

Housing Options for Older People – Survey

This survey received 36 responses.

It was open from Sept 2010 – Jan 2011.

The responses from this survey together with survey responses from other consultation exercises was used to inform the recommendations in the Housing Options for Older People report that went to Leadership Panel in August 2011.

1. Do you think that people should be helped to remain in their own homes for as long as possible as they get older?

Yes – 94.3% No – 5.7%

2. What do you think people need most to remain in their own homes as they get older?

	Not Important	Quite Important	Very Important
A house which meets their physical needs	0.0% (0)	11.1% (4)	88.9% (32)
More community services such as doorstep grocery delivery	0.0% (0)	50.0% (18)	50.0% (18)
Handyperson services	5.6% (2)	47.2% (17)	47.2% (17)
Access to social groups and networks	5.6% (2)	33.3% (12)	61.1% (22)
Access to shops and public transport	0.0% (0)	37.1% (13)	62.9% (22)
Financial assistance and advice	8.6% (3)	45.7% (16)	45.7% (16)
One to one personal support	5.7% (2)	42.9% (15)	51.4% (18)

Other responses included:

- A safe environment
- Assistance to ensure safety in their home

3. Who do you think should pay for housing and support services as people get older?

The State 27.8% The Individual 5.6% Both 72.2%

Other responses included:

- Why should people who have worked and saved have to pay when others would get it free?

4. What role do you think Telecare services (i.e community alarms installed in people's homes) can play in helping older people to live independently?

A small role	16.7%
A significant role	63.9%
A big role	19.4%

5. How do you think housing and support services can best be improved for older people?

	Not Important	Quite Important	Very Important
Closer working between Housing, Social Work and Health to deliver services	2.8% (1)	25.0% (9)	72.2% (26)
Increasing the range of low level support services(i.e handyperson services)	5.7% (2)	51.4% (18)	42.9% (15)
Building new housing for older people	0.0% (0)	33.3% (12)	66.7% (24)
Providing better advice and assistance to older people on their housing options	0.0% (0)	27.8% (10)	72.2% (26)

Other responses included:

- Warden support 24hr
- Involvement of voluntary groups - Alzheimer's Society, Age UK, etc
- Home care and Day care services
- Adequately trained people to provide housing support
- Not necessarily building new but should also be looking at recycling existing buildings to make them suitable. New build id not always the best use of resources

6. What do you think are the most important issues in relation to the type of housing provided for older people?

	Not Important	Quite Important	Very Important
Adequate number of bedrooms	11.1% (4)	58.3% (21)	30.6% (11)
Location and access to amenities	0.0% (0)	38.9% (14)	61.1% (22)
Safety and Security	0.0% (0)	5.6% (2)	94.4% (34)
Adequate storage space	11.1% (4)	55.6% (20)	33.3% (12)

Sufficient Garden/outside space	23.5% (8)	52.9% (18)	23.5% (8)
Communal space for social support	8.6% (3)	42.9% (15)	48.6% (17)
Energy efficiency	0.0% (0)	29.4% (10)	70.6% (24)

Other responses included:

- Specialist assistance for people with Alzheimer's/Dementia
- Adaptations to suit persons in wheelchairs e.g. lower level work counters light switches wheel chair access inside and out
- To remain within the neighbourhood they are used to and familiar surroundings