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Appendices	Appendix 1. Independent Living and Specialist Housing Provision Market Position Statement 2024 – 2034 Appendix 2. Inequalities Impact Assessment
Terms of Reference	Matters Reserved to the IJB 1. Any functions or remit which is, in terms of statute or legal requirement, bound to be undertaken by the IJB itself;

1. Purpose of the Report

This report seeks approval from the Integration Joint Board (IJB) for the publication of the Independent Living and Specialist Housing Provision Market Position Statement 2024 – 2034 (MPS).

2. Recommendations

2.1. It is recommended that the Integration Joint Board:



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- a) Agree and approves the Independent Living and Specialist Housing Provision Market Position Statement 2024 - 2034 (Appendix 1) as the reference for the provision of housing for varying needs in Aberdeen City.

3. Strategic Plan Context

- 3.1. The Independent Living and Specialist Housing Provision Market Position Statement 2024 - 2034 seeks to ensure that there is suitable housing in Aberdeen City for people with all types of care and support needs. This directly links to the Keeping People Safe at Home strategic aim of Aberdeen City Health and Social Care Partnership's [Strategic Plan 2022 - 2025](#). The quality and suitability of accommodation can have a significant impact on people's health and wellbeing and this MPS also has the potential to impact positively on both the Preventing Ill Health and Achieving Fulfilling Healthy Lives aims. The Market Position Statement will also help to inform future strategic documents including, but not limited, IJB workforce plan, the Aberdeen City Council housing strategy and IJB strategic plan.

4. Summary of Key Information

- 4.1. This Market Position Statement (MPS) outlines ACHSCP's vision, commitment, and expectations for accommodation across the city for people with specialist requirements, from 2024 until 2034, and sets out an aspiration that will help to ensure that accommodation provision in Aberdeen will meet the city's demographic need for the future. [The Housing for Varying Needs design guide](#) has been utilised since 1999 and sets out the design standards for mainstream housing to achieve and work to "barrier free housing". The aim is to provide a home that is flexible enough to allow a person to live independently for most of their life, and which meets the existing and future needs of the household.
- 4.2. The purpose of developing this MPS is to highlight to accommodation providers and service providers our understanding of the current and future needs in relation to specialist provision in Aberdeen.
- 4.3. This document will be used when Aberdeen City Council (ACC) is preparing its Local Housing Strategy (LHS) and the Strategic Housing Investment Plan (SHIP), and when Registered Social Landlords (RSLs) and social care providers are planning service provision in the City.



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- 4.4.** A short life working group was convened in Spring 2023 to oversee the development of the MPS, consisting of a wide range of stakeholders from within ACHSCP and links were made with ACC's Housing for Varying Needs Steering Group and the Mental Health Forensic Accommodation Steering Group. Various workshops were held, followed by individual and groups meetings to gather and discuss the relevant information required. All of the stakeholders were consulted and contributed to the final draft of the MPS.
- 4.5.** Acknowledging that needs will be continually developing and changing, and that not all relevant information is currently readily available, the MPS will be reviewed within 5 years to ensure this remains relevant to emerging needs.
- 4.6.** ACHSCP has worked with service providers, colleagues, and teams within ACHSCP and more widely with partners to develop a detailed analysis and understanding, as far as we possibly could, of the accommodation needs of our citizens with specialist requirements.
- 4.7.** In addition to considering the links to the ACHSCP Strategic Plan, the ACHSCP Workforce Plan and Community Planning Aberdeen's Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP) were also considered when developing the MPS. It also references current projects delivered following production of previous single service statements such as the MPS for Complex Care.
- 4.8.** The Independent Living and Specialist Housing Provision Market Position Statement has had due regard to the needs of the ageing population and unpaid carers, whose health and wellbeing can be greatly impacted when service users do not have safe and secure accommodation.
- 4.9.** A thorough evaluation was undertaken of the needs of people living in:
- care homes;
 - amenity housing;
 - sheltered and very sheltered housing;
 - forensic mental health accommodation; and
 - their own home whilst receiving care at home.

The range of needs considered included:

- acquired brain injury;
- neurological conditions;
- bariatric needs;
- substance use;
- mental health and learning disability;



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- those currently within children's social work services;
- homelessness
- justice social work; and
- young people with lifelong care support needs.

People with these needs tend to be disproportionately affected by lengthy delays in hospital discharge, out of area placements, and breakdown in community support services.

