Older People, Housing, Health & Care

**Key Facts**

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

- 96% of older households live in mainstream homes

- Most older people are owner occupiers

- 500,000 specialist homes (sheltered, extra care, retirement)

- 95% of homes lack even basic accessibility features

- 2 million older households are living in non-decent homes
  - *Home has a serious (Cat 1) hazard which puts the occupant at risk*

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

- **4 in 10**
  - 4 in 10 pensioners experienced ‘persistent poverty’ (2010-13)
  - 67% of pensioners in poverty are owner-occupiers

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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.

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Older People’s Housing Champions Network supports action by older people’s groups to improve housing and related services for an ageing population across England.

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Housing conditions have a causal link to a wide range of common chronic health conditions, including respiratory illnesses, stroke, heart disease and depression. They also impact on risk of injury and accidents, particularly falls, amongst older people.

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

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

40% of the NHS’s budget is spent on caring for people over 65 yrs.

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

300 older people can be helped by a handyperson for the same cost of one place in a care home for a year.

90% Home adaptations improved quality of life for 90% of recipients, as well as for carers.


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