and sophistication of equipment.</p> <p>NIHE's GIS mapping analysis of wheelchair users and data exchange on new wheelchair users to better forecast wheelchair standard housing need- pilot complete and successful.</p>	<p>Subject to DSD approval a blueprint to be developed and costed for the next generation of wheelchair housing, along with agreement on the lead organisation to take forward.</p> <p>Analysis of data to assist strategic planning and improved web based information for wheelchair users and service providers.</p>	<p>Awaiting DSD approval of submissions for improved newbuild wheelchair housing design standards.</p> <p>October 2008- Inter-agency protocol for data exchange on the emerging needs of wheelchair users with the NIHE's GIS Unit (including geographic and cross tenure data) to support strategic planning of wheelchair housing. Stage 3 – The forecasting tool is being further refined and is to be completed by June 2009.</p>

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8	<p>Better use of adaptations <i>(continued)</i></p>	<p>Work is ongoing between DHSSPS, Social Services, DSD and NIHE around design services for supported accommodation (Part 3 Housing Association Design Guide). The findings from the wheelchair report will feed into this.</p> <p>NIHE are installing 12 individual Pod (modular adaptations) pilots. Pods offer a more rapid response, are less disruption for tenants and are re-locatable.</p> <p>The need has been identified for consideration of existing UK local authorities good practice in relation to the better integration of</p>	<p>Assessment of design services for supported accommodation around new care services and programmes.</p> <p>Evaluation of Pod pilots initiative as new alternatives for people with life limiting conditions.</p>	<p>Part 3 of the design standards has been subject to the initial review (review of HA Guide Project to form the new Development Guide). Other areas identified for more detailed scrutiny include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supported Housing (review timetabled when the outcomes of the strategic discussions between Departments are finalised) - Adaptations (review scheduled and may take a year to complete). <p>Twelve PODs have now been installed. Older people were well represented on the programme. In 2009/10 evaluations will commence to include users, technical side, economics and policy side.</p> <p>No progress to note on these areas but they remain areas for consideration for the Joint Working Group.</p>

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8	<p>Better use of adaptations <i>(continued)</i></p>	<p>aids & adaptations services.</p> <p>The Joint Working Group recognised the need for joint working parties to be established to consider the strategic direction of commissioning and providing assistive technologies.</p> <p>NIHE is represented on the Aimwell project which is making a bid to further research the health and social outcomes of adaptations provision i.e. the promotion of independence as well as functionality improvements.</p>	<p>Outcomes to be considered in the Northern Ireland context.</p>	<p>As above</p> <p>The Aimwell funding bid was unsuccessful. However there are ongoing links with the research network throughout the UK.</p>

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9	Look at equity release products and potential for establishment in Northern Ireland.	This is a priority research item within the Older People Research Programme.	Research to be commissioned.	The Equity Release study has been commissioned and will commence May 2009 with some preliminary scoping work with Age Sector representatives and lenders.
10	Develop community based support services.	<p>Using the Fold Newtownabbey Warden scheme as a model, Supporting People is looking at linking low level housing support services together with technology to older people in their own homes.</p> <p>Supporting People, together with North and West Housing Association and Western Health and Social Care Trust are looking at a pilot scheme for older people which would combine housing</p>	<p>Subject to resources, roll out of schemes by EROSH (Sheltered Housing association) providers, commissioned by Supporting People on an area basis.</p> <p>Subject to approval.</p>	<p>See below.</p> <p>The development of this Community Support Service has been prioritised through the Supporting People Commissioning process. Agreement has also been reached with the provider, i.e. North and West Housing and SP commissioning partners in WHSCT regarding combined service design, cost split and arrangements for ongoing evaluation using best practice models.</p> <p>The service aims to demonstrate positive outcomes for older people by improving their capacity to maintain independence in the community and prevent the move to residential care.</p>

