

## **Vulnerable People Housing Strategy**

### **Learning Disabilities**

*(Full reference should also be made to Derbyshire Supporting People Housing Strategy 2005/10– pages 38-41 and Appendix – 12-19)*

#### **Summary**

*It is estimated that 12 – 24 people with Learning Disabilities in Erewash are in need of housing and/or housing support each year.*

*The Housing and Support needs of people with Learning Disabilities vary from differing levels of support and/or care in their own homes, or sharing with other people and a carer to intense support and care for people with profound learning and physical disabilities.*

*Currently, in Erewash, we feel that there are services to meet some of these needs, including over 70 places of accommodation and support, services from the Learning Disabilities team, and accessing approx 12 permanent tenancies a year through the EBC Move-on protocol. There is also provision for people with mild learning disabilities in supported accommodation, such as those for young people, and single homeless.*

*However, gaps in provision have still been identified for people with learning disabilities who also have severe physical disabilities, floating support and other low-level support schemes; more independent and shared housing.*

*The continuation of housing and support services for people with Learning Disabilities is considered of importance in Erewash – although there are still issues about how this should be funded.*

*The current priorities for future development are the provision of housing, and floating support.*

#### **Numbers of people with Learning Disabilities in Erewash homeless, in housing need or requiring housing support**

<b><u>Information</u></b>	<b><u>Number</u></b>	<b><u>Breakdown</u></b>
Identified number of people needing housing-related support 2003 – 2009 for Erewash (Learning Disabilities Team in 2003)	23	
Number of people	At least	Will require differing levels

needing accommodation and support within 5 years (ACE Carers Group 2003)	30	of support and accommodation
Number of people needing accommodation within 1-2 years (Learning Disabilities Team October 2006)	Up to 40	Need for single flats, shared houses with room for support worker – in Long Eaton and Ilkeston  8 people with profound disabilities – need shared bungalows
Number of identified people needing accommodation within 1-2 years (Learning Disabilities Team March 2007)	24	Need for shared houses, with room for support worker – in Long Eaton and Ilkeston  8 people with profound disabilities – need shared bungalows
Number of people in Erewash with a Learning Disability (assumed prevalence rate of 3.5 people per 1000 of the population) (Derbyshire Supporting People Strategy 2005/10)	305	Likely under-estimate
Number of known people with a Learning Disability in Derbyshire (Derbyshire Supporting People Strategy 2005/10)	2,235	Over 80% receiving services from Social Services
Number of people currently needing “Key-ring” type support (Learning Disabilities Team July 2007)	8	

**Housing and Support needs of People with Learning Disabilities, and how these are met in Erewash.**

<b><u>Housing and support needs</u></b>	<b><u>How met in Erewash (see below for more detail)</u></b>
Those with complex physical needs and learning disabilities.	No current provision
18 – 19 year olds who might need semi-independent living for 2 or 3 years before moving on to shared tenancy.	No current provision

Own tenancy in 1 bed flat but near to support/communal activities so not isolated	*Permanent tenancies secured with RSLs through EBC move-on protocol, discretionary nominations
Own tenancy in 1 bed flat with very low-level support	*Permanent tenancies secured with RSLs through EBC move-on protocol, discretionary nominations Support from Mencap Need identified for floating support scheme specific to people with learning disabilities
Group shared homes – 2 or 3 sharing, with room for carer	*Shared houses supported by Mencap – range of tenures – RSL, private rented, tenancies or through private tenancies???
Support in own home (owner-occupied)	Support from Mencap
Support and work with Carers e.g. parents to prevent homelessness	Mediation by Homelessness Team Carers support and social care assessment by Learning Disabilities Team
Not really a need for “residential homes”	Despite this – at least 2 private residential homes for people with Learning Disabilities opened in Erewash in last 2 years.

*Assessment by Erewash Learning Disabilities team June/July 2006*

\* 12 people were assisted in 2006/07 through the Erewash Borough Council move-on protocol into independent accommodation – a mix of flats and bungalows.