- 4.10.** In developing the MPS, challenges were identified relating to the availability of suitable accommodation, funding, recruitment and retention of specially qualified workforce and data. ACHSCP is working closely with partners to understand these challenges and to overcome them, and will continue to involve providers, people who use services and their loved ones in this work.
- 4.11.** ACHSCP want people to live in their local communities, in appropriate accommodation environments that will be their home for as long as they need it, and which allows them to access the services most relevant to their needs. Our ambition is to see communities playing an active role in people's experience of care and support, promoting robust community connections and inclusion. By clearly demonstrating the priority we place on this, and outlining how ACHSCP will work with partners, we hope to see significant and meaningful progress in the development of specialist accommodation for people in Aberdeen City.
- 4.12.** The Independent Living and Specialist Provision Housing Market Position Statement aims to answer three main questions related to accommodation within Aberdeen City:
- What accommodation provision do we have now?
 - What accommodation do we need in the short term?
 - What accommodation do we need longer term to provide for future needs?
- The intention is to identify any gaps in provision and the accommodation that will be required.
- 4.13.** This Market Position Statement has been informed by the Population Needs Assessment 2023 of people across Aberdeen City. The impacts on those



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individuals with protected characteristics under the Equality Act 2010 have been considered. An Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) (Appendix 2) has been completed and the recommendations from this have been incorporated into the Market Position Statement. It includes analysis of the current population who have unmet needs and anticipated projections of future demand for services, including the number of people in need of support and the budget available for the commissioning of services.

- 4.14. The focus of the MPS is those people who, by reason of a long-term health condition, require specialist provision in relation to their accommodation. It is recognised that, whilst it is not the purpose of this document, prevention and early intervention will greatly support people to remain in mainstream homes independently for longer. In addition, the increased use of Technology Enabled Care (TEC), enhanced Care at Home and Hospital at Home, and the provision of specialist equipment and adaptations to existing properties are all key enablers to support people living in their own homes for as long as possible, but there will always be a need for more specialist accommodation provision to meet particularly challenging needs.
- 4.15. By aligning the provision of specialist housing to the Getting It Right For Everyone (GIRFE) principles and embedding a human rights approach in the way we consider how care needs are met, we aim to ensure that people can live in their own homes with dignity and independence for as long as possible.
- 4.16. ACHSCP utilise a collaborative commissioning approach, which embeds the Ethical Commissioning Principles when procuring and commissioning future services. This approach includes engagement with providers, staff and people with lived experience when designing the service to be provided. The Independent Review of Adult Social Care outlined these principles focussing on achieving better outcomes for people.

5. Implications for IJB

5.1. Equalities, Fairer Scotland and Health Inequality

An Integrated Impact assessment (IIA) has been carried out and has been attached at appendix 2 to this report for the Board's consideration. The impact across the groups or rights have generally been seen as positive.



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Where there has been any negative impact highlighted, mitigations will be put in place to overcome these going forward.

5.2. Financial

There are no direct financial implications in the publication of the Independent Living and Specialist Housing Provision Market Position Statement. It is foreseeable, however, that IJB may wish to consider the future allocation of funding and the funding of specific projects of work as part of its budget setting process to contribute to meeting the needs identified in the MPS. Any specific projects of work proposed would be brought forward in the form of a business case to the IJB for consideration. It is also anticipated that there may be scope to attract grant funding and private sector investment to meet the emerging needs as identified in the MPS.

5.3. Workforce

The Market Position Statement further considers changes in workforce both in demographics and how we work, including working patterns, where we work and other changes that support a sustainable future in specialist accommodation. Recruitment and retention of staff who have the requisite knowledge and understanding of providing support in each area will be critical to success. The IJB currently has a workforce plan in place dated 2022-2025 and the development of the new workforce plan will assist in supporting the findings made within the MPS around the challenges faced.

5.4. Legal

There are no direct legal implications arising from the recommendations of this report however this collaborative MPS will help both ACC and ACHSCP discharge their duties to provide housing and housing related services effectively.

5.5. Unpaid Carers

The MPS could potentially have positive implications for the unpaid caring role. Caring for a loved one could be made easier by the provision of housing suitable for their needs providing an environment that minimises the challenges and barriers to a life alongside the caring role.

5.6. Information Governance



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There are no direct information governance implications arising from the recommendations.

5.7. Environmental Impacts

There are no direct environmental implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

5.8. Other

None

6. Management of Risk

6.1. Identified risk(s)

DESCRIPTION	LIKELIHOOD OF OCCURRENCE	IMPACT IF RISK DOES OCCUR	MITIGATION
Failure to accurately identify the future accommodation needs of those who have care and support needs	medium	Medium/High	Utilising the existing benefits of D365 and working with teams to ensure the data meets the needs of reporting going forward. Engagement with lived experience service users from service design and support after delivery of service
The MPS fails to adequately meet the specialist needs for groups mentioned and importantly not mentioned	Low/Medium	High	Extensive engagement with services, providers to ensure groups are accounted for within the MPS and the needs are correctly identified. Monitoring of MPS through the JB Delivery Plan.



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6.2. Links to risks on strategic or operational risk register:

This report links to Strategic Risk 5: -

Cause: Demographic & financial pressures requiring IJB to deliver transformational system change which helps to meet its strategic priorities.

Event: Failure to deliver transformation and sustainable systems change.

Consequence: people not receiving the best health and social care outcomes