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1. Foreword

As Independent Chair to the Implementation Group, I am very pleased to present my first report to the Minister with special responsibility for Housing and Urban Development at the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government and the Minister with special responsibility for Mental Health and Older People.

Since the establishment of the Group, I can confirm that there has been a very high degree of commitment by all those involved, and a real sense that this cross-departmental, multi-stakeholder approach is one that has energised people to work in a collaborative way on this important subject.

I am particularly pleased that our Group has very strong participation of older person representatives, and from people who are involved at the frontline of service delivery as well as policy development. We all recognise that there is a real opportunity to make a lasting difference, and that working together across all domains is the way to achieve that.

As we approach the end of 2019, I believe this Group has established a clear picture as to its modus operandi, and is set up to make significant progress on the implementation of the 40 actions in 2020.

We have established three sub-groups of the overall Group, each focusing on a particular theme and the various actions relevant to that theme. The first sub-group is chaired by Mr Barry Lynch (Meath LA) and is addressing *building and planning related aspects of housing with supports*; the second is chaired by Mr Niall Redmond (DOH), and deals with *health and social care aspects*; and the final sub-group deals with *integration and overarching actions*, and this group is chaired by Ms Caroline Timmons (DHPLG). Each group reports on progress to the overall Implementation Group.

A feature of our work to date is that we have arranged to hear from people or groups with relevant expertise in areas relevant to our remit, either through the sub-Groups or at the overall Implementation Group. We will continue to do this over the coming year. This will help to ensure that we are as informed as possible as we pursue implementation of the actions in the policy statement.

There is no doubt that strong Ministerial support is crucial to achieve momentum and focus and to maintain the current cross-departmental, multi-stakeholder approach. It is vital that this level of support is sustained throughout 2020.

I would like to thank all the members of the Implementation Group and the sub-Groups for the commitment they have shown since our establishment. I would particularly like to thank the secretariat for the excellent work they are doing to support and enable the Group.

Finally, can I say that it was an honour to be asked to assume the role of Independent Chair, and I look forward working with all involved to accelerate progress throughout 2020. The passion of those working at both the frontline and at policy level to make a difference for those we collectively serve is real, and I sincerely hope that this collaborative approach to implementation will enable them to make that difference in 2020.

Leo Kearns
Chairman

2. Introduction

On 27 February 2019, the Joint Policy Statement “*Housing Options for our Ageing Population*” was launched by Mr. Damien English T.D., Minister for Housing and Urban Renewal with Mr. Jim Daly T.D., Minister for Mental Health and Older People.

The joint Policy Statement was developed by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government (DHPLG) and the Department of Health (DoH), with support from key stakeholders including the HSE, the Housing Agency and Age Friendly Ireland. The policy statement was also informed by stakeholder engagement events in November 2018 and February 2019.

The purpose of the Statement is to provide a policy framework to support our ageing population in a way that will increase the accommodation options available and give meaningful choice in how and where people choose to live as they age. The core aim is to increase the options available to older people and to facilitate the integration of supports in a more coherent way, particularly between the housing and health sectors, with a view to facilitating people to live at home and in their communities, independently, for longer. It identifies a programme of 40 strategic actions to further progress housing options for older people under the themes of data gathering, collaborative working, delivering choice, support services, comfort and safety and maintaining momentum.

3. Establishment of the Implementation Group

The Policy Statement set out that in order to deliver on the actions, an Inter-departmental/agency Implementation Group would be established, including membership from the two Departments, the Health Service Executive, Local Authorities and relevant stakeholders.

This Group is responsible for progressing the actions set out in this statement with a view to contributing towards the objective of supporting older people to live in their own homes and communities with dignity and independence for as long as possible and, in so doing, to progress the development of various housing options and improving the integration of services and inter-agency collaboration. Following the appointment of the Independent Chair in June 2019 by Ministers Jim Daly and Damien English and the establishment of the Implementation Group, the first meeting of the Group took place on the 10th September 2019. The Group of 22 consists of subject matter experts drawn from the following organisations:

- Department of Housing Planning and Local Government
- Department of Health
- Department of Rural and Community Development
- County and City Management Association
- The Housing Agency
- Age Friendly Ireland
- The Health Service Executive
- Irish Council for Social Housing
- Older People's Council

Following the first meeting of the Implementation Group, three Sub-groups were established and those sub-groups have the capacity to co-opt further members to ensure the correct expertise is available to the groups in any given area.

4. Methodology/ Governance

Mr. Damien English T.D., Minister for Housing and Urban Renewal and Mr. Jim Daly T.D., Minister for Mental Health and Older People appointed Mr. Leo Kearns as independent chair of the Implementation Group and with the chair and project sponsors approved the terms of reference of the Group (see Appendix 1).

The Implementation Group sponsored jointly by the Assistant Secretary with responsibility for Housing Policy, Governance and Legislation in the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government (DHPLG) and the Assistant Secretary with responsibility for Social Care in the Department of Health (DoH).

The Chair has overall responsibility for providing leadership and coordinating the work of the Implementation Group. He will meet the Implementation Group sponsors biannually to report on progress, raise any issues and provide a general view on the progress of the work programme. He will report to the Minister with special responsibility for Housing and Urban Development at the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government and the Minister with special responsibility for Mental Health and Older People at the Department of Health on a bi-annual basis.

The Implementation Group will assist both Departments in its implementation of the joint policy statement on Housing for Our Ageing Population. The Implementation Group is committed to operating in an open and transparent manner and includes the management of all real and potential conflicts of interest of members, and others involved in assisting in the implementation of the joint policy statement on Housing Options for Our Ageing Population. Similarly, DHPLG and DoH staff are bound by the Civil Service **Code of Standards and Behaviour (2004)** in the discharge of their duties, which includes avoiding conflicts of interest.

At the first meeting of the Implementation Group, which took place on Tuesday 10th of September 2019:

- draft Terms of Reference were agreed.
- the Chair advised that the role of the group was to ensure that there is an integrated approach to progressing the implementation of the 40 actions outlined in the policy statement and that the responsibility for the delivery of the actions lies with the Departments.
- the Chair confirmed that at the start of each meeting members of the Implementation Group would be provided with an opportunity to disclose whether they have a conflict of interest with any agenda item.
- it was agreed that the Implementation Group would meet 4 times a year.
- the Chair advised the Group that he would report to both Ministers bi-annually and prepare 3 reports for both with the first report, due in December 2019, providing a baseline.
- 3 sub-groups were established to examine specific actions from the policy statement under 3 work streams.
- it was agreed that each of the subgroups would report back to the Implementation Group and develop project initiation documents covering key actions/projects to be presented to the Group at its December 2019 meeting. Work on a number of other actions, by their nature, is being led by the Departments directly and will also feed into the work of the Implementation Group.

The 3 Workstreams (subgroups) established to support the work of the Implementation Group are:

1) Workstream 1

Building and planning related aspects of housing with support

Chair: Barry Lynch, Director of Housing, Meath County Council

Specific Actions 3.4, 4.12, 4.3, 4.4, 4.6, 5.9, 6.1, 6.4

2) Workstream 2

Health and social care aspects of supported housing

Chair: Niall Redmond, Principal Officer, Department of Health.

Specific Actions 2.1, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.7, 6.3

2) **Workstream 3**

Integration and overarching aspects of housing with supports

Chair: Caroline Timmons, Principal Officer, Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government

Specific Actions 2.2, 2.3, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 4.1, 4.2, 4.5, 4.7, 4.8, 4.11, 4.13, 5.10

As noted, work on some actions is being led directly by the Departments rather than the Group but updates on progress will feed directly into the Group who will also be able to provide feedback and help to ensure an integrated and overarching approach for implementation.

