

Older People's Housing and Accommodation with Care in the Royal Borough

Care for elderly people is currently provided at the following homes in the Royal Borough:

Homes	Total units
Alan Morkill House, W10	49
St Teresa's Home, SW7	25
St Wilfrid's Care Home, SW3	44
Ellesmere House, SW10	70 ¹
The Kensington Nursing Home, W11	53
Beatrice Place, W8*	24
Princess Louise Nursing Home, W10*	51
	316

*nursing beds fully funded by the NHS

These care homes are able to look after elderly people with a range of care and health needs. They provide a total of 118 residential placements, 20 residential dementia placements and 178 nursing placements (where registered nurses work alongside trained care workers)².

The Council also has 81 units of extra care housing in several small schemes in the north of the borough.

The proportion of older people going into residential care is declining as more are supported at home; on the other hand the total number of older people is rising. For example it is estimated we will see a 98 per cent increase in the number of people aged 85+ by 2030; from approximately 2,700 to 5,300 residents³

and the number of older people aged 85+ living with dementia in the borough is predicted to double by 2030, to over 1,300 residents.

In 2013 the Council consulted residents on a strategy⁴, now adopted, that recommended improving the quantity, quality and choice of older people's housing and accommodation with care. Of those residents who responded to the consultation, 84 per cent supported the development of extra care housing and 74 per cent thought there should be a choice of homes to buy or rent for older people.

The Council has therefore looked for opportunities to increase the provision of extra care housing for older people, available both to buy and to rent. Extra care housing offers many advantages to older people, enabling them to receive flexible, responsive care, whilst retaining their independence in self-contained accommodation.

The development of more extra care housing with 24 hour care and support on site is predicted to lead to a reduction in residential and nursing placements made in the borough. However, the Council's strategy recognises that a proportion of the older population will continue to require residential and nursing care. For these reasons the Council intends to continue purchasing high quality residential and nursing care placements locally, whilst finding ways to maximise the amount of extra care housing in the borough.

¹ Including an additional 20 nursing beds currently being developed by the Council.

² For further information about residential and nursing homes in the Royal Borough please visit our website www.rbkc.gov.uk/thamesbrookconsultation

³ GLA ward-level population projections 2012 – SHLAA based (March 2013) with 2014 as the baseline.

⁴ 'Modernising Older People's Housing and Accommodation with Care Services Strategy'.