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Dear Colleague

Lancashire County Council recognises the important role of extra care housing in relation to preventing admissions to residential care, promoting wellbeing and regeneration, and providing additional housing options.

Consequently, LCC and the Supporting People Partnership have commissioned an Extra Care and Specialist Housing Strategy to provide clear strategic direction for the development of extra care and specialist housing for vulnerable groups across Lancashire. Carillion/CBRE, one of our Regeneration Partners, was commissioned to develop the Strategy.

A draft document is now available which provides:

- an overview of national and local levels of need
- a financial analysis of the costs of care
- a summary of the commissioning context which focuses on practical opportunities and challenges in relation to developing services
- commercial and financial options

The Strategy proposes the delivery of at least one extra care scheme for older people in each district of the County.

We recognise that key to the success of the Strategy is the commitment of District Councils, Clinical Commissioning Groups, Landlords and Care/Support Providers to the approach being proposed. As part of the development of the Strategy, discussions took place with a range of partners. We are now seeking to consult with all relevant stakeholders, including citizens, to ensure that the Strategy has addressed all key issues and is supported by partners.

We would welcome any comments you have on our proposed approach to developing services, as outlined in the Strategy, by the end of June as Elected Members will be considering the Strategy in July. However, we recognise that this is a very short timescale and that the development of extra care housing will be an evolving process, consequently we will also welcome comments at any time in the future as our approach will be kept under continuous review.

Please send your feedback to Sarah.McCarthy@Lancashire.gov.uk. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Sarah or myself.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Gross". The letters are cursive and slightly slanted to the right.

Steve Gross
Executive Director of Adult Services, Health and Wellbeing