



North Somerset
Clinical Commissioning Group



Strategy



North Somerset

Housing with Support Strategy

Consultation - Easy Read Version - April 2017

This document is an easy-read version of a more detailed plan called the North Somerset Housing with Support Strategy.

A **strategy** is a plan of how things should be done.

The North Somerset Housing with Support Strategy is about how housing and support for people will be organised in North Somerset.

The North Somerset Housing with Support Strategy looks at lots of types of housing for lots of different people.

This easy-read document explains what the North Somerset Housing with Support Strategy says about housing and support for people with learning disabilities.



We would like to ask you what you think about the North Somerset Housing with Support Strategy.

When we ask everyone what they think about a strategy this is known as a **consultation**.





What the North Somerset Housing with Support Strategy says ...



There are quite a lot of people with learning disabilities in North Somerset who are thinking about a move from where they are living.

Many people in North Somerset who are thinking about a move are young people leaving home for the first time.

Many people who are thinking about a move want to be more independent.

Being **independent** allows people to have more choice.



- For some people making choices will mean deciding about doing their own cooking, cleaning and washing.
- For other people making choices will mean choosing what they wear or eat.



The support people need is usually paid for by North Somerset Council with money from the Government. This year the Council has less money than ever before and it has to pay for more people.

The Council has to make very careful decisions about how the money is spent to make sure that everyone can have what they need.

The Care Act 2014 is clear that the Council must pay for the support people need but it must be careful about how much it spends.

Sometimes the Council may not be able to pay for all of the support a person needs if they choose to live somewhere that costs more than other people.



Housing Options for People with Learning Disabilities in North Somerset



There are several housing options for people with learning disabilities in North Somerset.

1. Residential Accommodation

Residential accommodation is where several people live in one place and shared staff look after everybody who lives there.

Sometimes people who need a lot of help and support live in residential accommodation.

A care home can be a good place to live as there are always staff to help and always company as other people live there.



2. Supported Living with a Tenancy Agreement

Supported living can be provided to a person living on their own in a rented house, flat or bungalow. The person has a tenancy and the support they need is provided.



Shared Supported living can be provided in a house, flat or bungalow where one or more people live. Each person has a tenancy and support is shared.

Shared supported living can be good because some people like to share with others.





Sometimes **shared supported living** does not work and one person may move out.

When someone moves out the rent still needs to be paid, but it can be difficult to find someone who wants to share and who the other people there want to live with.

3. Supported Living in a core and cluster scheme



Sometimes two or more people live in a group of flats but have a support team based on site who can help them all this is known as a **core and cluster scheme**.

Living next to other people who need support means that some support time can be shared.

This helps make sure the money for support is being used for as many people as possible.

4. Supported Living where a person owns the property they live in



Supported living can be provided in a house, flat or bungalow which the person is buying and where people support them.

If a person has £16,000 the Government can help them buy a house, this is called the Home Ownership for People with Long-Term Disabilities **(HOLD)** scheme.

Some people in North Somerset have bought their own house and have support to live there.

The support can cost a lot of money if it is for one person only.



What we think ...

We think that a “**core and cluster scheme**” is the best way for people with a learning disability to live when they need support.

This way people can live on their own and still get the support they need but some support can be shared so that it does not cost too much.



Shared support still allows people to have choice, the shared time is when they do not need someone all the time for example when they are asleep.



What we plan to do ...

✓ We will work with lots of people to make sure that we know how many houses and flats are needed.

✓ We will work with housing providers to encourage them to build more core and cluster schemes.

✓ We will work with support providers to make sure they know how much support people will need.



✓ We will not set up any more shared supported living schemes.





- ✓ We will work with people who want to buy a house to make sure that North Somerset Council can afford to pay for the support they will need before they buy it.



- ✓ If we cannot afford to provide support to an individual in the home they choose we will work with them to find a different home where they will be happy.



- ✓ We want to work with people with learning disabilities and their carers to plan the homes they will be moving to.



- ✓ We want to work with people to look at their housing needs a long time before they need to move.



- ✓ We will employ a Supported Living Coordinator to help arrange housing with support in North Somerset.



More easy-read information about housing options for people with learning disabilities in North Somerset is available on our website

www.ld4u.org.uk/where-I-Live



We would like to know what you think



Do you think that some supported living should be shared?



Do you think that core and cluster schemes are the best kind of supported living?



Do you think that there are other types of housing that are needed in North Somerset?



Are you interested in owning your own home?



If you bought a house, would you be happy to buy one near other people who need support and share support hours sometimes?



Do you think there should be more residential accommodation in North Somerset?



Do you want more information about supported living?



Are you interested in working with us on plans for supported living?



Is there anything else you would like to tell us about housing and support for people with a learning disability in North Somerset?