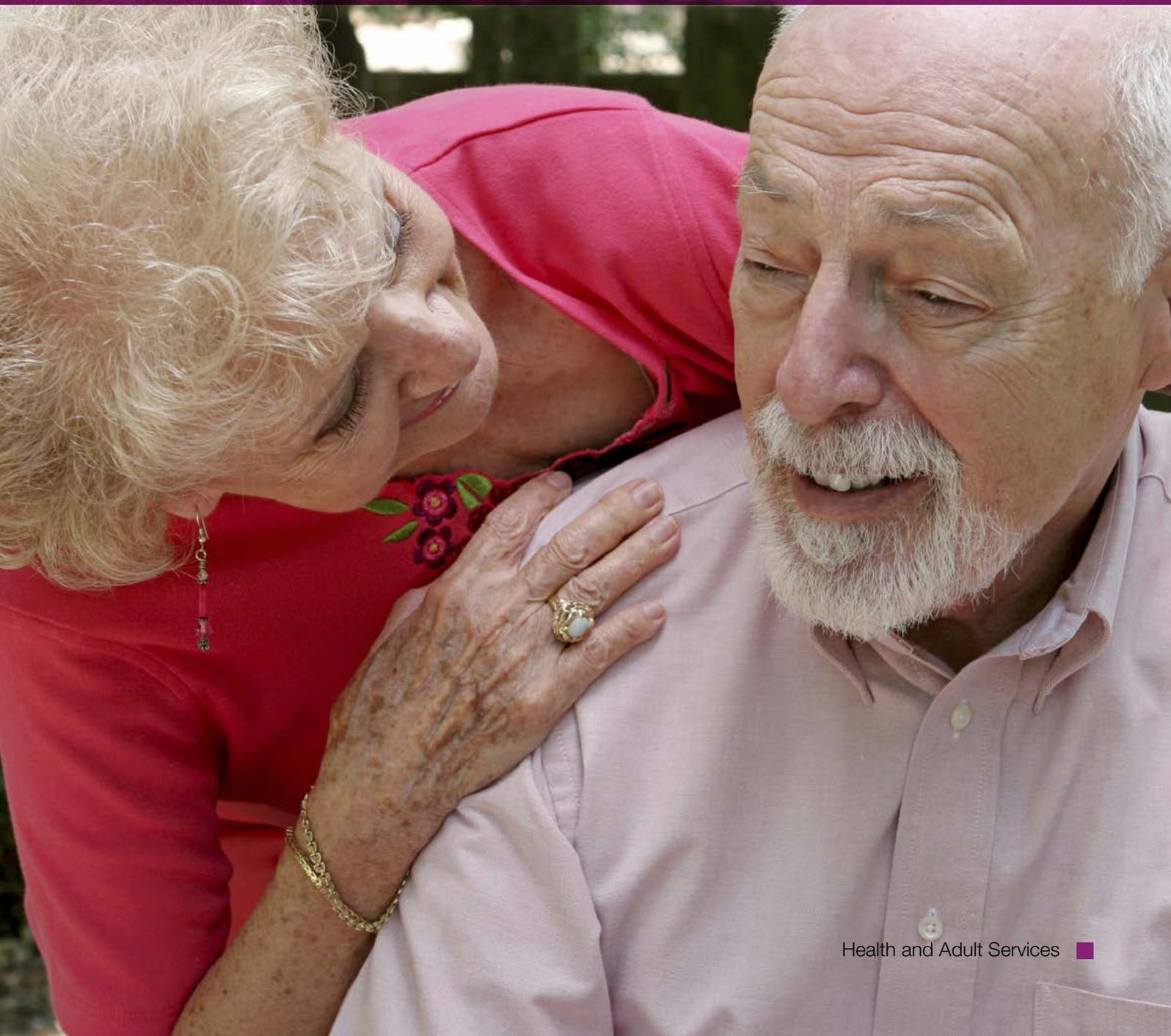


2020 North Yorkshire Care and Support Where I Live Strategy

Summary





Introduction

People in North Yorkshire have told us that they want to live independent, healthy and fulfilling lives, based on choices that are important to them. This Care and Support Where I Live Strategy will play an important part in the County Council's vision to meet people's needs now and in the future.

The County Council has already supported the building of 20 specialist developments, known as extra care housing, which provide 949 apartments and bungalows, and five new supported living schemes providing 24 apartments with housing support for adults, mainly younger people with a learning disability.

We are now planning ahead so we can respond to the increasing number of people who need care and support where they live, along with the rising number of people who need specialist support, such as those living with dementia.

We will build on the success of the extra care programme to make more solutions available for delivering accommodation with care and support to a wider range of people, and for making a major contribution to the vitality of towns and villages across the county.

The development of more extra care housing will also assist the Council with saving £74million by 2020, of which £21.5 million has to come from the Health and Adult Services budget.

