

Vulnerable People Housing Assessment

People living with HIV/AIDS

(Full reference should also be made to Derbyshire Supporting People Strategy 2005/10– pages 35 - 36 and Appendix C – pages 29 - 31)

Summary

There are around 430 people in Derbyshire living with HIV/AIDS.

There is no evidence to suggest that there is a need for specialist housing or support services. Rather than specific housing or services for people living with HIV/AIDS, general needs housing within the general housing stock should be accessible in a flexible and sensitive way.

Due to this, there is no specific housing or housing related support provision in Derbyshire, and no strategic priority for this within Erewash.

Future developments are to ensure that council staff, housing and support staff are trained and well-informed to provide appropriate services that meet the needs of people with HIV/AIDS.

Number of people in Erewash homeless, in housing need or requiring housing support

We do not have specific figures for Erewash, but we understand that there are around 420 - 450 people in Derbyshire diagnosed as living with HIV/AIDS. Additionally, there could be the same or more number undiagnosed in the county.

Housing and Support needs people living with HIV/AIDS, and how these are met in Erewash:

With new treatments, many people living with HIV/AIDS are considered to have a chronic illness, rather than a life-threatening illness. However, people may be ill, with treatment issues, or because of side effects of the drugs. There are also now an increasing number of older people who are HIV positive.

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Support needs, including housing related issues are currently met through agencies such as the Derbyshire AIDS Resource Team, Derbyshire Positive Support. A number of people living with HIV/AIDS are also accessing other housing-related support services, such as those for Single Homeless with Support Needs, people with drug or alcohol problems, women at risk of domestic violence.

It is important that all housing and support providers, plus housing-related services are trained and well-informed to provide appropriate services that meet the needs of people with HIV/AIDS.

Protocols/Forums etc

- Derbyshire Social Services/Derbyshire AIDS Resource Centre
- Derbyshire Positive Support website

Future Housing Needs and Housing-related support needs

There are no plans to provide specific provision in the future. However, any change in these needs will be followed up through Derbyshire Supporting People and the Derbyshire AIDS Resource Centre. However, plans are in place to provide training for council staff.