**Supported Accommodation and other Services for people with Learning Disabilities in Erewash**

Derbyshire County Council		27
Enable		2
Mencap		33
United Response		9
Other		1
Petersham Hostel	Short-term	9
Learning Disabilities Team work closely with Mencap. They have approx 35 clients supported by Mencap at any one time, who live in a range of tenures, ie. RSL, private rented, owner/occupier, shared etc.		
There is also provision for people with mild learning disabilities in other supported accommodation schemes, such as those for young people, homeless hostel etc.		

**Protocols etc**

- Homeless Team meet regularly with Erewash Learning Disabilities Team. Good liaison to discuss specific homeless cases.
- Three Valleys Housing to be linked for future meetings to arrange planned moves.
- **Move-on protocol** used for move-on from Petersham Hostel – 9 Short-term care beds. For single people needing 1 bed flats only. Enables quicker moves to permanent Registered Social Landlord properties and frees up beds at Petersham. Also used to move single people to/from other shared accommodation.
- Carers Group very active in the Borough

**Relevant Strategies**

**Erewash Fit for Purpose Housing Strategy 2005 – 2008:**

We are working with Social Services partners and local learning disabilities groups to assess the support needs of people with learning disabilities.

**Erewash Homelessness Review and Strategy 2003-2008:**

Existing good practice: ACE Carers Group very active in the Borough  
Any concerns: Estimated that 30 people will need accommodation within 5 years – most living with elderly parents.

Social Services procedures for identifying their clients at risk of losing their homes. Through care assessments and monitoring client case load. Local housing meeting addresses priorities.

**Commitment made by Erewash Council Members & staff to Learning Disabilities Projects**

Attendance at Learning Disability Housing Forum  
Move-on Protocol

**Available Funding**

- For rent & support – Independent Living fund/Housing Benefit
- For support – Supporting People funding. Learning Disability funding countywide being reviewed by Supporting People during 2006 and 2007
- Capital funding – unlikely any new from Social Services/Health

**Issues**

- Need for joint tenancies in the name of the residents themselves

**Future Housing Needs and Housing-related support needs**

<b><u>Provison needed</u></b>	<b><u>Funding Possibilities</u></b>	<b><u>Issues/Risks</u></b>	<b><u>Action</u></b>	<b><u>By</u></b>	<b><u>Time table</u></b>
RSL 3 bedroomed	Existing	High demand on	• Agree	RSLs	Ongoing

(or larger) properties & agreed protocol (approx 3 properties a year)	provision	properties from all groups – including statutory homeless	protocol • Consider “quota” with RSLs	Sara Dinsdale	
New build 3 or 4 bedroomed properties under s106 planning agreements (approx 3 properties a year)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Under s106.</li> <li>• Additional Housing Corporation funding</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High demand on properties from all groups – including statutory homeless.</li> <li>• Fewer units if larger properties. Targets are for number of units</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Confirm priorities for s106 sites</li> <li>• Identify suitable sites</li> <li>• Liaise with LD Team</li> </ul>	Tessa Paul with RSLs & Developers	Ongoing
Increased Floating Support provision – specific to people with Learning Disabilities (for approx 15 people a year)	Additional/reprovisioned Supporting People funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need for specialist Floating Support</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Await outcome of SP review of LD funding</li> <li>• Possible future bids for additional SP funding?</li> </ul>	Tessa Paul Learning Disabilities Team	June 2009
**“key-ring” type provision (currently awaiting numbers in need)	Social Services funding? Additional/reprovisioned Supporting People funding	Limited support needed, therefore low-cost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Confirm numbers</li> <li>• Secure funding</li> </ul>	Sara Dinsdale Learning Disabilities team	
Continued Move-on protocol for 1 bedroomed flats (Approx 12 per year)	Existing provision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need to monitor demand on Move-on protocol</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue Move-on protocol where appropriate</li> <li>• Monitor demand</li> </ul>	Sara Dinsdale	Ongoing
Increased private provision - if not met by above	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Housing Benefit</li> <li>• Possible Mencap funding</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rents etc too high</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encourage private landlords</li> <li>• Investigate Mencap provision</li> </ul>	Mencap Learning Disabilities Team	Ongoing

\*Key-ring type schemes. People with learning disabilities live in their own home, near to others in a similar situation. Minimal support needs met by a part-time community living worker, and by supporting each other