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1. About this Strategy

This strategy sets out the Council's approach for the future provision of care and support, including ensuring that extra care schemes play a role at the heart of the community. It is for:

1. People who use services and their carers
2. Council staff delivering those services
3. People who are thinking about their next accommodation move
4. Organisations who provide services for people
5. County Councillors, Council officers, partner agencies and the public.

2. Our vision for 2020

2020 North Yorkshire is the Council's vision and approach Council that will result in better, modernised ways of working. Within the Council's Health and Adult Services Directorate the 2020 vision is designed so that:

"People in North Yorkshire will live longer, healthier, independent lives"

In the 2020 Vision there are four key themes that will help us deliver our objectives:

- A distinctive Public Health agenda for North Yorkshire
- Independence – with support when I need it
- Care and Support Where I Live
- Better value for money

Health and Adult Services will focus on these areas:

- Investment in prevention and community services to reduce demand
- Reviewing and developing the current START (Short-Term Assessment and Re-ablement) service to provide a more comprehensive service with a greater emphasis around rehabilitation
- Develop more extra care schemes across the county to enable the Council to move away from its own residential homes and help enable older people to live within the community with less support packages of care

- To develop better ways of working between social care and health.

This strategy focuses on how we can help people live within the community for longer with the appropriate support.

3. Care and Support Where I Live

Choosing where you live has a huge impact on your quality of life, and having well-designed supported accommodation is an important part of our 2020 vision. By 2020 we will have:

- Developed local accommodation, services and activities that mean people are safe and can live independently at home for as long as possible
- Improved the way people can choose, buy and fit equipment and Telecare so that more people can live independently at home
- Expanded the number of extra care housing schemes across the County and developed community hubs in some of these schemes
- Explored different models of accommodation, such as Homeshare, to see if they might be better for some North Yorkshire residents
- Increased the availability and choice of accommodation and services for people with:
 - complex needs
 - mental health issues
 - learning disabilities
 - physical disabilities
 - sensory impairment
 - autism
 - young people with disabilities moving from childhood into adulthood
 - age-related frailty and disability
- Involved people who use these services now, or in the future, including people already living in extra care housing, in having their say about services

4. What we do now

In the past, the Council relied on traditional residential care, but now we help people maximise their potential for independence through their accommodation.

Between 2003 and the end of 2015 the County Council will have supported the building of 20 specialist developments, known as extra care housing, which provide 949 apartments and bungalows. These will have replaced 14 of the Council's Elderly Persons' Homes.

In addition there will be five new supported living schemes providing 24 apartments with housing support for adults, mainly younger people with a learning disability.

The development of extra care housing and the increasing use of services that help people to maintain their independence has already reduced the number of people needing to go into a care home in North Yorkshire.

5. Why we need to change

In North Yorkshire

The Council is working to support people to live in their own homes and maximise their independence for as long as possible. This is what people tell us they want and the Council agrees.

The numbers of people needing care and support where they live is increasing. The Council is committed to ensuring that high-quality sustainable accommodation with care and support is available across North Yorkshire for older and vulnerable people so that people have choices about the accommodation available to them.

This provision must support the needs of the next generation of people who will need care and support where they live. They will be demanding in their expectations for the accommodation they will require.

Reductions in Government funding means the Council has had to cut its spending by £94m over the last four years and has to save another £74m over the next four years.

Health and Adult Services has drawn up proposals to save an additional £21.5m in the period 2015-2020. These include better ways of working with the NHS, other partners, and local communities.

The Council will focus its limited resources on accommodation and care and support services that meet people's expectations and wishes. It will see if improved transport, information and advice services, supported employment, and the wider use of technology (such as Telecare and Telehealth) can be linked to extra care and other accommodation. It will also develop services such as home care and offer them to people living around extra care schemes.

The Council has been working with people who had to move out of the County to find the right accommodation and support so they can return to live independently in their local community.

Nationally

In May 2014 the Care Act was passed, representing the most significant change to adult social care legislation in over 60 years. The Act introduces fundamental reforms to the law on adult social care, the funding system, the duties of local authorities and the rights of people who need social care and their carers and has significant implications for local authorities, both financially and on their working practices.

It is the law that will most shape social care practice, and a key element is that people should have choice and control over how their needs are met, including where they live.



6. How we developed the Care and Support Where I Live Strategy

We held a public consultation on our draft strategy in 2014 and this final strategy reflects what people told us they wanted in the future.

94% of people who responded agreed with the Council's ambition to help people to live independently in their own homes

The top priorities for people were around services being provided in their own homes:

- good quality home care,
- help with home adaptations
- access to good quality information and advice
- telecare/equipment to help them stay safe.

You can download the full report on the public consultation from <http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/cswil>

7. What we will do in the future

These are the Council's proposals for how it will assist people to get care and support where they live:

- Develop local accommodation, services and activities that mean that people are safe and can live independently at home for as long as possible

- Improve the way people can choose, buy and fit equipment and Telecare so that more people can live independently at home
- Have more extra-care housing schemes across the County and develop community hubs in some of these schemes
- Explore different sorts of accommodation (such as Homeshare) to see if they might be beneficial for some residents
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