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10	Develop community based support services. (cont)	support, low level care and assistive technology elements, to help them maintain their current independent living arrangements in the community.		<p>The service which will initially be located in the city side of L'Derry will be delivered through a hub model and its implementation will have implications for the future delivery of housing support and care services for older people living in the community and the role of sheltered housing in this context.</p> <p>The development of the scheme is still subject to funding approval within Supporting People budgetary constraints.</p>
11	Carry out an assessment of the future role of sheltered housing.	There has been ongoing discussion with ERoSH (Emerging Role of Sheltered Housing) providers around sheltered housing, which is being informed by Supporting People performance monitoring of schemes and service reviews.	Consider any repositioning/ remodelling of sheltered schemes, where appropriate, in partnership with housing associations.	<p>Research is to be commissioned in 2009/10 on sheltered housing provision and in the context of the remaining priorities in the Older People Research programme.</p> <p>ERoSH is also represented on the NIHE's Older People Research Advisory Group.</p> <p>Supporting People continues to engage with ERoSH and its members on the future role of sheltered housing and have undertaken a number of reviews with sheltered providers on their services.</p> <p>Discussions are ongoing regarding Cumain House, Portaferry (Ark Housing Association) about potential options including consideration of community outreach services.</p>

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12	Review rental and service charges of sheltered accommodation.	<p>A review of rent setting in the social rented sector, to include sheltered accommodation, is with DSD.</p> <p>Supporting People service reviews of sheltered housing sector schemes has commenced and has resulted in some charging amendments.</p>	<p>Outcomes will be subject to DSD consideration.</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<p>The report is still with DSD for consideration.</p> <p>Discussion is ongoing in relation to a pilot capacity funding agreement with Fold Housing Association, to run for one year. Future roll-out will be subject to evaluation.</p> <p>The introduction of the new Supporting People Contract Management arrangements (replaces the service review process) will ensure the SP grant continues to be targeted effectively on eligible services which contribute to the aim of the SP Strategy and that value for money is maintained.</p>
13 & 14	<p>Research into retirement villages models and to suggest the approach in NI.</p> <p>Consider a potential development in NI.</p>	<p>NIHE research on the Retirement village concept and models completed Spring 2008.</p>	<p>Outcomes of the research to be considered. This will inform future direction.</p>	<p>The research report was launched during Age Awareness Week in October 2008 and is available on the NIHE website.</p> <p>Engagement is ongoing with a number of Supporting People providers regarding the development of the retirement village concept around a number of locations, including Homecare's planning proposals for a Retirement Village at Milford, Armagh.</p>

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15	Develop housing for older people with dementia.	<p>Research on housing models for people with dementia is a priority item of the Older Peoples Research Programme.</p> <p>A NI Dementia Centre has been established. A Dementia Advisory Group has been set up to discuss the role of the Centre, further to its 2 years initial funding from December 2007 by Atlantic Philanthropies.</p> <p>The Housing Executive is involved in the steering group structure which will explore its potential to provide a centre of excellence. Outworking of the Bamford Review is considered the way</p>	<p>Research to be commissioned. The NI Dementia Centre role with this to be discussed.</p> <p>There are no Supporting People revenue monies available. Funding for the Centre from 2009 to be sought.</p> <p>Housing issues to be considered in the context of the Dementia Centre and Bamford. This will impact on the social development programme.</p>	<p>Research to be commissioned in the context of the Older People Research programme and emerging research priorities.</p> <p>The Dementia Centre continues to operate with funding from Atlantic Philanthropies.</p> <p>The Executive is no longer involved with the Advisory group. The primary concern of this group is securing funding subsequent to the cessation of Atlantic Philanthropies funding in 2009.</p> <p>Supporting People continues to fund housing related support for people with dementia. In addition to the 8 unit scheme extension to St Paul's scheme, Lisburn (referred to at Rec. 5) the accommodation models provided at Sydenham Court and Mullan Mews, East Belfast (provision by Clanmil Housing Association and Belfast Trust) are considered</p>

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15	Develop housing for older people with dementia. (continued)	forward for the Regional Dementia Centre. Supporting People funded the NI Dementia Centre Housing Design Conference (Jan 2008).		innovative and good practice models for connected housing and care for people with dementia.