5. Progress to December 2019

1) **Research undertaken**

Health Research Board Housing with support for older people-An evidence brief ¹

This evidence brief aims to support the Department of Health and the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government by describing approaches that OECD countries have taken to providing housing with support for older people and provide an outline of international evidence on the matter. Housing with support is defined in this brief as non-institutional accommodation for older people where support or care services are available. Based on literature sourced from twelve countries, two key approaches were identified: ageing in the family home (which can be facilitated by home adaptations or constructing secondary suites, often referred to as 'granny flats') and ageing in a community designed for older people. Among the latter, in this report we covered four key models: naturally occurring retirement communities, co-housing, apartments for life, and extra care housing. Naturally occurring retirement communities and co-housing communities are suited to those who are capable of living independently. Apartments for life and extra care housing encourage independence and social engagement, yet they also aim to provide a home until the end of life by facilitating home care as needs increase over time. Implementing a

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range of models for housing with support would allow older people to choose which model suited their needs and preferences at different stages of their ageing. Key enablers of housing with support include innovative funding models, close coordination between health services and housing providers, the use of universal and social contact design, and nurturing a culture of volunteerism and peer support among older people. Crucially, housing with support can potentially reduce institutionalisation and increase quality of life for older people.

Phase 2 of this research project has commenced looking in greater depth at certain aspects of housing with support. The next phase is expected to be completed in Q2 2020.

Housing Agency - Thinking Ahead - The Financial Benefits of Investing in Supported Housing for Older People

The Housing Agency are progressing a paper which examines the costs and the benefits to the State of an expansion in the provision of Supported Housing for older people. The paper explores the costs of providing a range of Supported Housing options, grouped into three distinct stages: Independent, Assisted, and Specialised, in line with Stages 4-6 referred to in the 'Housing Options for an Ageing Population' Policy Statement. The paper compares the costs to the State of providing Supported Housing to a number of alternative scenarios where it is assumed that Supported Housing is not available.

The paper establishes that there is a strong positive financial benefit to the State from the provision of Supported Housing – Independent, Assisted and Specialised. Benefits accrue through reduced health and social care needs, along with a reduced requirement for more costly nursing home beds. It was further established that there are benefits from the provision of both a social model of supported housing and a privately funded model.

Mature Homeowner Survey

A research project, examining mature households' preferences in respect of housing, is underway. This delivers on a commitment made in Housing Options for an Aging Population. The survey explored the housing circumstances and attitudes of households composed of homeowners aged 55+ with a view to generating policy relevant findings.

A focus of the survey was the attitude of mature homeowners toward seeking housing better suited to their circumstances (typically, trading down) or to relocate from areas of high demand to lower demand. Preliminary results were presented in November 2019, which indicated that most mature households have limited interest in downsizing, but that there are cohorts, which may be open to downsize under certain conditions. The overall size of the cohort that suggested they may be interested in the option of rightsizing if purpose built housing for rightsizing existed is circa 17.5%.

- A research paper analysing the findings of the survey will be prepared during Q1 2020.

Researcher

The Department of Health has recently recruited a research assistant to work with the Department over the coming 12-18 months on further research to assist with the further implementation and policy development with regard to the policy statement.

2) Subgroup 1 - Building and planning related aspects of housing with support

This subgroup has met on three occasions. The first meeting took place on the 26th of September in the Custom House, the second meeting took place on the 25th of October in the

Local Government Management Agency and the Third meeting took place on the 22nd of November in the Housing Agency.

Update on Actions assigned to Subgroup 1

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<p>Action 2.3 - Based on demographic projections to 2031, investigate the potential of the following three settlement types to meet the housing and associated service needs of older people:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A small / medium sized town 2. A suburban area 3. An inner city / urban centre <p>Within each of the chosen locations map the:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Existing land use and ownership 2. Vacant sites and buildings 3. Existing housing 4. Existing and proposed infrastructure and services 5. Any proposed new housing and other developments 6. Deliver proposals demonstrating the capacity of each of the areas to meet the future housing needs of older people. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The subgroup invited UrbanAge, who were a finalist in the Homes for Smart Ageing Universal Design challenge, to present to the group. They devised a scoring matrix to assist in decisions on the best sites for older people developments. • It was agreed that the subgroup would progress this action further. • A Geographical Information Systems (GIS) mapping specific subgroup – to be raised at Implementation Group on 3 December 2019. It was agreed that Action 2.3 would be taken with Action 5.9.
<p>Action 3.4 – Develop a Design for life rating mechanism for homes that will measure the energy-efficiency and age-friendliness of homes to enable them to be truly sustainable</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Irish Green Building Council (IGBC) presented at the 2nd meeting of the Subgroup. • Version 2 of their Housing Performance Index (HPI) was released in November. It has two levels of certification, certified and gold standard. It was agreed that another meeting would be beneficial to discuss their project further and to see if an AFI subset could potentially be included. A half day meeting to look more into the HPI took place on 22 November. • It was agreed that Age Friendly ratings would be difficult to incorporate in their current HPI categories and that it would be easier to amalgamate both if the subgroup developed

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	<p>rating categories and IGBC incorporated them in future versions of the HPI.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AFI 10 Steps guidelines to be further developed for an Age Friendly Rating System.
<p>Action 4.3 – Review guidance in the area of development contribution exemptions. The aim is to incentivise particular forms of development in high-density urban areas</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extensive research involved before this action can be progressed. It was agreed that DHPLG would check with their planning section to see what information is already available e.g. raw data on what each Local Authority is charging. • Limited data available as last audit by DHPLG took place in 2015. DHPLG to discuss internally with Local Government section to ascertain next steps. • There is concern that Irish Water connection rates may present a barrier for developments.
<p>Action 4.4 - Ensure that 50% of apartments in any development that are required to be in excess of minimum sizes are suitable for older people/mobility impaired people and develop a template layout guide for same.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final draft of DHPLG Standard Unit Design Templates is currently under review and expected to open for public consultation in Q1 2020. • This template will achieve the objectives of this action.
<p>Action 4.6 –In partnership with industry, introduce measures to ensure that over a five year period delivery is increased to ensure that 30% of all new dwellings are built to incorporate Universal Design principles to accommodate our ageing population.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Cost Benefit Analysis on Universal Design is being carried out by the National Disability Agency (NDA). The first draft of the CBA is delayed but progressing, it is hoped the CBA will be available in early 2020. • No decision can be made on this action until an agreed UD costing is available.
<p>Action 4.11 - Develop and roll out an awareness campaign on the benefits of incorporating principles of Universal Design in partnership with Fingal County Council and the national Age Friendly Ireland Programme.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area managers are currently being appointed in Age Friendly Ireland divisions. • Printing of 10 Ways to Construct A More Lifetime Adaptable and Age Friendly Home booklet has stopped as a relaunch of the document is currently in progress, this will have each local authority involved. • An overall awareness campaign is required when more substantial progress has been made.

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Action 4.12 – Issue planning guidelines for the development of residential care homes and primary care centres to ensure that they are appropriately designed and located in areas with access to transport and amenities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A team of researchers has submitted an application to the Health Research Board Applied Partnership Awards 2019 scheme to produce a set of Universal Design guidelines for residential care homes. As a 'Knowledge User' the DoH has endorsed the application.
Action 5.9 – Ensure that developments (and specifically those for older people) are constructed in areas that are close to essential services, promoting the use of brownfield sites and explore the optimum locations that would lend themselves to becoming "age friendly neighbourhoods".	See Action 2.3 for update
Action 6.1 – Ensure that renewable and energy efficient systems are included as standard in all new dwellings to alleviate fuel poverty in the future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nearly Zero Energy Building (NZEB) Regulations and Major Renovation regulations came into effect on 1 Nov 2019 for new and existing dwellings commencing construction. New builds must achieve an energy and carbon emissions performance 70% better than 2005 requirements, which typically a BER of A2. This will assist with ensuring that fuel poverty is not an issue in new developments. 500,000 homes retrofitted to B2, or the most optimal equivalent, is part of the solution. The group suggested that consideration should be given to undertake fundamental UD upgrade concurrent with any thermal retrofit works to minimise future disruption. Need to raise awareness of what is available so private sector can access information.
Action 6.4 – In partnership with the department of justice develop National Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) guidelines for planning.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liaise with Planning Division, DHPLG and Department of Justice to develop CPTED security design guidelines.

