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New report from Care & Repair England

1.2 million of households 65 years or over live in a non-decent home - 79% are owner occupiers

Poor housing costs the NHS £1.4 billion pa

About the report

Decent suitable housing underpins health and wellbeing, particularly in later life. Older people are more likely to live with chronic health conditions which can be exacerbated by poor housing and most also spend a greater amount of time at home.

With significant funding constraints in local authorities, especially for adult social care, and in the context of growing pressures on the NHS, sustaining good health in later life is more important than ever.

This report sets out the national picture with regard to the scale of poor housing conditions amongst older people, the resulting impact on the health and wellbeing of an ageing population, and the concentration of poor housing in the owner occupied sector.

It quantifies the scale of action necessary to address housing disrepair amongst older households, identifying the benefits of targeted use of public funds for those in greatest need.

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“ *The distribution of health and well-being needs to be understood in relation to a range of factors that interact in complex ways. These factors include whether you live in a decent house.* ”

Sir Michael Marmot (2010) *Fair Society, Healthy Lives: The Marmot strategic review of health inequalities in England post-2010. The Marmot Review*



About Care & Repair England

Care & Repair England is an independent charitable organisation which aims to improve older people's housing.

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