

Housing for Particular Needs

Strategic Outcome Statement

Theme	Community Wellbeing CW4.1 Provide Quality Housing Services
Strategy	Local Housing Strategy – Particular Needs
Sub Theme	Particular Needs ¹
National Outcome 7	We have tackled significant inequalities in Scottish Society.
National Outcome 10	We live in a well designed, sustainable places where we are able to access the amenities and services we need.
Single Outcome Agreement 7.1	Vulnerable people are well looked after.
Single Outcome Agreement 7.3	People will have access to improved access to good quality affordable housing
Single Outcome Agreement 10.2	There is sufficient diversity in housing types, sizes and tenures to meet the changing needs of Aberdeenshire’s residents and the Council’s housing stock meets the Scottish Housing Quality Standard in respect of all new housing during the SOA timetable.
Strategic Outcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enable people with an identified particular need to have access to appropriate affordable housing and support to allow them to sustain and improve their health to live as independently as possible.
What do we want to achieve/improve (Priority/output)	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Ensure there is sufficient diversity in all new build housing, all sizes and tenures to meet the changing needs of Aberdeenshire’s residents; ensuring a minimum of 15% of new affordable homes are developed to meet identified particular needs per year.

¹ Particular Needs refers to the following client groups: Older People, Physical Disabilities, Learning Disabilities, Mental Health and Substance Misuse.

2. To continue to review ways to best maximise the effectiveness of existing housing stock through the provision of equipment and adaptations in order to reduce the number of households with an unmet particular housing need by **2,310** (**1,550** in the private sector **and 760** in the public sector) per year. Also to make best use of existing housing stock through the allocations process.
3. To identify current and future housing support needs and harmonise housing support services across Aberdeenshire.

Challenges

1. Identifying Health and Social Care priorities in relation to Particular Needs.
2. The reduction in private homes being developed and funding implications for affordable housing.
3. Funding implications with regards to adaptations will impact on all tenure types.
4. Aberdeenshire's changing demographic.

Opportunities

1. New supporting guidance e.g. Equipment and Adaptations Guidance for Health and Local Authority Partnerships.
2. Continuous development of information on housing need and demand for particular needs groups.
3. Potential for improved joint working with partners to generate greater benefits for those with a particular need.
4. Change Fund Money allocation to shift the balance of care towards more independent accommodation and care solutions.

How well are we doing (Baseline)

1. The number of affordable units built for those with a particular need:
 - 2010/11 – 65 units – 24% total affordable developed

2. The number of adaptations carried out in the Private sector:
 - 2010/11 – 135 major adaptations and 1456 minor adaptations.
3. Number of major and minor adaptations carried out in Local Authority properties
 - 2010/11 – 140 major and 769 minor adaptations
4. Number of adaptations carried out by Registered Social Landlords:
 - 2010/11 – 102 stage 3 adaptations carried out

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