

## Care & Repair England's Infographic about Older People, Housing, Health & Care



### Data Sources and Detailed References

#### Side 1 - Housing

##### Column 1

#### **Older people (55+) live in 43% of all homes (9.5m older households)**

Source: Garrett H, Burris S, (2015) *Homes and ageing in England* BRE Bracknell, IHS BRE Press

Analysis for all people aged 55yrs and over

#### **Most older people are owner occupiers**

76% owner occupied, 18% social renters, 6% private renters

Source: Garrett H, Burris S, (2015) *Homes and ageing in England* BRE Bracknell, IHS BRE Press

Analysis for all people aged 55yrs and over

#### **500,000 specialist housing units (sheltered, extra care, retirement)**

77% rented (vast majority social rental), 23% for sale

Source: Pannell, J, Aldridge, H, & Kenway, P (2012) *Market Assessment of Housing Options for Older People* London: New Policy Institute

#### **95% of homes lack even basic accessibility features**

Source: AgeUK *Agenda for Later Life* 2015 full report ( Safe at Home page) [www.ageuk.org.uk/Documents/EN-GB/For-professionals/Policy/agenda\\_for\\_later\\_life\\_2015\\_full\\_report.pdf](http://www.ageuk.org.uk/Documents/EN-GB/For-professionals/Policy/agenda_for_later_life_2015_full_report.pdf)

##### Column 2

#### **96% of older households live in mainstream homes**

Source: Garrett H, Burris S, (2015) *Homes and ageing in England* BRE Bracknell, IHS BRE Press

Analysis for all people aged 55yrs and over

#### **2 million older households are living in non-decent\* homes**

Source: Garrett H, Burris S, (2015) *Homes and ageing in England* BRE Bracknell, IHS BRE Press

Analysis for all people aged 55yrs and over

\*The Decent Homes standard is a nationally defined standard which is measured by indicators that include need for urgent repairs, age of the kitchen and bathroom facilities and thermal comfort, as well as presence of a 'Category 1 hazard'. This is a hazard that presents a significant risk to the health of the occupant.

## **Most non-decent homes lived in by older people are owner occupied**

78% owner occupied 11% social rented 11% private rented

Source: Garrett H, Burris S, (2015) *Homes and ageing in England* BRE Bracknell, IHS BRE Press  
Analysis for all people aged 55yrs and over

## **Older people are not universally well off.**

4 in 10 pensioners experienced 'persistent poverty' (2010 - 2013)

Source: Persistent Poverty in the UK and EU, 2008-13, Office for National Statistics (2015).

67% of pensioners in poverty are owner-occupiers

Source: Pannell, J, Aldridge, H, & Kenway, P (2012) *Market Assessment of Housing Options for Older People* London: New Policy Institute

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### **Health & Care**

#### **Column 1**

#### **There are 2.5 million long term sick or disabled people over 65yrs**

owner occupiers	72%	(1.8 million)
social renters	23%	(565,000)
private renters	6%	(140,000)

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total 2,505,000

Source - Special analysis of English Housing Survey 11-12 Data undertaken by BRE for Care & Repair England in 2016. Age of household refers to the age of the household reference person.

Similar analysis for all people aged 55yrs and over is published in Garrett H, Burris S, (2015) *Homes and ageing in England* BRE Bracknell, IHS BRE Press

#### **530,000 long term sick and disabled over 65yrs live in a non-decent home**

owner occupiers	(78%)
social renters	(13%)
private rented	(9%)

Source - Special analysis of English Housing Survey 11-12 Data undertaken by BRE for Care & Repair England in 2016. Age of household refers to the age of the household reference person.

Similar analysis for all people aged 55yrs and over is published in Garrett H, Burris S, (2015) *Homes and ageing in England* BRE Bracknell, IHS BRE Press

#### **Daily activity-limiting long term health problem/ disability**

Source: ONS <http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/rel/census/2011-census-analysis/what-does-the-2011-census-tell-us-about-older-people-/what-does-the-2011-census-tell-us-about-older-people--full-infographic.html>

#### **47% of women & 39% of men over 65yrs report difficulty walking a moderate distance**

Source: Source data: HSE 200529. Copyright © 2011, Re-used with the permission of The Health and Social Care Information Centre cited in Melzer D 2012 *AgeUK health care quality for an active later life*

#### **The estimated costs of poor housing to the NHS is £1.4 billion per annum**

Excess cold 61% Falls 31% Fire 2% Other 4%

**Note additional detail:**

**NHS first year treatment costs due to poor housing (2011 figures)**

### **All hazards: £1.4 billion**

- o Excess cold: £848m
- o Falls on stairs: £207m
- o Falls on the level: £128m
- o Falls between levels: £84m
- o Fire: £25m
- o Collision: £16m
- o Falls associated with baths: £16m
- o Damp and mould: £16m
- o Hot surfaces: £15m
- o Lead: £14m

Falls £total = 207m+128m+84m+16m = 435m

Source: Nicol S, Roys M, Garrett H (2014) The cost of poor housing to the NHS.

<https://www.bre.co.uk/filelibrary/pdf/87741-Cost-of-Poor-Housing-Briefing-Paper-v3.pdf>

plus associated presentation by Simon Nicol

### **40% of the NHS's budget is spent on caring for people over 65 yrs**

Source: APPG (Housing & Care) (2011) *Living Well at Home Inquiry* Westminster, House of Lords

**300 older people** can be helped by a handyperson for the same cost of one place in a care home for a year (£30,000 vs £100)

Source: Care & Repair England (2014) *Ageing Well at Home* Nottingham Care & Repair England

### **Home adaptations improved quality of life for 90% of recipients**

Source: Heywood, FS & Turner, L, (2007) *Better outcomes, lower costs: implications for health and social care budgets of investment in housing adaptations, improvement and equipment – a review of the evidence* Office for Disability Issues, University of Bristol and Department for Work and Pensions

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***The Infographic was produced by Care & Repair England with contributions by members of the national Older People's Housing Champions Network***

### **Care & Repair England**

Care & Repair England is a charitable organisation (IPS Reg No 25121R) established in 1986. It aims to improve older people's housing and believes that all older people should have decent living conditions in a home of their own choosing. [info@careandrepair-england.org.uk](mailto:info@careandrepair-england.org.uk) [careandrepair-england.org.uk](http://careandrepair-england.org.uk)

### **Older People's Housing Champions Network**

This network supports action by older people's groups to improve housing and related services for an ageing population across England. [housingactionblog.wordpress.com](http://housingactionblog.wordpress.com)

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