Harnessing Housing for Healthy Independence

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Guess which window.....
Bricks and Mortar
Getting the Housing right....

Evidence suggests it can:

• Improve health & wellbeing & prevent ill-health
• Enable people to manage their health and care needs
• Allow people to remain in their own home

It contributes to:

• Delayed & reduced need for primary care & social care interventions, including admission to long-term care
• Rapid recovery from periods of ill-health or planned admission
Building Blocks

- Health and Social Care Act 2012 & return of public health to local government
  - (Challenge in two tier areas)
- Care Act 2014
  - Suitability of home in wellbeing assessment
  - Housing is a health-related service
  - And should be integrated
- NHS Five Year Forward View
  - Implicit in ‘care closer to home’
- National housing and health memorandum of understanding
LESS HOUSE.
MORE HOME.
More than bricks and mortar....

• Over 3 m Social Housing Units in England
• Over 400K of these are specialist or supported housing units
• The role of housing related support
• And there’s more.......
  – Information & advice
  – Homelessness provision eg, day centres
  – Care and Repair services
Building the Workforce

• Approx 250K
• Skills and expertise
• Breadth of focus
• Evolving and flexible
• Working across tenure – private, social, owner occupied
  – Environmental Health colleagues
  – Housing related support
  – Accessing private rented sector for vulnerable tenants
• Where next in partnership....
Opening the Door

Southdown  Bromford

we can

sitra expertise, training & consultancy in housing with health, care & support
Firm Footings

• Talk with tenants, staff, managers
• Worked up competences with sector skills leaders
• Developed resources – geared around co delivery
• Meeting the specifics of this professional group but future possibilities
• Recognise ongoing Review of public health skills and knowledge framework
• Connect up with your local housing providers and support their workforce development
• Recognise that housing is an ally with shared agendas around prevention and working with those experiencing the greatest inequalities
• Demonstrate local leadership in enabling ‘the right home environment for health and wellbeing’
• Join the dots
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