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It Starts at Home: Housing associations launch supported housing campaign

Forum Housing Association is highlighting the great benefits of supported housing in Wirral, Chester, Cheshire East and Cheshire West as part of the Starts at Home campaign.

The campaign aims to highlight the unique benefits of supported housing to show why it is so important to individuals and society. Over 400,000 people live in supported accommodation, including sheltered accommodation, refuges for women fleeing domestic violence, shelters and supported homes for those at risk of homelessness, and supported housing for vulnerable young people and adults with disabilities.

The funding system for supported housing is currently being reviewed by the Government, after which a new funding mechanism will be set up. The National Housing Federation and its members including Forum Housing Association are campaigning to secure a Government commitment that everyone can have a home that meets their unique needs.

David Orr, Chief Executive at the National Housing Federation said: “Supported housing is vital to providing independence, security, and dignity for millions of people across the country, and it’s not talked about enough. We hope this campaign will celebrate the good work done by so many in the supported housing sector, and show the Government why it’s such a crucial part of the housing fabric.”

Interim Chief Executive at Forum Housing Association Debbie Thompson also commented

“As a provider of supported housing for over 47 years, we at Forum continue to meet the needs of vulnerable people in society by constantly striving to ensure their voice is heard, their needs are met and their aspirations are realised.”

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More about the National Housing Federation: The National Housing Federation is the voice of affordable housing in England. We believe that everyone should have the home they need at a price they can afford. That's why we represent the work of housing associations and campaign for better housing.

Our members provide two and a half million homes for more than five million people. And each year they invest in a diverse range of neighbourhood projects that help create strong, vibrant communities.

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Forum Housing Association has been a specialist provider of supported accommodation to young people aged 16-25 for 45 years. During the last 4 decades we have increased our accommodation projects in Wirral, Cheshire West and Chester and Cheshire East.

Alongside providing housing, we work with our young people supporting their varied and diverse needs in order to prepare them for successful, independent living. We are currently working with over 400 young people each week.

The Association's mission statement "It's all about you" is a testimony to the Association's Christian foundation and values. It captures for us the sentiments of respect for and consideration of others, which is at the heart of all we do.

There are over 120 staff members working for the Association in a variety of roles. In addition there are a significant number of young people who are shareholders, charged with the task of encouraging participation and engagement of our young people in the planning, decision making and evaluation of all the services we deliver.

For more information visit: www.forumhousing.co.uk