3) Subgroup 2 - Health and social care aspects of supported housing

This subgroup has met on 2 occasions in the Department of Health, Baggot Street. At the first meeting which took place on 23 September a number of workstreams were agreed and assigned. The second meeting took place on 21 October.

The subgroup has considered a number of aspects of the actions assigned to it and discussed how those actions might be progressed. The subgroup intends to produce a master project initiation document (PID) which will set out key work and sub-actions that need to be put in place to deliver the relevant policy statement actions. Progress has been made across all actions and these are outlined in the table below.

Update on Actions assigned to Subgroup 2

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<p>4.1 Increase the funding of the Housing Adaption Grant Scheme, review the guidelines of the scheme, and streamline the application process and management of the scheme across all Local Authorities</p> <p>4.2 Work closely with local authorities to review the Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme and the waiting lists in place for adaptations and publish this data on a yearly basis. This will identify any barriers and gaps at local and national level and help to streamline the process to ensure timely intervention</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • €71.25 million funding allocated for Housing Adaptation grants for older people and people with a disability in 2020. An increase of 8% on 2019 allocation. • DHPLG is in on-going engagement with local authorities and stakeholders regarding the Housing Adaptation Grant. • A review of application forms for the scheme has been undertaken finalised. • Building on the review carried out, the development of a revised user friendly application form is underway and it is expected to be completed and issued to local authorities along with revised guidelines (Q4 2019) • It is proposed to review implementation of streamlined application process and applicant waiting times across 31 local authorities in 2020 • Under the umbrella of the National Positive Ageing Strategy, key stakeholders have produced a report following an examination of the Housing Adaptation Scheme. DHPLG is in engagement with the stakeholders on the findings of the report and how these may be considered further in 2020. • A PID is under development to set out further actions and timelines in 2020

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<p>5.1. Consider how home supports in supported housing models could be incorporated into the statutory home support scheme.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An additional €52m was allocated in Budget 2020 for home support services, a proportion of which will be used to test a reformed model of service delivery in 2020. • Work is underway on a review of the management, operation & funding of current services. • Detailed work on the scope and design and financing of proposed scheme is ongoing. • The scope and the approach of testing the scheme will be agreed in Q1 2020. • A Memorandum for the information of Government is to be submitted in early 2020 setting out the proposed approach to testing. • In 2020 as the testing programme develops and the housing with support demonstrator project at Inchicore is progressed, informed consideration will be given to how the statutory home support scheme can incorporate home support aspects of future models of housing with support.
<p>5.2. In line with Sláintecare explore the structure of community based social care supports and consider the role, model and expansion of services such as day care and ancillary services including meals-on-wheels aimed at keeping older people in their communities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two services areas are being targeted for further action: Day Care Services and Meals on Wheels services. • Initial mapping of existing day-care services carried out by HSE during 2019. • With National University of Ireland Galway (NUIG) the HSE will undertake further analysis and review of day care services, which will feed into development of future model/s of service • In Q1 2020 the Department of Health will establish an expert group to develop a guidance pack for existing and prospective meals-on-wheels service providers to assist with start-up and/or continuation including the exploration of the development of nutritional guidelines. • There may be need for a Geographical Information Systems (GIS) mapping specific subgroup – to be raised at Implementation Group on 3 December 2019.
<p>5.3. Introduce (on a pilot basis) a community grant scheme for older people services for community and voluntary groups to provide small one-off grant funding to improve or expand existing community-based services for</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • €1m Community & Voluntary Support Grant for Older People services completed. Minister announced the recipients in November. • The Scheme will support 151 projects across the country. Approximately €250,000 of the funding will be dedicated to dementia related initiatives. Highlighted service developments include

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older people or to provide seed funding for new initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 90 additional day care places per week ○ 20,000 additional meals and wheels per year ○ 13 new/expanded social centres ○ 19 Befriending projects
<p>5.7. Promote the use of Support Co-Ordination Services to ensure that a collective approach to the provision of services is delivered at local level. This will include mapping and signposting of all local services such as home supports, befriending, meals on wheels, transport services, activities, services, health and wellbeing programmes, specific services, training & education and technology supports</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Enhanced support given to expand community support project commenced on pilot basis in North Dublin ● AFI and HSE preparing a paper outlining the principles and key considerations for rolling out a sustainable support co-ordination role and a SWOT analysis of various models ● A PID under development
<p>6.3 Identify where technology supports can be funded through existing streams including Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme and others</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Further consideration of this action will be undertaken by the subgroup and in the context of the scoping of a review of the Senior Alerts Scheme and future phases of the examination of housing adaptation grant scheme

4) Subgroup 3 - Integration and overarching aspects of housing with supports

This subgroup has met on two occasions, the first meeting took place on the 30th of September and the second meeting on the 19th of November in the Custom House.

Update on Actions assigned to Subgroup 3 Actions	Update December 2019
<p>Action 1.3 - Provide a high level blueprint for AHB's, Co-Operatives, LA's & private developers that will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Design templates for the purpose of constructing new older person housing developments or refurbishing existing facilities b) a guidance manual on the funding mechanisms to deliver these developments c) guidance on early engagement and planning processes with relevant agencies regarding health and social care services d) the findings of the evaluation of Dublin City Age friendly housing with support model when available. 	<p>Overarching action, responsibility lies with the Implementation Group.</p> <p>Noted:</p> <p>A & B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final draft of DHPLG Standard Unit Design Templates is currently under review and expected to open for public consultation in Q2 2020. • Important research on how to design and build well for older people is already in place. The learnings from the Smart Ageing project, The Housing Agency's publications Thinking Ahead and Designing Housing to meet the needs of all are key pieces of research and information for practitioners. • View that best location for blueprint is online, potentially on Housing Agency website or standalone website – this will be responsible for website to be discussed further by the Implementation Group • There is a link to action 4.10 • The first of three evaluative processes concerning the Inchicore Housing with Support Demonstration prototype, as stated in 'Rebuilding Ireland, Action Plan for Housing and Homelessness 2016' was published in 2018. The overall aim of this project is to develop a new model of housing for older people where the key components of physical environment and supports (care and social) are provided onsite, integrated into the community and are designed with older people at the centre. The project also seeks to explore how schemes such as the Inchicore demonstrator site can provide efficiencies in the delivery of home care supports within a defined location, thus providing economies of scale. This demonstration project is a collaborative, cross-sectoral and cross-departmental project, recognising the need for an integrated approach to address the issue of

Update on Actions assigned to Subgroup 3 Actions	Update December 2019
	<p>housing choice for the changing demographic. It requires housing, social and care supports to come together within a single scheme. The second evaluation report is currently being produced and the subgroup will review the findings.</p> <p>C</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subgroup 1 and 2 are looking at this <p>D</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chair of the Dublin City Age Friendly Housing with Supports Group has begun the evaluation process. Stage 1 is complete and stage 2 has been brought to align with CAS Stage 3 funding approval and commencement of works on site in May/June 2020. • The Implementation group has commissioned The Housing Agency to progress a paper which examines the costs and the benefits to the State of an expansion in the provision of Supported Housing for older people. The paper explores the costs of providing a range of Supported Housing options, grouped into three distinct stages: Independent, Assisted, and Specialised. This paper should be finalised in Q1 2020.
<p>Action 2.2 - Develop consistent demographic reporting tools for local authorities to ensure that there is a national understanding of the need for appropriate housing for older people. In keeping with the principles and long term objectives of the national planning framework local planning will include population projections and ensure that development plans reflect the change in demographic trends and lands zoned accordingly</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arising from Objective 37 of the National Planning Framework, local authorities are required to complete a Housing Need Demand Assessment (HNDA) as part of the Development Plan process). The HNDA will provide a more consistent and evidence based approach to assessing housing need and demand. • The NPF provided national level demographic projections to 2040. The DHPLG is currently working with the ESRI to provide county level projections for use in the development plan process to ensure that development plans reflect the demographic projections for their area consistently. • The DHPLG has established a HNDA Advisory Group to bring forward guidance for local authorities as to how to complete HNDA's and it is intended that local authorities will be advised to fully assess housing need and demand for older persons as part of the HNDA process. • Fingal County Council gave a presentation on the mapping that has occurred with Fingal County Council which was specific to older people and

