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Question to Cllr Jessel Cabinet Member for Health and Care

By Cllr Charlotte Atkins

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What data does the County Council collect in respect of the provision of extra care and is that data publicly available? Does the County Council identify priority areas for extra care? If so, which criteria are used to determine these areas as a priority for extra care and why is that of importance to the County Council? What impact, if any, does a County Council designation as a priority area have on the future provision of extra care?

Reply

Extra care provides housing with support, predominantly for older people. Support ranges from assistance with household tasks to regulated care.

In Staffordshire there are 23 extra care schemes providing regulated care that are known to the Council. We contract for care in ten of these for people who are eligible for Council funding. For contracted schemes a range of data is collected including the number of units available, the number of people receiving Council funded care, and the number of hours of care provided.

The Council has nomination rights to some of these schemes, which means that we have a first option when a unit becomes vacant. However, it is not always possible to find a Council funded individual who wants to move into extra care housing at the point the vacancy arises.

We are currently reviewing demand and supply of extra care, working with District and Borough Council housing colleagues and some of the larger extra care providers. This will help us to understand the areas where there is the greatest need for additional capacity. The findings will be included in the Care in the Home Market Position Statement, due to be published this summer, which should help extra care developers make decisions about new schemes. We will also consider a business case for the Council to support new developments in some areas.