

# Adult Commissioners Thematic Partnership

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## What are the big partnership issues?

- Increased demand outstripping available resources
- Dramatic increase in population and shift in dependency ratios
- Working age population shrinking with resulting impact on tax base and dependency ratios
- Older population increasing substantially together with number of years we spend with poor health
- Reduced resources to provide services
- Less available housing that is fit for purpose



## Some Statistics

- Population of Buckinghamshire: 490,802
- Number of people over 65: 80,083
- Number of people over 85: 10,962
- Currently 1:4 young adults to those over 65
- By 2026 1:3 young adults to those over 65
- By 2026 those over the age of 85 will have increased by 50%(from 10,000 to 15,000)



## Adult Commissioners Priority

- We will help people live in their homes for as long as possible and enable them to get health and other support where necessary, through their communities.
- For the avoidance of doubt, this strategy will include a focus on ensuring that people are not delayed in hospital.



## **We want the BSP to support us with the following:**

- Understanding this agenda and how important it is to align our strategies as no one agency can deal with these issues/opportunities by themselves
- Request Regional Government to ensure that Older people's housing and support to be prioritised in regional and local housing strategies. - This will put pressure on the Homes and Communities agency to grant funding bids from Partners and RSLs for Older peoples housing such as remodelling out of date shelters housing schemes and new extra care schemes in Buckinghamshire.
- Invite the Hospital Trust to become a member of the BSP – this will facilitate support from the top of each organisation in addressing any potential issues relating to delays in hospitals.



## **We want the BSP to support us with the following**

- Ensure that the joint strategic needs assessment carried out in Buckinghamshire (which identifies the health and wellbeing needs of a local population) includes a specific specialist housing and housing related support assessment. - This will facilitate a more joined up assessment and planning of health, social care and housing support.
- Request that the Good practice guidance for Local Strategic Partnerships (LSPs) should be amended by Communities and Local Government (CLG) to recommend that both housing organisations and support providers be included in LSPs. – This will ensure greater cross partnership working around housing development and open up opportunities to create cross partnership approach to re-modelling existing housing stock.



## **We want the BSP to support us with the following**

- Request that Communities and Local Government (CLG) should ensure the Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) does not lose its identity if its ring fence is removed. It should encourage local authorities to recognise the value of funding adaptations. CLG should be responsible for making clear how much money is allocated to local authorities through the DFG, and local authorities must monitor and make public how much money has actually been spent on these services. – This will ensure continuation of investment in adaptations and will enable older people to stay in their homes for longer.