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	<p>made demographic projections. There is a view this work could be combined with the ongoing work on the HNDA to allow for consistent demographic projections in respect of older people and to accurately map demand for housing and services. A new subgroup to assess how to move this project forward is being proposed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There may be need for a Geographical Information Systems (GIS) mapping specific subgroup – to be raised at Implementation Group on 3 December 2019.
<p>Action 3.1 – Continue to deliver Age Friendly Housing & Public Realm Training workshop to create awareness of the recommendations and guidelines in the future provision of housing for an ageing population.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AFI have delivered the Housing & Public Realm Training to almost 1400 key practitioners across local government, policy makers, Estate Managers, Approved Housing Bodies, Developers, key personnel in An Bord Pleanala and many others
<p>Action 3.2 and 3.3 – Review the housing allocation model to support the for older people and ensure that a partnership approach is adopted between the HSE and the relevant local authority to identify the most suitable residents.</p> <p>Mandate consultation between local authorities and the HSE as part of the planning process in relation to supported housing developments and identify policy in relation to planning for support services (home support) in advance of commencement of development.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The group is developing a paper around these actions which will draw on experiences of best practice and the Housing with supports project in Inchicore.
<p>Action 4.5 – Introduce financial services and develop the provision of financial incentives to support older persons in both public and private housing to rightsize to more energy efficient and appropriate housing units.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The DHPLG and AFI met with banking sector to assess current financial services for older people in respect of housing. • The Older Peoples Council are developing a paper outlining specific case studies to outline the types of financial services and/or incentives that may be required.

Update on Actions assigned to Subgroup 3 Actions	Update December 2019
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Once completed, a workshop with the financial services sector will be organised to outline how each case study could be facilitated.
<p>Action 4.7 – Establish methods to incentivise older people in public and private housing to rightsize to appropriately sized units, if they choose to do so. This process will begin with the establishment of a formal scheme in social housing in 2019</p>	<p>Link to Action 4.5.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is currently a survey on Mature Homeowners underway within DHPLG and a research paper will be available in Q1 2020 regarding the findings of the survey. There is a survey being conducted by AFI on mechanisms to encourage rightsizing in social housing. <p>When the results of both surveys are available the Subgroup will be able to bring forward recommendations.</p>
<p>Action 4.8 – Launch a new scheme on a phased basis with support staff to address the housing issues for older people and the housing needs of others. This scheme will match those older people with under occupancy that wish to share their home with persons who require housing in exchange for providing practical support. This scheme will also support older people to address any housing and tenancy issues they have and ensure that their home are fit for purpose and a safe place to live .</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The group has reviewed the schemes currently in place. Facilitators of home share services will be invited to present to the group in Q1 2020. Potential to include information on these services in final policy document to ensure greater housing choices available to older people.
<p>Action 4.10 - Conduct a scoping exercise outlining the potential for a new Capital Assistance Scheme. This scheme will take forward the commitment to better recognise the position of older people and to ensure coherence and integration in the planning and implementation of the programmes for older people in both public and private</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DHPLG is currently scoping this Action. Research has been conducted by the Housing Agency, which examines the costs and the benefits to the State of an expansion in the provision of Supported Housing for older people. Scoping of potential new funding mechanisms will continue in Q1 2020 with potential recommendations by Q2 2020.

Update on Actions assigned to Subgroup 3 Actions	Update December 2019
housing, including the housing programme.	
<p>Action 4.13- Local Authorities will identify and assign an individual on their housing teams to work with older people in terms of sourcing appropriate accommodation.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local authorities have been requested to nominate an individual and AFI will provide training to the nominees. • This will result in 31 Age Friendly Technicians in each of the local authorities. First training session will take place on 12 February 2020. • By end Q1 2020 there will be a trained Technical Expert who can support age friendly developments and advise on the housing choices available for older people • Each Chief Executive is assigning the relevant Engineer/Architect/Technician at local level and Age Friendly Ireland will provide an intense technical training module in January/February 2020).
<p>Action 5.10 – Continue to support social engagement opportunities to ensure that all older people have access to the wide range of existing services in place within communities such as libraries, amenities, shops and social services</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AFI training in place. • 48 age friendly libraries being launched • Review the findings of the digitalised ICT Acorn Trial. Fingal County Council along with two other local authorities and Age Friendly Ireland piloted the ACORN tablet with members of Older People’s Councils. The ACORN project pilot is trialing a digital solution for use by older people, to provide a simplified, customised age-friendly platform on a tablet computer that can positively impact on, and contribute to improved outcomes for older people, particularly those in rural areas or small towns, isolated or otherwise vulnerable older people.

A key action in the terms of reference of the Implementation Group is to compile a register of the Housing Options for Our Ageing Population actions. A register of all forty actions and the latest update is included at **Appendix 3**. This includes a description and outline of progress for all actions, including those directly led by the Departments.

6. Presentations

The Implementation Group would like to acknowledge their gratitude to those people that made presentations

Subgroup 1

At the second meeting of subgroup 1, **UrbanAge** presented on their entry to the Homes for Smart Ageing Universal Design Challenge, they were asked to present with regards to the work being done in relation to **Action 2.3**.

The Irish Green Building Council, Pat Barry head of Green Council presented on the audit tool of buildings (sustainability, incorporated indicators for UD, currently revising for version 4, includes retrofit of existing homes, with regards to the work being done in relation to **Action 3.4**.

The Irish Green Council was invited to the third meeting to give the group a more detailed overview of their audit tool.

Subgroup 2

At the second meeting of subgroup 2, three presentations were delivered as follows:

- Integrated Care Programme for Older People
- Overview-HSE / Alone Partnership
- Age Well and others

Subgroup 3

At the second meeting of subgroup 3 Fingal County Council presented on mapping work they had done in relation to **Action 2.2**.

Alone also presented at this meeting in relation to mapping work they have done also in relation to **Action 2.2** and their work on alternative funding mechanisms.

It was discussed at this meeting that a subgroup may be formed solely to look at mapping exercises from the three subgroups.

7. Next Steps

At the first meeting of the Implementation group it was agreed that each of the subgroups would report back to the implementation group and develop project initiation documents (PIDs) for key actions/projects to be presented to the Implementation Group in December 2019.

A summary of the PIDs under development is set out in **Appendix 4**.

At the second meeting of the Implementation Group it was agreed that a further subgroup would be established to design a replicable Geographical Information Systems (GIS) mapping tool for use by Local Authorities and the sector to outline the most appropriate sites for older peoples developments.

The subgroups will continue to progress on the actions and will report on updates at the next meeting of the implementation group which is scheduled for May 2020, precise date to be confirmed.

Appendix 1 – Terms and Conditions of the Implementation Group

Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government and Department of Health Implementation Group Housing Options for our Aging Population

An Implementation Group will be established to drive progress on the actions outlined in the [Housing Options for Our Ageing Population Policy Statement](#) ('the Policy Statement')

1. Membership

- Independent Chair (Chair)
- Representatives from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government (DHPLG) and the Department of Health (DoH) (at PO / AP /HEO level) to include
 - DHPLG: Housing Policy, Housing Adaptation Grants, Architectural & Building Standards Advisors
 - DoH: Services for Older People, Older People's Projects and Sláintecare
- Representative from Department of Rural and Community Development (DRCD)
- Representatives from the Health Service Executive (HSE), to include:
 - Assistant National Directors for Older People – Strategy and Operations (or their nominees)
 - Clinical representative
- Representative from County and City Management Association (CCMA)
- Representative from the Housing Agency
- Representative from Irish Council for Social Housing
- Representative of Approved Housing Bodies
- Representative from Alliance of Older People Sector NGOs
- Age Friendly Ireland representative
- Citizen Representatives from Older Peoples Councils (x2)
(Total 20+)

As necessary and as appropriate attendance at meetings may also include a researcher provided via the Healthy and Positive Ageing Initiative (HaPAI), to undertake and assist with various research, evidence and policy analysis inputs, particularly with regard to supported housing models.

