

Response to Request for Information

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Department of Health's Housing and Technology Capital Fund

Request:

Please advise me who to contact re the £207,000 cash windfall from The Department of Health's Housing and Technology Capital Fund to help people with learning difficulties live independently in their own homes. How is this money being spent and how do people with learning difficulties access this fund?

City of Wolverhampton Council has been awarded £207,000 funding across this financial year and next to support people with Learning Disabilities; the Council submitted a bid to Department of Health focusing on supporting people with Learning Disabilities within Supported Living across the city as part of the Council's Supporting Life Choices programme.

There are a number of Supported Living housing schemes across the city and the bid outlined how technology could be further incorporated both within the fabric of the buildings themselves and to support the individual needs of each service user; one such scheme is Sunbeam, where there are already a number of Supported Living flats in use and further phases on the building to be completed.

The Supporting Life Choices programme will identify the needs of individuals supported by City of Wolverhampton Council and the technology solutions that would work best at the heart of their care and support.

Over the course of the programme the Council will produce case story updates to show how people with Learning Disabilities are being supported with technology as part of their overall support.