



Design and Built Environment

The design of buildings and their surroundings for people with dementia is recognized as important in the development of both generic and specialist housing. Most of the resources included on the Design and Built Environment pages of the Housing LIN's "In Focus: Housing and Dementia" website are practice- rather than research-based, but give an idea of key principles based on current knowledge. They will be of interest to anyone developing or adapting housing or the neighbourhood in which people with dementia may live.

In Focus: Housing and Dementia

Visit the web pages here: <http://www.housinglin.org.uk/Topics/browse/HousingandDementia/>

Referenced in the Department of Health's Care and Support Specialised Housing Fund, our In Focus web pages have been designed to enable people to access our key tools about meeting the needs of people with dementia in housing settings, including extra care housing. The information included is invaluable to those providing or developing housing-related services for people with dementia. It is also relevant to those wishing to understand the importance of the built environment to the wellbeing of people with dementia, and the valuable part that housing sector staff and services can play, as contributors in an integrated support pathway, enabling people to live as well as possible with dementia.

The information is split into 9 key topics :

[Recollections](#) - A collection of personal stories and examples of everyday experiences of people living with dementia

[Commissioning](#) - information to assist those involved in service commissioning and strategic planning for this group of the population.

[Provision](#) - Case examples and documents to assist in the management and delivery of services within three categories: extra care and supported housing; specialist care and support services; assistive technology.

[Design and Environment](#) - information on designing and adapting the living environment for people with dementia, including Extra Care housing.

[Dementia Friendly Communities](#) - good practice examples and suggestions about making the wider community in which people live a place that is welcoming and user friendly for people living with dementia.

[Practice, workforce and training](#) - Advice and guidance for improving practice for front-line staff and managers working with people who have dementia.

[Legislation and regulation](#) - Information on the Mental Capacity Act and other legislation as it relates to the housing sector and dementia.

[Dementia Action Alliance](#) - What it is, how to join, and useful information from DAA meetings.

[Useful links](#) - Links to other websites with information on dementia.