

ANNEX 3: THE KEY PRINCIPLES OF SUPPORTED INDEPENDENT LIVING

Supported Independent Living should:

- Enable people to remain in the same accommodation as their needs change
- Help people to self-care and promote independent living skills
- Foster links with the local community and enable people receiving services to access the wider community and play an active part in community life
- Be domestic in nature and not resemble institutional environments like residential care homes
- Provide a level of on-site support and care by staff which can scale to changing needs

The following features are common to any Supported Independent Living setting:

- Independently accessed apartments or other dwellings – ‘own front door’
- Individuals will have a tenancy and be able to access housing benefits and be afforded housing rights
- Any personal care and support required by individuals is provided by a separately registered care agency which is registered by the Care Quality Commission
- Located in a sustainable location, close to the community and local amenities, e.g. shops, doctors, transport links and in areas where there is a sustainable workforce
- Technological infrastructure which helps people to maintain their independence, and which can be linked to assistive technology where needed

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