2. Purpose & Role

The purpose of this Implementation Group is to ensure that there is an integrated approach to progressing the implementation of the forty actions outlined in the policy statement. The Group will monitor, drive, and enable the delivery of the forty actions outlined in the Policy Statement.

3. Terms of Reference

- 3.1. Support and monitor the implementation of the forty actions outlined in the policy statement.
- 3.2. Compile a register of the action plan.
- 3.3. Ensure that, where relevant, actions are progressed in an integrated way between the housing and health and social care sectors.
- 3.4. In considering the actions, the Implementation Group will examine and take into account the policy implications arising, in order to develop a cohesive inter-Departmental policy on supported housing.
- 3.5. Explore, scope and provide analysis of policy inputs and proposals for a model/policy for supported housing to be further considered by the Departments.
- 3.6. May consult with relevant stakeholders from time to time to ensure views, issues and challenges for older people are represented and that information from the stake-holder groups is disseminated to the sector.
- 3.7. Publish six-monthly progress reports.

In respect of any new policy considerations arising from the work of the group, Departmental officials, will as necessary and appropriate, revert such matters for consideration via the relevant governance structures within Departments.

4. Implementation Group Governance

- 4.1. The Implementation Group sponsors are the relevant Assistant Secretaries from both Departments:

- Paul Lemass, DHPLG
- Kathleen MacLellan, DoH

- 4.2. Role of the Chair

The Chair will have responsibility for providing leadership and coordinating the work of the Implementation Group.

The Chair shall:

- Set and manage the agenda for each meeting to ensure the efficient use of time for each meeting
- Manage declarations of conflict of interest as they arise, according to the Implementation Group's conflict of interest policy.

- Encourage broad and effective participation from members.
- Conclude each meeting with a summary of decisions.
- Sign off meeting minutes once approved by the Implementation Group.
- Nominate an alternate should the Chair be unable to attend a meeting.
- Meet the Implementation Group sponsors biannually to report on progress, raise any issues and provide a general view on the progress work programme.
- Report to the Minister with special responsibility for Housing and Urban Development at the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government and the Minister with special responsibility for Mental Health and Older People at the Department of Health on a bi-annual basis.

5. Terms of Engagement/Operational Arrangements

- 5.1. Implementation Group members are expected to participate within the Group in accordance with the Conflicts of Interest Policy.
- 5.2. The Chair will decide the schedule of meetings in consultation with the group.
 - 5.2.1. The group will meet a minimum of 4 times per annum
 - 5.2.2. During certain stages of the implementation of the actions, there may be a requirement to meet more regularly.
 - 5.2.3. Attendance is required by member at all meetings, and where this is not possible an alternate will attend in their place, agreed in advance with the Chair.
 - 5.2.4. Three sub-groups will be set up under the implementation group, members of these groups will meet twice before each Implementation Group meeting.
- 5.3. Both DHPLG and DoH will provide support and guidance where possible to the Implementation Group for their meetings.
- 5.4. A secretariat will be provided by XXXXX
- 5.5. The Chair, with the assistance of the Secretariat, will prepare a brief written progress report biannually for submission to the relevant Ministers.
- 5.6. Meetings will generally be held at DoH's headquarters (Miesian Plaza) or in DHPLG's headquarters (Customs House).
- 5.7. The Chair will decide on the agenda for each meeting [in consultation with the Implementation Group].
- 5.8. Meetings will be documented by the Secretary, including actions to be taken, main points discussed, minutes etc.
 - 5.8.1. Draft minutes will be circulated to Group members following each meeting and approved subject to any appropriate amendments at each subsequent meeting

- 5.8.2. A summary of agreed action points will be circulated to members as soon as possible following each meeting.
- 5.9. Agenda, Minutes, Progress Reports and relevant documentation will be published on the websites of both Departments.
- 5.10. The Chair, in consultation with the Group, may invite third parties to participate in meetings to provide expert input and advice. The Chair may ask such persons to prepare discussion documents as appropriate.
- 5.11. The Group shall stand until 30th November 2020. The Implementation Group sponsors may jointly decide to shorten or lengthen the Group's lifecycle subject to consultation with the Chair.

Appendix 2 – Membership of Subgroups

Subgroup 1 Membership

Name	Organisation
Barry Lynch, Chair	CCMA, Meath Co Co
Alan Byrne	DHPLG
Isoilde Dillon	Housing Agency
Joan MacMahon	DHPLG
John Wickham	DHPLG
Jack Keyes	AFI
Bridie O'Reilly	OPC
Patricia Lee	DoH
Ger Craddock	NDA, CEUD
Derek Dockrell	HSE Estates
Alma Walsh	DHPLG
Ciaran Murphy	DHPLG, Secretary

Subgroup 2 Membership

Name	Organisation
Niall Redmond (Chair)	DoH
Patricia Lee	DoH
Muriel Farrell	DoH
Martina Shirran	DoH
Alan Byrne	DHPLG
Raymond McAndrew/Belinda Tracey	DHPLG
Catherine McGuigan	Age Friendly Ireland
Seán Kennelly	HSE
Eithne McAuliffe	HSE
Samantha Rayner	HSE
Kevin Power/Breda Bailey	D/Rural and Community Development
Dave Walsh/Neil Byrne Secretariat	DoH

Subgroup 3 Membership

Name	Organisation
Caroline Timmons, Chair	DHPLG
Veronica Healy	DHPLG
Catherine McGuigan	AFI
Roslyn Molloy	Housing Agency
Rosaleen Smartt	OPC
TBD	HSE
Patricia Lee / Dave Walsh	DoH
Maurice O'Connell	Chair, Housing with Supports Demonstrator Project
Karen Murphy	ICSH
Ciaran Murphy	DHPLG secretariat

Appendix 3 – Register of 40 Actions

Action	Description	Timeline	Subgroup assigned action	Status
1.1	Develop a catalogue of housing options that provide a range of choices that meet the diverse need of an ageing population, spanning owner occupier, private rental and social housing, whilst providing accessible care and the associated support needs	Commenced Q3 2019	Implementation Group	This is an overarching action for the implementation group and will be developed through the output of each of the subgroups.
1.2	Develop and deliver key actions identified under the Sláintecare Implementation Strategy, particularly in relation to expansion of community-based care to bring it closer to home, aimed at keeping older people healthy and independent for longer. This includes building on work underway under the HSE's integrated Care Programme for Older People (ICPOP) in keeping with the actions outlined in the Sláintecare Implementation Strategy	Commenced Q3 2019	Implementation Group	Action being implemented within DoH and updates reported to IG. More detailed update requested from Slaintecare office.
1.3	Provide a high-level blueprint for AHB's, Co-Operatives, Local Authorities and private developers	Commenced Q3 2019	Implementation Group	Ongoing. Overarching action. This action will be delivered through a website or publication that acts as a one stop shop for

