



# Older Persons Housing Options Pack

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## Introduction from the Portfolio Holder

Welcome to the Older Persons Information Pack. The aim of this pack is to provide a comprehensive directory of services and advice available to older people living in, or wishing to live in the Hart area.

This advice pack has been produced as an outcome of the Older Persons Housing Strategy which was adopted in November 2007. The strategies objectives are listed below:

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- **Objective 1.** Provide good quality housing for older people
  - **Objective 2.** Investigate suitable housing options for older persons in partnership with other agencies
  - **Objective 3.** Make the best use of technology to enhance quality of life for older people
  - **Objective 4.** Help older people stay in their own homes if that is their choice
  - **Objective 5.** Provide a 'one-stop-shop' advice service for older people
  - **Objective 6.** Improve allocation arrangements for older person's housing

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*Hart District Council Older Persons Housing Strategy November 2007*

After consultation on producing the strategy, Hart intends to prioritise its aspirations for older persons housing as follows:

**New build properties:**

Build to Lifetime Homes

**Private housing for sale:**

A large proportion of Hart's existing population are buying or have bought their own homes. Many wish to continue to do so even if they down-size and therefore there will always be a demand for private housing designed for older people.

**Adaptations & technology:**

Telecare - emergency alarms, movement and environmental risk sensor systems and remote monitoring of health conditions.

**Choice Based Lettings:**

Hart is also looking at consulting older people, and other interested parties on Choice Based Lettings and its accessibility for service users

If you have any comments or queries regarding this pack or any other housing related issues please feel free to get in touch with us via the contact details found in this pack.

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