

## **Background**

Housing Contribution Statements were introduced by the Scottish Government in 2013, to strengthen formal links between housing planning and health and social care joint strategic commissioning. Involving housing in the integration of health and social care is critical to support the achievement of national health and wellbeing outcomes and potential investment in housing related preventative expenditure. Housing services are essential to meeting the health and social care needs of individuals through a joined-up, person-centred approach to the provision of housing options; quality affordable housing and housing support.

## **Purpose of the Housing Contribution Statement**

The Housing Contribution Statement provides a bridge between the Local Housing Strategy and the IJB Strategic Plan. The Scottish Government expects that a seamless strategic process will develop, focused on shared outcomes, priorities and investment decisions that positively contribute to health and well-being.

With the establishment of Integration Authorities, Housing Contribution Statements became an integral part of the Strategic Plan and required to be expanded and strengthened to achieve the following:

- describe the role of the local housing sector in the governance arrangements for the integration of health and social care
- set out the shared outcomes and service priorities linking the Strategic Plan and Local Housing Strategy
- provide an overview of the shared evidence base and key issues identified in relation to housing need and the link to health and social care
- provide an overview of housing-related challenges and improvements required
- set out the resources and investment required to meet shared outcomes and priorities and identify where these will be funded from the integrated budget and from other (housing) resources
- cover key areas such as adaptations, housing support and homelessness and describe the housing contribution across a wide range of groups.

## **The Role of Housing**

Housing colleagues will continue to work alongside the Health and Social Care partnership to deliver the IJB strategic priorities through all relevant change boards and reference groups. Key to this work is the Housing, Health and Social Care Operational Planning Group, which has a remit to;

- jointly identify solutions to resolve the housing needs of people with complex needs
- ensure information gathered on identified specialist housing need is included in strategic planning for housing, health and social care
- monitor performance in delivery of adaptations across all tenures

- develop a joint approach to implementing optimum digital telecare and telehealth in housing

## Shared Outcomes and Priorities

East Lothian Local Housing Strategy (LHS) 2018-23 clearly sets out the contribution that housing can make in supporting shared outcome and priorities, through the design and delivery of housing and housing related services. Through a series of detailed joint needs assessments with vulnerable groups, [key health and housing issues and challenges were identified](#) alongside corresponding actions.

Homelessness is a key driver of health inequalities. East Lothian's [Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan](#) (RRTP) recognises that reducing time spent in temporary accommodation has huge health related benefits.

Housing is an important part of the IJB's strategic aim to 'shift the balance of care'. The review of Community Services for adults with complex needs sits alongside the Local Housing Strategy aims of providing specialist housing for people with particular needs, including those with a mental health condition, learning disability or physical disability. Providing community-based specialist provision will deliver alternatives to statutory services and in-patient care. This requires a commitment from Housing and the HSCP to find new ways to deliver support services.

The re-provision of Abbey and Eskgreen care homes and Edington and Belhaven hospitals sits alongside wider housing sector reviews into Sheltered Housing and a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment of Older People in East Lothian. The provision of quality specialist housing for older people alongside investment in current stock will ensure our local housing is fit for the future and will contribute to positive outcomes in delayed discharges, care at home packages and the role of Technology Enabled Care.

## Key Challenges

Housing, health and social care in East Lothian have shared challenges in supporting a range of vulnerable groups and in responding to the changing population:

- supporting a pro-active and preventative approach - developing a flexible approach to adaptations for individuals with dementia, introducing Technology Enabled Care prior to a crisis, or instigating housing support plans with adults with learning disabilities being cared for at home by ageing parents
- promoting independent living by ensuring housing is designed to be easily adaptable and the required infrastructure is in place
- enabling individuals to make informed decisions through easily accessible and accurate information and advice
- ensuring services are able to adapt to meet the needs of individuals and respond to the changing political and legislative direction
- taking account of up to date evidence to inform practice, such as re-designing services and processes to ensure they are trauma-informed.

## Resources and Investment

Resources required to deliver the Housing Contribution Statement element of the Strategic Plan will require;

- continued investment in existing stock
- the creation of new specialist provision and [new affordable housing](#).

For the purposes of this document, top headline figures are set out in relation to the budget identified as making a direct contribution to health and social care through delivery of delegated and non-delegated functions.

Current and Future Resources and Investment (£m)							
Housing Services – Delegated Functions							
	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Commissioned Housing Support	0.870	0.709	0.709	0.709	0.600	0.600	0.600
Council Housing Adaptations	0.600	0.600	0.800	0.800	0.800	0.800	0.800
Care and Repair	0.285	0.285	0.285	0.330	0.330	0.330	0.330
Housing Services – Non Delegated Functions							
	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Investment in existing Council stock <sup>1</sup>	10.678	10.933	11.297	11.297	11.998	11.998	11.998
New Affordable Housing	14.094	10.881	10.120	11.010	18.657	17.147	20.990

Source: East Lothian Council 2019

<sup>1</sup> Includes capital investment for disabled adaptations; bringing open market acquisitions up to standard; energy efficiency works; and dispersed alarm system