	<p>that will include:</p> <p>A) Design templates for the purpose of constructing new older person housing developments or refurbishing existing facilities</p> <p>B) A guidance manual on the funding mechanisms to deliver these developments</p> <p>C) Guidance on early engagement and planning processes with relevant agencies regarding health and social care services; and</p> <p>D) The findings of the evaluation of Dublin City age Friendly Housing with support Model, when available.</p>			<p>Developers, homeowners, AHBs, or persons interested in developing/adapting housing for older people, DHPLG and DoH liaising with Housing LIN in UK who provide this information for the UK sector.</p> <p>Design templates will be available in Q1 2020.</p> <p>At evaluation stage 2 of Housing with Supports Development in Inchicore, template design will be available.</p>
1.4	Incorporating relevant actions in this policy statement, identify and progress refinements to the blueprint in line with policy developments	Q1 2020	Implementation Group	This will be an ongoing action post implementation group. Both Depts. to continuously update blueprint with relevant updated information.
2.1	Publish the second National Positive Ageing Indicators report to highlight changes to the positive and negative aspects of growing old identified in the previous report in 2016	Q3 2019	Subgroup 2: Health and social care aspects of supported housing	Action completed Report published in May 2019
2.2	Develop consistent demographic reporting tools for Local Authorities to ensure that there is a national understanding of the	Q1 2020	Subgroup 3: Integration and overarching aspects of housing with supports	PID under development. Housing Needs Demand Assessment in development which will provide a consistent and evidence based approach

	<p>need for appropriate housing for older people. In Keeping with the principles and long-term objectives of the National Planning Framework local planning will include population projections and ensure that development plans reflect the change in demographic trends and lands are zoned accordingly</p>			<p>to assessing housing need and demand.</p> <p>Combined with actions 2.3 and 5.9.</p> <p>The Data from HNDA will also be incorporated into a GIS mapping tool to ensure that developments are located in the most appropriate areas.</p>
2.3	<p>Based on demographic projections to 2031, investigate the potential of the following three settlement types to meet the housing and associated service needs of older people:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A small / medium sized town 2. a suburban area 3 An inner city / urban centre <p>Within each of the chosen locations map the:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Existing land use and ownership 2. Vacant sites and buildings 3. Existing Housing 4. Existing and proposed infrastructure and services 5. Any proposed new housing and other developments 6. Deliver proposals demonstrating the capacity of each of 	Q2 2019	Subgroup 1: Building and planning related aspects of housing with support	<p>Combined with actions 2.3 and 5.9.</p> <p>Pilot mapping to be carried out on sites in Fingal, Meath and Mayo county councils.</p> <p>Local data on services to be provided by AFI.</p> <p>There may be need for a Geographical Information Systems (GIS) mapping specific subgroup – to be raised at Implementation Group on 3 December 2019. It was agreed that Action 2.3 would be taken with Action 5.9.</p> <p>GIS subgroup to commence in Q1 2020.</p>

	the areas to meet the future housing needs of older people.			
3.1	Continue to deliver the Age Friendly Housing & Public Realm Training workshop to create awareness of the recommendations and guidelines in the future provision of housing for an ageing population	Ongoing	Subgroup 3: Integration of overarching aspects of housing with supports	AFI have delivered the Housing & Public Realm Training to almost 1400 key practitioners across local government, policy makers, Estate Managers, Approved Housing Bodies, Developers, key personnel in An Bord Pleanala and many others.
3.2	Review the housing allocation model to support the development of any specific future housing schemes for older people and ensure that a partnership approach is adopted between the HSE and the relevant local authority to identify the most suitable residents	To be completed in Q2 2020	Subgroup 3: Integration of overarching aspects of housing with supports	Combined with action 3.3 The group is developing a paper around these actions which will draw on experiences of best practice and the Housing with supports project in Inchicore. Allocations will remain a matter for Local Authorities but guidance on best practice will be provided.
3.3	Mandate consultation between Local Authorities and the HSE as part of the planning process in relation to supported housing developments and identify policy in relation to planning for support services (home support)	To be completed in Q2 2020	Subgroup 3: Integration of overarching aspects of housing with supports	Combined with action 3.2 The group is developing a paper around these actions which will draw on experiences of best practice and the Housing with supports project in Inchicore.
3.4	Develop a Design for Life rating mechanism for homes that will measure the energy-efficiency and age-friendliness of homes to enable them to be truly sustainable.	Q3 2019	Subgroup 1: Building and Planning Related Aspects of Housing with Supports	AFI 10 Steps guidelines to be further developed for an Age Friendly Rating System. Potential to incorporate these ratings into Irish Green Building Council

				High Performance Rating System.
4.1	Increase the funding of the Housing Adaption Grant Scheme, review the guidelines of the scheme, and streamline the application process and management of the scheme across all Local Authorities	Q4 2019	Subgroup 2: Health and social care aspects of supported housing	<p>Combined with action 4.2.</p> <p>A review of application forms for the scheme has been undertaken and finalised.</p> <p>Building on the review carried out, the development of a revised user friendly application form is underway and it is expected to be completed and issued to local authorities along with revised guidelines. (Q4 2019)</p> <p>It is proposed to review implementation of streamlined application process and applicant waiting times across 31 local authorities in 2020</p> <p>Under the umbrella of the National Positive Ageing Strategy, key stakeholders have produced a report following an examination of the Housing Adaptation Scheme. DHPLG is in engagement with the stakeholders on the findings of the report and how these may be considered further in 2020.</p> <p>A PID is under development to set out further actions and timelines in 2020.</p>
4.2	Work closely with local authorities to review the Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme and the waiting lists in place	Q4 2019	Subgroup 2: Health and social care aspects of supported housing	<p>Combined with action 4.1.</p> <p>See above.</p>

	for adaptations and publish this data on a yearly basis. This will identify any barriers and gaps at local and national level and help to streamline the process to ensure timely intervention.			
4.3	Review guidance in the area of development contribution exemptions. The aim is to incentivise particular forms of development in high-density urban areas	Q1 2020	Subgroup 1: Building and Planning Related Aspects of Housing with Supports	<p>Extensive research involved before this action can be progressed. It was agreed that DHPLG would check with their planning section to see what information is already available e.g. raw data on what each Local Authority is charging.</p> <p>Limited data available as last audit by DHPLG took place in 2015. DHPLG to discuss internally with Local Government section to ascertain next steps.</p> <p>The group needs to establish the associated Development Levy cost to each unit nationally. It was raised that water connection rates can be a barrier for developments.</p>
4.4	Ensure that 50% of apartments in any development that are required to be in excess of minimum sizes are suitable for older people / mobility impaired people and develop a template layout guide for same.	Q2 2020	Subgroup 1: Building and Planning Related Aspects of Housing with Supports	<p>Reworded: 51% of all new apartments in any development are required to be oversized by 10%</p> <p>Final draft of DHPLG Standard Unit Design Templates is currently under review and expected to open for public consultation in Q1 2020.</p> <p>This template will achieve the objectives of this action.</p>

4.5	Introduce financial services and develop the provision of financial incentives to support older persons in both public and private housing to rightsize to more energy efficient and appropriate housing units.	Q2 2020	Subgroup 3: Integration of overarching aspects of housing with supports	<p>The DHPLG and AFI met with banking sector to assess current financial services for older people in respect of housing.</p> <p>The Older Peoples Council are developing a paper outlining specific case studies to outline the types of financial services and/or incentives that may be required.</p> <p>Once completed, a workshop with the financial services sector will be organised to outline how each case study could be facilitated.</p>
4.6	In partnership with industry, introduce measures to ensure that over a five year period delivery is increased to ensure that 30% of all new dwellings are built to incorporate universal design principles to accommodate our ageing population	Q1 2020	Subgroup 1: Building and Planning Related Aspects of Housing with Supports	<p>A Cost Benefit Analysis on Universal Design is being carried out by the National Disability Agency (NDA). The first draft of the CBA is delayed but progressing, it is hoped the CBA will be available by end of the year.</p> <p>Further action can be made on this action when an agreed UD costing is available per unit.</p>
4.7	Establish methods to incentivise older people in public and private housing to rightsize to appropriately sized units, if they choose to do so. This process will begin with the establishment of a formal scheme in social housing in 2019	Q2 2019	Subgroup 3: Integration of overarching aspects of housing with supports	<p>Link to Action 4.5.</p> <p>There is currently a survey on Mature Homeowners underway within DHPLG and a research paper will be available in Q1 2020 regarding the findings of the survey.</p> <p>There is a survey being conducted by AFI on mechanisms to encourage rightsizing in social housing.</p>

