

Dementia and Rural Housing

Making Homes Dementia Friendly... By Making Them People Friendly

In collaboration with the Scottish Government's 8 Pillar test site work

The Issues



- Rural housing stock difficult to adapt
- Isolation, extreme conditions and lack of utilities
- Lack of adequate housing means people with a care need are often moved far away from their communities

The Solutions

- Collaborating: Cross-sectoral work involving local authority, NHS, social housing providers, private landlords, service providers and recipients – all underpinned by the work of the East Sutherland 8 Pillars test site
- New ways of thinking: Working with Glasgow School of Art - creating a dementia friendly blueprint for best practice in design. Investigating creative use of technology, speaking to other sectors of society to see if there are any common issues - e.g. access problems for wheelchairs and walking aids are also problems for pushchairs and prams
- Moving the agenda forward: Hosting a rural housing conference discussing how communities can 'do it for ourselves' and integrate housing into a wider community of care



The Future



- Dementia Friendly Charter: recommended standards, a single document for any housing provider to access
- Improving and informing design: making beautiful places which just happen to be dementia friendly too
- Adaptations: ensuring adaptations are made easier and more affordable and encouraging adaptation of existing housing stock



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