

## Mears Care delivers support for new West Lothian independent living development

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**Mears Care** has been awarded the contract to provide care and support at a brand-new supported living development in West Lothian.

The purpose-built site in Pumpherston provides 16 one-bedroom bungalows which have been specially designed for people with learning disabilities and complex care needs, enabling them to live as independently as possible. They include a range of Technology Enabled Care features to support specific sensory and individual needs and enable individuals with complex care needs to avoid unnecessary hospital stays and remain in the local area.

Sustainability measures have also been considered, such as ground source heat pumps, as well as a staff building for the care team to remain close by.

The site will be run by Mears on behalf of the West Lothian Integrated Joint Board (IJB) which has responsibility for planning most of the integrated health and social care services for adults in the area, delivered through the West Lothian Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP).

Executive councillor for social work and health Anne McMillan was recently joined by Mears colleagues, Bernadette Walsh, Chief Operating Officer, Karyn Gilmour, Regional Director and Carole Gillies, Service Manager along with Alison White, Chief Officer of West Lothian HSCP on a visit to celebrate the completion of the development.

Councillor McMillan said:

"I'm delighted to see this superb new development for West Lothian residents with learning disabilities and

complex care needs completed. This significant investment in local homes for individuals with a range of care and support needs will significantly empower more residents to live independently within the community, avoiding unnecessary hospital stays or having to move to other areas.

“It will be a huge asset to enable those who require this level of support, to receive it within their own home.”

Bernadette Walsh, Chief Operating Officer, Mears Care added:

“This partnership provides Mears with the opportunity to demonstrate best practice and our expertise through a robust mobilisation, transition, and delivery of complex services on a flagship site. It is a testament to our long-standing working relationship with West Lothian that they entrusted us to deliver on a key part of their strategy for supporting people with disabilities and complex needs to retain their independence.”