				When the results of both surveys are available the Subgroup will be able to bring forward recommendations.
4.8	Launch a new scheme, on a phased basis, with support staff to address the housing issues for older people and the housing needs of others. This scheme will match those older people with under occupancy that wish to share their home with persons who require housing in exchanges for providing practical support. This scheme will also support older people to address any housing and tenancy issues they have and ensure that their homes are fit for purpose and a safe place to live.	Q1 2020	Subgroup 3: Integration of overarching aspects of housing with supports	<p>The group has reviewed the schemes currently in place. Facilitators of home share services will be invited to present to the group in Q1 2020.</p> <p>A new scheme may not be required as services currently available.</p> <p>Potential to include information on these services in final policy document to ensure greater housing choices available to older people.</p>
4.9	1. Undertake a research project which will examine the housing circumstances and attitudes of households composed of homeowners aged 55+. A particular focus will be the factors which might inhibit or encourage such households to seek properties better suited to their circumstances,	Q1 2020	Implementation Group	<p>Initial research for both projects completed.</p> <p>Final reports on both to be provided in Q1 2020.</p>

	<p>typically right-sizing.</p> <p>2. Undertake a series of systematic evidence reviews to assist policy development in relation to housing for healthy ageing. commission an examination of governance approaches, implementation barriers and enablers and critical success factors in national and international housing support models</p>			
4.10	<p>Conduct a scoping exercise outlining the potential for a new Capital Assistance Scheme. This scheme will take forward the commitment to better recognise the position of older people and to ensure coherence and integration in the planning and implementation of the programmes for older people in both public and private housing, including the housing programme.</p>	Q2 2020	Subgroup 3: Integration of overarching aspects of housing with supports	<p>DHPLG is currently scoping this Action.</p> <p>Research has been conducted by the Housing Agency, which examines the costs and the benefits to the State of an expansion in the provision of Supported Housing for older people.</p> <p>Scoping of potential new funding mechanisms will continue in Q1 2020 with potential recommendations by Q2 2020.</p>
4.11	<p>Develop and roll out an awareness campaign on the benefits of incorporating principles of Universal Design in partnership with Fingal County</p>	Q1 2019	Subgroup 1: Building and Planning Related Aspects of Housing with Supports	<p>Completed-Minister Launched 10 Steps Doc on 25 March 2019.</p> <p>Document to be further developed for each local authority.</p>

	Council and the national Age Friendly Ireland Programme			10 Steps outlined to be incorporated into Age Friendly Housing rating system.
4.12	Issue Planning guidelines for the development of residential care homes and primary care centres to ensure that they are appropriately designed and located in areas with access to transport and amenities	Q2 2020	Subgroup 1: Building and Planning Related Aspects of Housing with Supports	A team of researchers has submitted an application to the Health Research Board Applied Partnership Awards 2019 scheme to produce a set of Universal Design guidelines for residential care homes. As a 'Knowledge User' the DoH has endorsed the application.
4.13	Local Authorities will identify and assign an individual on their housing teams to work with older people in terms of sourcing appropriate accommodation.	Q4 2019	Subgroup 3: Integration of overarching aspects of housing with supports	Local authorities have been requested to nominate an individual and AFI will provide training to the nominees. This will result in 31 Age Friendly Technicians in each of the local authorities.
5.1	Develop a statutory scheme and system of regulation for Home Support services, with clear rules in relation to services for which people are eligible and how decisions are made in allocating services. This will improve access to the HSS that people need. Consider how home supports in supported housing models could be incorporated into the scheme.	Commence 2021	Subgroup 2: Health and social care aspects of supported housing	DOH lead Work underway on review of management, operation & funding of current services. Detailed work on scope & design and financing of proposed scheme is ongoing. Memo for Information of Government (Q1 2020).
5.2	In line with Sláintecare explore the structure of community based social care supports	Q3 2019	Implementation Group	Two services areas are being targeted for further action: Day Care and Meals on Wheels.

	and consider the role, model and expansion of services such as day care and ancillary services including meals-on-wheels aimed at keeping older people in their communities			Initial mapping of existing day care services carried out by HSE during 2019. With National University of Ireland Galway (NUIG) the HSE will undertake further analysis and review of day care services, which will feed into development of future model/s of service. In Q1 2020 DoH will establish an expert group to develop a guidance pack for existing and prospective meals-on-wheels service providers to assist with start-up and/or continuation including the exploration of the development of nutritional guidelines.
5.3	Introduce (on a pilot basis) a community grant scheme for older people services for community and voluntary groups to provide small one-off grant funding to improve or expand existing community-based services for older people or to provide seed funding for new initiatives	Q3 2019	Subgroup 2: Health and social care aspects of supported housing	Completed-Minister approved €1m Voluntary Grant Scheme.
5.4	Utilise the expanded Community Intervention Team and Outpatient Parenteral Antimicrobial Therapy (OPAT) services to prevent unnecessary hospital admission, promote hospital avoidance, and facilitate early discharge of patients to their home with the	Ongoing	Subgroup 2: Health and social care aspects of supported housing	DoH lead. Referrals to the Community Intervention Team service were 19% ahead of expected activity in 2018 and this pattern has continued in 2019. The utilisation of service continues to be the greatest in older age groups in 2019.

	appropriate range of supports			
5.5	Under Sláintecare progress a Programme on Workforce Planning, including the assessment of workforce required to deliver new models of care in the community to meet population growth and demand for community based care services.	Commence 2020	Subgroup 2: Health and social care aspects of supported housing	DoH lead. Action ongoing
5.6	Develop the role of advanced Nurse Practitioner services in older persons care, and in chronic disease management and unscheduled care, both services cater for a high proportion of older people.	Ongoing	Subgroup 2: Health and social care aspects of supported housing	DoH lead. Policy on Advanced Nursing Practice launched mid-July, with plans to substantially increase number of Advanced Nurse Practitioners.
5.7	Promote the use of Support Co-Ordination Services to ensure that a collective approach to the provision of services is delivered at local level. This will include mapping and signposting of all local services such as home supports, befriending, meals on wheels, transport services, activities, services, health and wellbeing programmes, specific services, training & education and technology supports	Ongoing	Subgroup 2: Health and social care aspects of supported housing	Subgroup 2 Ongoing action. A paper analysing the role of support coordination, based on 2 current models, has been submitted to DoH by HSE and AFI.
5.8	Continue to invest in primary care facilities across the country to	Ongoing	Subgroup 2: Health and social care	DoH lead.

	<p>help ensure appropriate provision of, and access to, services in the community. By enhancing and expanding capacity in the primary care sector, we will be able to provide high quality, safe accessible and sustainable care at the local level and allow people to be cared for in their own homes and communities for as long as possible. investment in primary care facilities across the country will ensure the appropriate provision of and access to services in the community</p>		<p>aspects of supported housing</p>	<p>To date in 2019, 3 centres have become operational with a further 20 Centres expected to come on-stream by end 2020. 128 Primary Care Centres fully operational nationwide.</p>
5.9	<p>Ensure that developments (and specifically those for older people) are constructed in areas that are close to essential services, promoting the use of brownfield sites and explore the optimum locations that would lend themselves to becoming "age friendly neighbourhoods".</p>	<p>Q1 2020</p>	<p>Subgroup 1: Building and Planning Related Aspects of Housing with Supports</p>	<p>See action 2.3 for update.</p>
5.10	<p>Continue to support social engagement opportunities to ensure that all older people have access to the wide range of existing services in place within</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Subgroup 3: Integration of overarching aspects of housing with supports</p>	<p>AFI training in place. 48 age friendly libraries being launched. Review the findings of the digitalised ICT Acorn Trial. Fingal County Council</p>

	communities such as libraries, amenities, shops and social services.			along with two other local authorities and Age Friendly Ireland piloted the ACORN tablet with members of Older People's Councils. The ACORN project pilot is trialing a digital solution for use by older people, to provide a simplified, customised age-friendly platform on a tablet computer that can positively impact on, and contribute to improved outcomes for older people, particularly those in rural areas or small towns, isolated or otherwise vulnerable older people.
5.11	Agree, procure and commence implementation of a single assessment tool to ensure standardised assessment tool to ensure standardised assessment of need of older people to inform care planning, service design and service planning.	Q2 2019	Subgroup 2: Health and social care aspects of supported housing	SAT InterRAI is currently in use in certain CHOs for standardised assessment, further roll out of the system will continue in 2020 in line with HSE's National Service Plan
6.1	Ensure that renewable and energy efficient systems are included as standard in all new dwellings to alleviate fuel poverty in the future.	Q2 2019	Subgroup 1: Building and Planning Related Aspects of Housing with Supports	Nearly Zero Energy Building (NZEB). Regulations and Major Renovation regulations came into effect on 1 Nov 2019 for new and existing dwellings commencing construction. New builds must achieve an energy and carbon emissions performance 70% better than 2005 requirements, which typically a BER of A2.

