



# HEALTHY LIVES, VIBRANT COMMUNITIES, HOUSING CHOICES

EASY READ VERSION





**Housing and Accommodation strategy (plan)**



**Introduction – about the plan**



**A home is an important part of all our lives.**



**Having good quality housing in the right place supports our health and wellbeing and community life, providing opportunities to live the independent life that is right for us.**



**Across Devon, there needs to be more accessible housing and accommodation options that support people with a range of needs to live in the community.**



**This includes adults of working age with mental health needs and/or disabilities, young people with health and care needs and older people.**



**People have told us that they want more options to help them live with and/or be supported by their family and friends in their own home.**



**People want more information to help them and their families/carers to plan for the future.**



**This strategy (plan) sets our vision (what we want to happen) for giving people real choice in where they live.**



The strategy (plan) explains how we will work with others so that there are more housing options for people who receive adult health and care support during their lives.



People's views have informed this strategy and we will continue to listen to people and involve them in planning, shaping and reviewing support.



This strategy (plan) is part of the bigger plan for the whole of Devon for everyone to lead long, happy and healthy lives.

**STP**  
A Sustainability and Transformation Partnership for Devon

It links to the work of the Sustainability and Transformation Partnership (STP) for Devon.



**Our Vision (what we want to happen)**



**Working in partnership, our vision (what we want to happen) is for more people to live in their own homes.**



**For people to be able to make planned choices about where they live during their lives.**



**People's care and support needs change over time. They may choose to change their housing and accommodation to support them to live as independently as possible.**



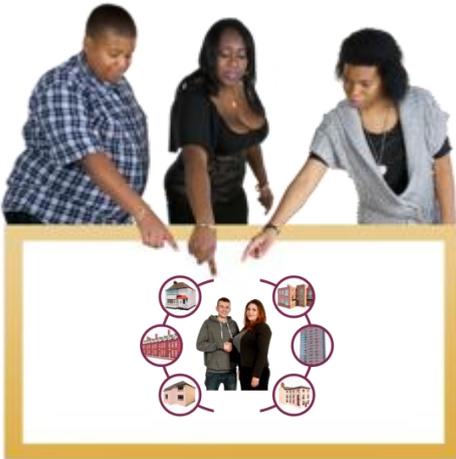
**There will be more good quality homes across Devon to make it easier for people to move between different housing options to improve their independence.**



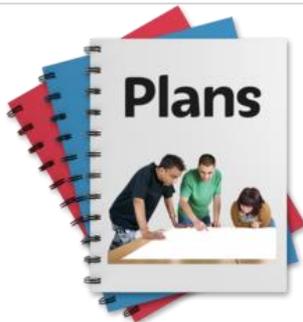
**We will promote the use of technology enabled care and support (TECS) and support people to be as independent as they can be.**



**What we will be doing to achieve our vision**



**We will develop a clear housing pathway for people and communities, including housing planners, providers and the wider health and care system.**



**Our housing pathway will inform other local plans.**



**Our housing pathway will offer real choice and make sure moves are planned and right for the person.**



**The housing pathway will support plans for people to live as independently as possible within the community.**



**Together we will make sure that people have information about their housing and accommodation needs.**



**This includes housing advice and support and reviews of a person's care or support needs, including young people transitioning to adulthood.**



## Priority areas we will work on



**1. Build joint understanding of market towns and localities to inform development and increase opportunities for independent living.**



**2. Increase the supply of accessible homes through building new homes or adapting existing homes.**



**3. Develop the housing market so that housing with care settings support a wider range of needs and a fair price for care.**



**4. Develop residential and nursing homes for people with only the most complex health and care needs.**



**5. Support recruitment and retention of the workforce through access to housing.**



**Making sure the plan is working**



**We will check that the plan is working to improve outcomes for people every year.**



**We will do this by checking the numbers of people who:**



- are in residential and/or nursing care.



- are living independently.



- say that they feel safe and go out in their communities.



- say they have a good social life.



- are happy.

# Housing Pathway

