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Supporting People & Supported Accommodation

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Supporting People

- Protected in cash terms for 2018/19 & 2019/20
- Part of two year deal between Labour & plaid Cymru
- £124.4m
- This should be the final time that it is necessary to run this campaign
- Data linkage
- WAO report into SP programme



Future Funding for Supported Accommodation

- November 2016: UK Government announce plans to restrict payments to tenants in supported accommodation to the LHA rate from April 2019
- Top-up fund proposed to fund shortfall between LHA and full rent & eligible service charge
- Details on distribution model for top-up funding in England to be announced in Green Paper May 2017



Future Funding for Supported Accommodation

- General Election: Green Paper Delayed
- Policy advice co-production continues in Wales
- Green Paper now due in 'Autumn 2017' Likely November
- Green Paper will contain English funding model. Crucially, it will also contain definitions of supported accommodation and devolution arrangements
- Welsh policy advice co-production now stalled until Green Paper

Future Funding for Supported Accommodation CHC Work

- CHC consultation events x 4
- CHC task & finish groups x 4
- Welsh Government steering group
- UK Government short term steering group
- Welsh Government/CHC consultation events x 2

Future Funding for Supported Accommodation

- Current policy proposal of LHA + top-up covers all sheltered and supported accommodation
 - 1) Supported Housing Allowance
 - 2) Removal of older people
 - 3) Full grant funding of short term accommodation

Future Funding for Supported Accommodation

1) Supported Housing Allowance

- Banded caps on HB/UC levels for different types of supported accommodation
- Minimum level set nationally for each band, varied regionally to reflect variance in development costs etc.
- A small number of units would still need to access a top-up fund
- Cross party backing

Future Funding for Supported Accommodation

2) Removal of older people

- Older people, most likely 65+, to continue to receive full funding through HB system
- Risk: those aged 55-64 in sheltered accommodation
- Would provide security for existing sheltered accommodation units and allow for demand led growth

Future Funding for Supported Accommodation

3) Full grant funding for short term supported accommodation

- Full rent & eligible service charge costs for short term supported accommodation (less than 2 years) to be devolved to Wales
- Removes issues related to Universal Credit assessment period
- Risk: fund may not grow year on year. Will not allow demand led growth

Next Steps

- Formalise CHC policy ask
- Continued pressure on UK Government, in conjunction with sister federations
- Further engagement with Welsh Government on co-production of policy advice for the administration of any devolved top-up fund
- Modelling impact of removal of older people