

South Ayrshire Housing Need and Demand Assessment 2015

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Appendix 4 Legislation, National and Local Strategies, Policies
and Guidelines relevant to Older People and Housing

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National Policies	
The Scottish Government's 2020 Vision for the future shape of Health & Social Care	<p>Sets out the key message that everyone should be enabled to live longer healthier lives at home, or on a homely setting.</p> <p>Focuses on the delivery of care at the highest standard with the person at the centre of all decisions.</p>
Reshaping Care for Older People: A Programme for Change 2011 – 2021	<p>Sets out a clear policy goal of optimising the independence and wellbeing of older people at home or in a homely setting.</p> <p>'Reshaping Care' has broad outcomes relating to prevention and ensuring more older people receive care within their own home to enable them to maintain their independence.</p>
Age Home and Community: A Strategy for Housing for Scotland's Older People: 2012-2021	<p>Reinforces the benefits that housing and housing support can fulfil in shifting the balance of care from institutional settings to help older people towards independent living in the community.</p>
The Integration of Health and Social Care under the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014	<p>Sets out in law the requirement to integrate adult social care services, adult community health Services, and a proportion of acute health services.</p>
Draft Integration Scheme	<p>In addition to these services, other functions proposed in the in South Ayrshire (as at December 2014) include equipment and adaptations, and some housing support services.</p>

South Ayrshire Strategy, Policies and Plans

Joint Strategic Commissioning Plan for Older People (JSCOP)

In 2013, South Ayrshire Council submitted a Housing Contribution Statement as part of the Joint Strategic Commissioning Plan for Older People (JSCOP).

The overall vision outlined in the JSCOP is that
Older people in Ayrshire enjoy full and positive lives within their own communities

The long term outcome was:
Effective whole system partnership working for the provision of services which fits the needs of older people and allows them to remain in their own communities wherever possible

A range of performance indicators were developed as part of the JSCOP to measure progress towards these outcomes.

Those performance indicators that housing may make a direct or indirect contribution to include:

- Patients whose discharge is from hospital is delayed more than 28 days (A2a)
- Percentage of people aged 65+ who live in housing, rather than a care home or a hospital setting
- Waiting times between request for a housing adaptation, assessment of need, and delivery of any required adaptation
- Proportion of people aged 75+ with a Telecare package

As the emphasis is to keep people at home, it will be necessary to ensure that people's homes suit their needs.

To achieve this adequate procedures and investment will be required in relation to:

Housing options advice and information

Adaptations – processes and approach

New build accessibility

Support for ongoing maintenance and repairs

- Housing support – early intervention and prevention
- Consideration of different models of housing for older people, eg retirement housing, housing with care, etc