

ACCESSIBLE HOMES FOR THE FUTURE II



promoting equality in housing
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Programme

10:00 R E G I S T R A T I O N

10:30 **Welcome and introduction**

10:35 **Wales' hidden crisis – two years on**
Alicja Zalesinska - Director, Tai Pawb

Two years since the publication of the Equality and Human Rights Commission's Housing and Disability Inquiry Report, Alicja will reflect on progress in Wales including key challenges and opportunities for the future.

11:00 **Accessible homes for the future - a Welsh Government update**
(TBC) Simon Prothero - Head of Housing Management and Independent Living, Welsh Government and other speakers

Welsh Government officials will update us on progress and plans in policy areas related to accessible housing including:

- *developing a more equitable adaptations system*
- *work on improving the use of evidence of housing need, including disabled and older people's housing need*
- *housing standards (Development Quality Requirements)*

This session will also provide an opportunity for feedback and discussion on future plans

12:00 **LUNCH**

12:45 **'ARMED' – new technology to prevent falls among older people**
Brian Brown – Director of ARMED and Maria Booth Area Representative, HAS Technology Group

Brian and Maria will talk about HASTEC's ground-breaking Advanced Risk Modelling for Early Detection technology increasingly used by housing providers in the UK and recently in Wales. ARMED wearable wristbands help predict risk of falling, enabling faster support and better self-management

13:30 **Decarbonisation and wheelchair accessibility in new developments**
Sian Howells – Director of New Business and Alex Dawson – Senior Development Officer, both of Mid Wales Housing

Sian and Alex will talk about Mid Wales' most recent development co-funded through the Welsh Government Innovative Housing Programme: Croft Court. This highly innovative development features 17 apartments, three of which will be fully wheelchair accessible – all built to a highly energy efficient "PassivHaus" standard and harnessing solar power

14:10 **Coffee break**

14:30 **‘Hospital to a Healthier Home’ service**

Neil Williams – Head of Agency Support and Development, Care and Repair Cymru

Neil will talk about C&R’s successful service, funded through NHS Wales within the framework of the National Programme for Unscheduled Care Board. The service is co-located in 13 principal hospitals, working through MDT, identifying opportunities to assist older people with discharge arrangements that require input around, housing, home safety and social crisis

15:10 **Laboratory of ideas – co-producing a new accessible housing standard**

***Part I:** In preparation for the laboratory of ideas, Alicja will reflect on barriers and facilitators of the development of Accessible Housing Registers in Wales and key lessons based on Tai Pawb’s recent work in this area*

***Part II:** Tai Pawb will shortly start working on an all Wales, Accessible Housing Allocation Standard. The standard will be co-designed with disabled people, housing organisations and the Welsh Government with the aim of improving allocation practice and outcomes across Wales. This interactive workshop session will provide an opportunity to feed into shaping the standard*

16:00 **Closing remarks and finish**

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