

Adult Care Fact sheet

Extra Care Housing

What do we mean by Extra Care Housing?

Extra Care Housing is the name given to purpose built accommodation, with care and support for older and vulnerable people.

Extra Care Housing is designed to offer older people the opportunity for greater independence, of having your own front door whilst enjoying the reassurance of having staff on site 24 hours a day, seven days a week to respond to emergencies. Additionally regular practical support can be arranged for people who need it.

Could Extra Care Housing be the right choice for me?

- Do you need to leave your old home because of life changes, health problems or because you have concerns about where you live?
- Have you had an assessment and have an identified need for care or feel you may need additional support in the future?
- Are you over 55?

If you want to stay in control of your life, have privacy and independence but need some help with day to day living, then Extra Care Housing could be what you are looking for. Applications will be considered for younger people with additional needs such as learning disabilities or caring responsibilities.

Applications for rental apartments are managed by the local district and borough council so you will need to meet the criteria for the housing register in that area.

Extra Care housing provides the following;

- Your own attractive, self-contained independent accommodation suitable for couples and individuals.
- Apartments available for sale, rent or shared ownership, designed to ensure you feel safe and secure.
- Access to a range of support, personalised care and activities available to meet your assessed needs and support your independence.
- A vibrant community life. You can enjoy your own privacy or choose from a range of onsite facilities, activities and services to support you, including a restaurant, hairdressers, shopping.
- Accommodation that is suitable for wheelchair users and offers level access showers. It is designed to adapt to your changing needs and is supported by assistive technology.

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How much does Extra Care Housing cost?

Extra Care Housing is designed to be affordable for everyone who needs it. The amount you will pay will vary depending on your individual situation and your income. You may have to pay all of the costs or you may be entitled to benefits to cover some or all of the charges.

The main cost elements of Extra Care Housing:

- The cost of buying or renting your home
- A service charge associated with your home for maintenance, management of the scheme and any communal facilities
- Your care and support costs
- Wellbeing and Support Service contribution
- Your everyday living expenses, such as utilities, food etc.

What Extra Care Housing is available in Derbyshire?

Adult Care works in partnership with others to provide Extra Care housing. Currently the following schemes are available:

Whitfield House in Glossop and Stonelow Court in Dronfield. These are both provided by South Yorkshire Housing Association who can be contacted on 0114 2900 200 or emailed at enquiries@syha.co.uk

Waltham House in Wirksworth and Lacemaker Court in Long Eaton are provided by Housing & Care 21. They can be contacted for rental properties on 0345 606 6363 or for sales on 0345 608 4021. Housing & Care 21 are currently developing Extra Care apartments in Buxton.

Oakland Village in Swadlincote which is provided by Trident Housing Association who can be contacted on 01283 240594

Potters Place in Chesterfield, Smithybrook View in Clay Cross and Maple Mews in Alfreton are provided by Chevin Housing, part of Together Housing Association. Chevin Housing can be contacted on 0300 555 5561 or you can e-mail your enquiry to: enquiries@chevinha.co.uk

More questions?

Independent advice about housing options for older people in Derbyshire is available from "iDecide." They can be contacted on 0115 8508190 or their website can be found at www.idecidederbyshire.org.

If you have any questions or queries about Extra Care Housing, please ring Call Derbyshire on 01629 533190. More information about all Derbyshire County Council services can be found on our website at www.derbyshire.gov.uk.