

Meriden – New flexicare accommodation

Part of the regeneration proposals for the Meriden will include adaptable independent living flexicare accommodation, in the form of 50 new one-bedroom apartments.

The new flexicare accommodation is for people aged 50+, allowing people to stay independent while making sure they have all the care and support they need, when they need it.



There will also be communal areas and facilities within the complex for the use of all local residents.

These will include:

- Communal lounge/dining room
- Hairdresser salon
- Communal laundry
- Mobility scooter store
- Access to care support teams 24 hours a day

The flexicare accommodation is part of the phase 2 works – completion is expected by August 2022.

What is Flexicare housing?

Flexicare housing is Hertfordshire's version of extra care – schemes where people rent their own flat, but have access to care and support as and when they need it, 24 hours a day. Because it meets a wide range of needs, flexicare is a positive choice for people with a range of needs, from those starting to need a little help with physical or memory problems, to those who are seeking an alternative to residential care.

Residents are currently assessed by Hertfordshire County Council for their ability to contribute to costs, so these are currently in line with the cost for home care, and for those with higher needs they are considerably less than residential care.

Current eligibility for flexicare housing

Flexicare is currently funded by Hertfordshire County Council and is offered on the basis of an applicant's assessed care, support and housing needs.

Flexicare housing may suit you if you:

- are finding it hard to cope in your existing accommodation
- are already receiving home care services
- have unpredictable care needs
- have few care needs now but want to prepare for the future.

For further details about flexicare housing please visit the Herts direct website: www.hertsdirect.org. Alternatively, contact Health and Community Services on 0300 123 4042.

Who is currently eligible for flexicare housing?

Flexicare housing is available to people who:

- are over 50+ years of age and want a permanent home in East Hertfordshire;
- are a resident of Watford Borough Council or are able to demonstrate a local connection to the area;
- are existing tenants of Watford Community Housing or are looking to move to a smaller property.