## Dementia and Rural Housing

Making Homes Dementia Friendly...
By Making Them People Friendly

In collaboration with the Scottish Government's 8 Pillar test site work

## The Issues



- Rural housing stock difficult to adapt
- Isolation, extreme conditions and lack of utilities
- Lack of adequate housing means people with a care need are often moved far away from their communities

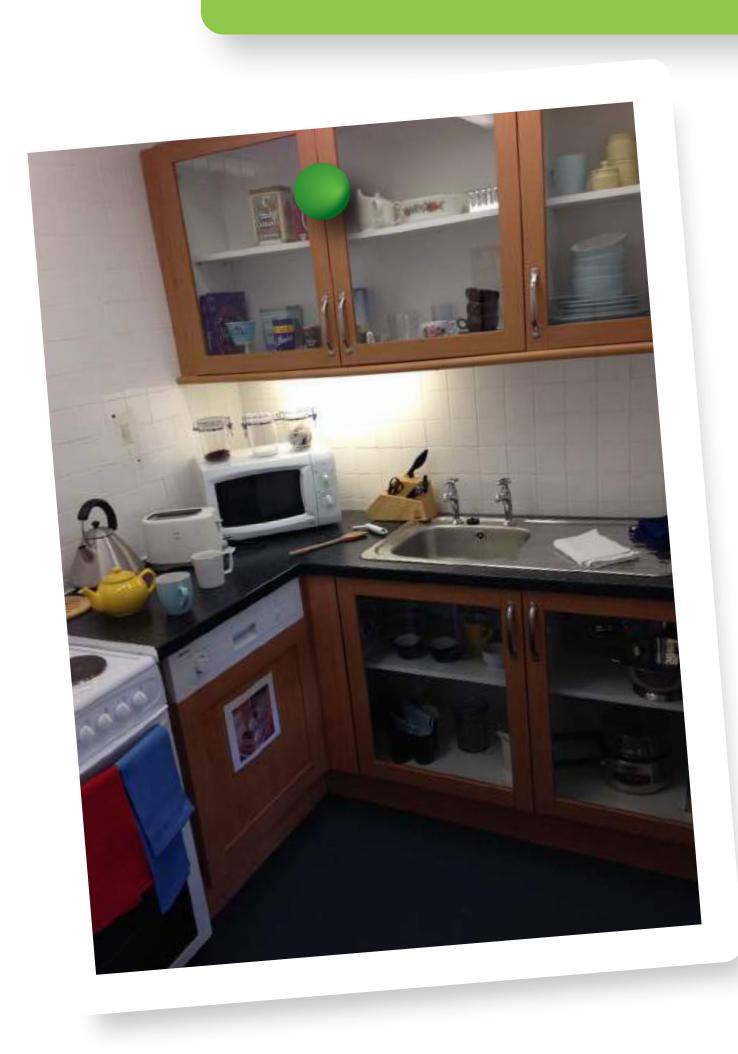
## The Solutions

- Collaborating: Cross-sectoral work involving local authority, NHS, social housing providers, private landlords, service providers and recipients – all underpinned by the work of the East Sutherland 8 Pillars test site
- New ways of thinking: Working with Glasgow School of Art-creating a dementia friendly blueprint for best practice in design. Investigating creative use of technology, speaking to other sectors of society to see if there are any common issues e.g. access problems for wheelchairs and walking aids are also problems for pushchairs and prams
- Moving the agenda forward: Hosting a rural housing conference discussing how communities can 'do it for ourselves' and integrate housing into a wider community of care





## The Future



- Dementia Friendly Charter: recommended standards, a single document for any housing provider to access
- Improving and informing design: making beautiful places which just happen to be dementia friendly too
- Adaptations: ensuring adaptations are made easier and more affordable and encouraging adaptation of existing housing stock

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