

# Priority 3

## Enabling Independent Living

### 3.5 Vulnerable Adults

Access to quality housing and effective housing interventions is vital for vulnerable adults and contributes positively to the city priority of promoting health and wellbeing. The approach is framed around the housing pathways of helping vulnerable people to 'stay put' in their existing homes or to make a 'planned move' to alternative housing. This preventative approach generates 'invest to save' benefits for housing, social care, health and community safety partners. Disabled people can be enabled to live independently through adaptations. Developing a consistent cross tenure service and better matching people to

properties are key priorities. Supporting people who have experienced domestic violence to make their own housing choices is another priority. Preserving prevention schemes such as Sanctuary will be important and so will taking appropriate action against perpetrators. The strategy sets a target that no person should remain unnecessarily in hospital due to lack of or poor housing. HALP shows what can be done by working in partnership and this work will be extended across different circumstances. It is important that a comparable plan to the C&YP Housing Plan is developed for vulnerable adults.

#### Targets

- 400 Sanctuary installations per year
- CADADASH assessment made in all DV cases
- All major adaptations completed within target time
- No housing related delayed hospital discharge

#### Actions

- 1 Develop a Vulnerable Adult's Housing Plan
- 2 Embed a preventative approach to issues such as hoarding
- 3 Frame new adaptation service around assessment and delivery functions
- 4 Develop Accessible Housing Register
- 5 Review DV housing practice including use of Ground 2A possession
- 6 Embed joint working with health services around hospital discharge



#### Case Study HALP

HALP (Homeless Accommodation Leeds Pathway) is a partnership comprising Leeds City Council, CRI, St George's Crypt, Foundation Housing and Leeds Community Healthcare NHS Trust. The service targets hospital patients who are likely to be homeless at the point of discharge. Historically housing status, and specifically homelessness, was only identified as an issue when the patient was fit to be discharged. Opportunities to find suitable housing were often missed and people were sometimes discharged to the streets. Hospital staff now work in partnership with the Council and the supported housing services to put in place suitable housing options in a timely way. If needed bed spaces at the Crypt are held for HALP customers. The service was a DoH pilot that finished in March 2014; Leeds Public Health is continuing to fund in 2014/15.