



Cornwall Supported and Specialist Housing Strategy 2023-2050 Easy Read Guide



What is Supported Housing?



If you are a person with specific needs, you may have trouble finding a living space that is suitable for your needs and that lets you live independently.



You might be an older person, a person with a learning disability and/or autism, a person with a physical disability, at risk of or have experienced homelessness, or be someone recovering from a drug or alcohol dependence.



In this case, Cornwall Council wants to make sure there are living spaces that suits these peoples' needs. This is called **Supported Housing**.



Supported Housing can give you support, supervision, and any care you may need.



Background



To help us understand more about supported housing, the Council asked a housing group called “The Housing Learning and Improvement Network” to help out.



They have made a plan to tell us what types of supported housing Cornwall needs. This plan is called a “Supported and Specialist Housing Strategy and Implementation Plan.” We will call it the **Supported Housing Strategy** in this version of the document.



The Supported Housing Strategy will support planning applications for new supported housing projects that will help people with specific needs lead better lives.



Developing the Strategy



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Connecting people, ideas and resources

Here are the steps The Housing Learning and Improvement Network took to develop the Supported Housing Strategy:



They talked to different people who work for the Council including people from Adult Social Care, Housing, Together for Families, Planning and Community Safety.



They talked to partners from outside of the Council including Health, providers of supported housing and the voluntary sector.



They visited a range of supported housing in Cornwall to see how they are working.



They studied all the information they had on supported housing – locally and nationally.



They looked at good practice and how supported housing has been developed in other areas in the UK.



Approach



For each group of people who could be using Supported Housing, The Housing Learning and Improvement Network looked at these things:



How many people of each type there are in Cornwall and any current or future trends (increases or decreases in numbers).



How good the current supported housing market is for each group.



If there will be enough supported housing for each group of people in the future.



They have used this information to plan for how much supported housing each type of group might need up to 2050.



An Example



Below is an example of how much extra supported housing one of the groups may need. This table is for people with learning disabilities and/or autism and the supported housing that is needed up to 2033.

Locality	Number of additional units
Mid Cornwall	98
North & East Cornwall	84
West Cornwall	98
Total	280

280 Units



To make the extra 280 units, the Council will ask housing providers to develop small sets of flats and/or bungalows. On-site support will be available to the people living there 24 hours a day.



Making It Happen



The Council will work with its partners to put this plan into action and make sure that it continues to work well.



The Council will work with other groups who deal with supported housing. Together they will make sure this strategy meets the needs of the people it is supporting.



The Council will work together with the people who need supported housing to make sure it is suited to their needs.



The Council has planned steps to make the strategy work and has written out, in a plan, the actions that they need to take.



Comments and Questions



This strategy is still being worked on. In November 2023 it will go to the Council's Cabinet meeting to be approved.



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