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Martin leads on Care & Repair England's Catch 22 Programme (p/t) which aims to improve the evidence base demonstrating how housing interventions can generate positive health and wellbeing outcomes for older and disabled people as well as confer savings to health and care sectors. The ambition for the programme is production of credible and robust evidence that supports housing related services for older people that is compelling for commissioners. It involves developing partnerships with a wide range of stakeholders including policy makers, academics, practitioners and older people's networks. Before joining Care & Repair England in 2014 Martin worked for a large local authority in a variety of roles but had a particular interest in developing policy and practice that enabled older and disabled people to live independently in their homes for as long as possible. This included services that had a focus on disabled adaptations, energy efficiency and property condition. He has been involved in research with the University of Bristol and as an environmental health officer lectured on BSc and MSc courses at two Universities over several years principally on housing policy and housing issues affecting older people. He has a strong interest in housing associations and has previously served on the Board of a local association.

Martin is also an independent complaint investigator in adult social care and children services operating in six council areas. This experience regularly reveals the importance of communication with service users and that they have a voice in how services are developed and delivered. This theme has influenced how the Catch 22 initiative has developed.