

Guidelines for:

C.E.H. CARE SUPPORT REGISTER

Objective : Identify innovative and imaginative Independent Living Schemes.

Investigate the options for Housing and Care Support, concentrating more on the living situation than the housing scheme itself, particularly those which facilitate the independent living of severely impaired people, noting house design, technological input and care arrangements including methods of finance. If possible research UK options (we believe there have been some good initiatives in Scotland).

General questions

1. Where did the idea for the scheme originate?
2. Who was involved in the planning of the scheme?
3. Were the tenants/recipients of care involved in the planning process?

A HOUSING

Details required on:-

Number of dwellings
Type of dwellings
Size of dwellings
Occupancy of dwellings
Location of dwellings - including if a multiple scheme, are the units dispersed within general housing? Are there communal facilities e.g. Laundry? Is surrounding environment accessible and near to town centre?

1. How were the tenants selected i.e. criteria? - degree of physical impairment?
2. Who selected the tenants?
3. Previous residence of tenants e.g. residential institution or with family?
4. Are the tenancies Part 3. Rented or Owner occupied?
5. Are there any special design features in the scheme?
6. Were any aids and/or equipment built into the scheme e.g. intercom system, track hoist?
7. Were the dwellings designed for:-
 - a) already identified disabled tenants
 - or
 - b) disabled tenants in general
8. Are there any plans available showing the housing design?

B CARE SUPPORT (Note from the editors - want to find out if care support is confined to the home or if it extends to activities outside the home.)

1. Who provides the care support (e.g. social services, Community Service Volunteers)?
2. How were the disabled recipients of care identified?
3. How is the care support organised (by prior arrangement or, on call etc.)?
4. Is it available at all times or for specific periods only?
5. Is help on a one-to-one basis or shared care, if the latter what is the ratio of helpers to helped.
6. What responsibilities do the consumers have in the organisation of care arrangements?
7. Is the care support supplemented by other services (e.g. Home Helps, Volunteers.)?
8. What tasks constitute care support?

assistance with

- getting in and out of bed
- washing/bathing
- dressing
- toilet/emptying bags etc
- cooking
- feeding
- housework
- shopping
- getting to and from the shops or cinema or other social activities
- getting to and from work
- small children
- transport - driving and helping in and out of vehicles
- small tasks such as answering telephone, writing letters, watering the plants etc

9. By whom is the scheme managed (not too happy about the wording of this)?
10. How is the care/support funded?
11. Is there a back-up contingency to cope with emergency 'breakdown'?
12. Has the scheme been written up in the form of a report or article for a journal etc?