



Strategic Housing & Health and Wellbeing News

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Welcome to the first edition of 'Strategic Housing & Health and Wellbeing News'. This will be a monthly newsletter, produced by and for the Somerset Strategic Housing Officers Group (SSHG), as means to keep up-to-date with relevant Government Policy, funding possibilities and other matters of interest to the world of housing/health and wellbeing across Somerset. It comprises links to relevant news items, drawn from a variety of sources. Contact: housingstrategy@tauntondeane.gov.uk

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GOVERNMENT POLICY

Social Housing Green Paper

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/social-housing-green-paper-a-new-deal-for-social-housing>

£2b for affordable housing

<https://www.localgov.co.uk/May-announces-2bn-for-social-housing/46040>

Rough sleeping strategy

The rough sleeping strategy sets out the government's vision for halving rough sleeping by 2022 and ending it by 2027

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-rough-sleeping-strategy>

Supported housing to be funded by welfare system

<https://www.localgov.co.uk/Supported-housing-to-be-funded-by-welfare-system/45816>

Civil Society Strategy

<https://www.localgov.co.uk/Whitehall-to-give-communities-more-direct-role-in-decision-making--/45817>

Loneliness Strategy (and £1.8m funding)

<https://www.localgov.co.uk/May-announces-1.8m-loneliness-strategy/46187>

Budget 2018: HRA cap officially scrapped

<https://www.localgov.co.uk/Budget-2018-HRA-cap-officially-scrapped/46278>

Whitehall to review Health and Safety standards in the Private Rental sector

<https://www.localgov.co.uk/Whitehall-to-review-health-and-safety-standards-in-rental-sector/46276>

MPs vote to give to give tenants more powers to fight rogue landlords

<https://www.theguardian.com/business/2018/oct/26/mp-vote-give-tenants-more-power-fight-rogue-landlords>

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

£2b to overcome barriers to development

<https://www.localgov.co.uk/Brokenshire-unveils-1.9bn-to-overcome-building-barriers/46023>

Communities can bid for £163m housing fund

<https://www.localgov.co.uk/Communities-urged-to-bid-for-163m-housing-fund/46032>

Housing for elderly and disabled gets £228m funding boost

<https://www.localgov.co.uk/Housing-for-elderly-and-disabled-gets-228m-funding-boost/45844>

Government Funding To Tackle Rough Sleeping

<https://www.localgov.co.uk/Whitehall-announces-100m-plan-to-end-rough-sleeping-by-2027/45829>

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA)

The Joint Strategic Needs Assessment describes the current and future health, care and wellbeing needs of the local population. It is reviewed annually. This year's theme is: *data integration*

<http://www.somersetintelligence.org.uk/jsna/>

Fit for My Future Consultations (Health and Care Plan) – throughout Oct and Nov

Public consultations on proposals for the integration of local health and care services

<http://www.somersetconsults.org.uk/consult.ti/fitformyfuture/consultationHome>

Budget 2018: £800m cash injection for social care

<https://www.localgov.co.uk/Budget-2018-800m-cash-injection-for-social-care/46280>

Health Profile for England

A snapshot of health and wellbeing for the population of each local authority in England, using a range of charts and text

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-profile-for-england-2018>, there is also a news story on gov.uk announcing the publication of the report (press releases attached) – <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/current-and-future-state-of-nations-health-revealed>.

Ethnic inequalities in health

This guidance aims to support local and national action on ethnic inequalities in health

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/730917/local_action_on_health_inequalities.pdf

Somerset Intelligence

The latest edition of SInePost:

<http://www.somersetintelligence.org.uk/sinepost.html>

Somerset: Facts & Figures

Somerset: Facts and Figures tells the story of Somerset by means of some key facts and figures about our county. This digest of statistics, current at September 2018, can be viewed here:

<http://www.somersetintelligence.org.uk/somerset-facts-and-figures/>

Health and Wellbeing Board

The most recent agendas can be viewed here:

<http://democracy.somerset.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?Committeeld=205>

Supporting the Healthy New Towns Programme

The Kings Fund is working with the NHS and other partners to support the Healthy New Towns Programme which brings together the health sector, housing developers and local authority planning teams to design and build healthier communities.

<https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/projects/supporting-healthy-new-towns-programme>

WELFARE REFORM

Council chiefs welcome Universal Credit roll-out delay

<https://www.localgov.co.uk/Council-chiefs-welcome-Universal-Credit-roll-out-delay/46202>

Budget 2018: Billion pound Universal Credit pledge

<https://www.localgov.co.uk/Budget-2018-Billion-pound-Universal-Credit-pledge/46279>

COUNTYWIDE PROJECTS

A new joined up approach between statutory services and agencies, "Somerset Independence Plus", was launched on Thursday 8th November. Somerset Independence Plus offers a range of options to all vulnerable people of Somerset to meet their housing related needs and issues, pooling specialist resources across health, housing and social care to gain best outcomes for people. The new service diverts funding into new, innovative projects which promote self-will and independence.

<http://www.swpshp.org/article/2448/Somerset-Independence-Plus>

SSC AND CCG COMMISSIONED SERVICES - UPDATE

Positive Lives: SCC grant funding (£309k) secure for the current financial year. Positive Lives seeks to understand and offer housing solutions required for complex individuals, enabling all adults in Somerset to live successfully. Currently working to secure money for 2019/20. Partnership workshop held on 29th October to begin review of strategy/objectives etc. leading to ...

Creative Solutions for Older People - which, replaces and combines current Mental Health Housing Support (Rethink) and Drug and Alcohol Housing Support (element of SDAS), enabling adults with complex and multiple needs in Somerset to live successfully by obtaining and maintaining stable housing.

P2I: 10% cut to service. Currently considering impact - main concern is impact on district and P2I Providers' ability to progress vulnerable young people into accommodation. There will be a relocation of some P2I hubs due to the wider impacts of SCC financial difficulties. A 'securing better outcomes' event is scheduled for 9th November, with a focus on those that are not progressing through the system within 9 months and working with P2I Providers and the District Councils to help these young people access their own tenancies.

Out of Hours and 111 helpline: New provider

<https://somersetccg.nhs.uk/news/somerset-out-of-hours-and-111-services/>