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)  
Analysis for all people aged 55yrs and over

Most older people are owner occupiers  
76% owner occupied, 18% social renters, 6% private renters  
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  

95% of homes lack even basic accessibility features  

Column 2

96% of older households live in mainstream homes  
Analysis for all people aged 55yrs and over

2 million older households are living in non-decent* homes  
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
Analysis for all people aged 55yrs and over

Older people are not universally well off.
4 in 10 pensioners experienced ‘persistent poverty’ (2010 - 2013)

67% of pensioners in poverty are owner-occupiers

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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.

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.

Daily activity-limiting long term health problem/ disability

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

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

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

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