				<p>This will assist with ensuring that fuel poverty is not an issue in new developments. 500,000 homes retrofitted to B2, or the most optimal equivalent, is part of the solution.</p> <p>The group suggested that consideration should be given to undertake fundamental UD upgrade concurrent with any thermal retrofit works to minimise future disruption. Need to raise awareness of what is available so private sector can access information.</p>
6.2	<p>Evaluate the Warmth & Well-being Scheme currently being piloted by Department of Health, Healthy Ireland initiative, with Department of communications, Climate action & Environment, Sustainable Energy authority of Ireland and the HSE, with a view to expansion.</p>	Q3 2019	Subgroup 2: Health and social care aspects of supported housing	<p>Interim results of evaluation are awaited. These will give some insights on the health impacts of improved home energy efficiency in an Irish context.</p> <p>Government has committed to retrofitting 500,000 homes over the period 2021-2030 in the Climate Action Plan. This will be supported by the €3.7bn investment indicated in the NDP and by the development of a new aggregated approach for retrofitting. Budget 2020 has allocated a record level of funding to the more mainstream Warmer Homes scheme, which provides free energy efficiency upgrades to lower income households nationwide.</p>
6.3	<p>Identify where technology supports can be funded through existing</p>	Q4 2019	Subgroup 2: Health and social care aspects of	PID under development

	streams including Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme and others		supported housing	
6.4	In partnership with the Department of Justice develop National CPTED Guidelines for Planning	Q2 2020	Subgroup 1: Building and Planning Related Aspects of Housing with Supports	DHPLG to liaise with Department of Justice to establish a working group to develop CPTED guidelines.
7.1	Establish independently chaired Implementation Group to drive progress on the actions and to ensure an integrated approach to their delivery	Q1 2019	Implementation Group	Action Completed

Appendix 4 – Summary of PIDS

Develop a replicable data mapping tool for local authorities, the HSE and housing providers to outline the capacity of sites to meet the future housing needs of older people. (2.2, 2.3, 5.9)

Key Deliverable – Replicable data mapping tool	Quarter
Establish an expert mapping subgroup to examine these specific actions from the policy statement as a fourth work stream.	Q1 2020

Extensively research the requirements of a funding mechanism for housing for older people that incorporates a blend of public and private investment. (3.2, 3.3, 4.8, 4.10)

Key Deliverable – Funding options	Quarter
Conduct extensive research with key stakeholders to identify the most cost efficient method of providing rightsizing housing options in public housing and the private market.	Q1 2020

Develop a Design for Life rating mechanism for homes (3.4)

Key Deliverable – Support Rightsizing	Quarter
Develop a rating mechanism for housing utilising the AFI principles of Universal Design information booklet.	Q1 2020

The Housing Adaption Grant Scheme (Action 4.1)

Increase the funding of the Housing Adaption Grant Scheme, review the guidelines of the scheme, and streamline the application process and management of the scheme across all Local Authorities

The Housing Adaption Grant Scheme (Action 4.2)

Work closely with local authorities to review the Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme and the waiting lists in place for adaptations and publish this data on a yearly basis. This will identify any barriers and gaps at local and national level and help to streamline the process to ensure timely intervention.

Key Deliverable – Housing with Support Research Project	Quarter
Presentation of Interim Findings of HRB Evidence Review	Q4 2019
Completion of Systematic Evidence Review on Housing with Support	Q2 2020
Recruitment of researcher to assist Department with research and evidence gathering with a particular emphasis on blueprint for developers on existing supported housing processes	Q1 2020
Mixed methods research study of supported housing initiatives	Q2 2020
Project report with key findings and recommendations completed	Q3 2020
Research findings from this and other related work streams translated into blueprint for AHBs, co-operatives, LAs, developers.	Q4 2020

Encourage the development of older people developments (4.3)

Key Deliverable – Support Rightsizing	Quarter
Establish the best and most cost efficient methods to incentivise the development of older people developments in the public and private sector.	Q2 2020

Plan for older peoples housing needs (4.4, 4.6)

Key Deliverable – Planning	Quarter
DHPLG template designs due for public consultation by end 2019. Template provides for 51% of all new apartments in any development are required to be oversized by 10%.	Q1 2020
Review CBA on Universal Design to be carried out by NDA.	Q1 2020

Statutory scheme and system of regulation for Home Support Services (Action 5.1) (DoH lead)

Key Deliverable – Statutory Scheme and system for Home Support Services	Quarter
Complete a review of the management, operation and funding of current home care services	Q
Submit Memorandum for the information of Government	Q4 2019
Agree scope of testing new scheme	Q1 2020

Community-based social care supports (action 5.2)

Key Deliverable – Housing with Support Research Project	Quarter
Meals-on-wheels – Establish expert group to develop guidelines, agree ToR	Q1 2020
Compile general guidance to include existing food safety regulations and environmental health requirements, guidance on good governance, sourcing & management of funding, staffing issues, requirement for needs assessment, important linkages, etc.	Q2-3 2020
Develop, with the aid of HSE Community Dietitians, nutritional guidelines	Q4 2020
Day care – HSE and NUIG to finalise ToR for review	
Detailed mapping of existing services, with recommendations on type of service required, resources needed and model of service	End Q4 2020

Support Co-ordination Services (action 5.7)

Key Deliverable – Housing with Support Research Project	Quarter
Agree a methodology for mapping of support services nationally	Q2 2020
Identify who is best placed to carry out this mapping	Q2 2020
Develop a definition and a common set of principles for support coordination services	Q3 2020
Identify how support coordination services can be promoted and utilised	Q4 2020
Detailed mapping of existing services, with recommendations on type of service required, resources needed and model of service	End Q4 2020

Standardised Assessment of need of older people to inform care planning, service design and service planning (Action 5.11)

Key Deliverable – Housing with Support Research Project	Quarter
Agree that HSE National Service Plan 2020 will prioritise the implementation of interRAI assessments across all settings for services for older people and explore the testing of resource allocation models for core funding in home, community and residential care.	Q4 2019 TBC Health

Seniors Alert Scheme (6.3)

Key Deliverable – Housing with Support Research Project	Quarter
The review is at an early stage as yet, and the Minister for Rural and Community Development has yet to approve a scope of the review.	N/A

Energy efficiency to alleviate fuel poverty

Key Deliverable – Energy efficiency	Quarter
Regulations and Major Renovation regulations will come into effect on 1 Nov 2019. New builds must be of a minimum BER A2 standard, which will assist with ensuring that fuel poverty is not an issue in new developments.	Commenced

Develop Crime Prevention through Environmental Design Guidelines (CPTED)

Key Deliverable – CPTED	Quarter
Establish a working group between DHPLG, DoJ, An Garda Síochána and key stakeholders to develop CPTED Guidelines.	Q1 2020.

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