Sustainable Housing and Real Estate Markets (2b)

Sustainable Housing in Ireland: Supportive Housing for Older People

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promoting sustainable communities
Housing Agency
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Our vision:
To promote the building of sustainable communities.

Our mission:
To promote the supply of housing to meet current and future needs and demand by being a centre of expert knowledge on housing, supporting housing policy development and implementing effective housing programmes in collaboration with key stakeholders.
11% of the population aged 65-79 years (14% EU 28)
3% of the population aged 80+ (6% EU28)

95% live in private homes
4% live in nursing homes

Total population consistent poverty rate
Aged 65+ drops to 1.7%

87% own their own home
2% rent from a private landlord
7% rent from a social landlord

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By 2031
65-74 yrs. ↑ 43%
75-84 yrs. ↑ 76%
85+ yrs. ↑ 96%
Research Study 1

Most wanted to stay in their current homes, in their communities, in their neighbourhoods as they grow older. People want to stay in contact with their friends and their community supports as they grow older.

Recognise that with changing circumstances that a move to some form of alternative accommodation that retains independence would appeal.
Attitudes to Different Housing Options

- Moving in with a relative (other than your children)?
  - Negative: 81
  - Neither negative nor positive: 118.1

- Moving to a nursing home?
  - Negative: 78
  - Neither negative nor positive: 11
  - Positive: 11

- Living together with a few other older people?
  - Negative: 65
  - Neither negative nor positive: 14
  - Positive: 21

- Moving in with your children?
  - Negative: 67
  - Neither negative nor positive: 16
  - Positive: 17

- Moving to an adapted type of housing?
  - Negative: 56
  - Neither negative nor positive: 14
  - Positive: 30

- Adapting your current house to your needs?
  - Negative: 11
  - Neither negative nor positive: 11
  - Positive: 78

Source: HaPai
Housing-with-care continuum

No specific inputs needed
Home care services
More suitable home (mainstream)
Supportive Housing (high support)

Living in mainstream housing in the community
Supportive housing

Repairs/adaptions/technology
Home care & repairs/adaptions/technology
Supportive Housing (low support)
Nursing home or other forms of long-term care

GAP IN PROVISION
Research Study 2
19 case studies identified and grouped into four clusters

- Independent housing built to offer security with independence
- Independent living with a higher level of social and community involvement
- Independent living with higher levels of social care
- Specialised living with a higher level of social and medical care
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Policy – Supportive Housing

• Develop specific public and private schemes for rightsizing.

• Look at innovative approaches to developing new housing options for older people.

• Research & consider new funding to help generate private sector involvement.

• Develop a high level blueprint for OP housing for social and private developers with guidance on the funding mechanisms, the planning process and design templates.
Research Gap

• Research actions arising from 2019 policy statement *Housing Options for our Ageing Population*

• Developing a cost benefit analysis for supported housing
Thank You
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Housing Agency Research publications can be found at:
https://www.housingagency.ie/publications
Housing Options for our Ageing Population policy statement:
https://www.housing.gov.ie/housing/special-housing-needs/older-people/housing-options-our-ageing-population-policy-statement

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