



Department  
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# Housing, Health and Care

*Because Good Health and Care Starts at Home*

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1 – Why is housing important to health/care?

2 – What are we doing to ensure more people live in 'suitable' homes?



1 – It makes sense



2 – The **evidence** is already strong



3 – It's **nothing new**

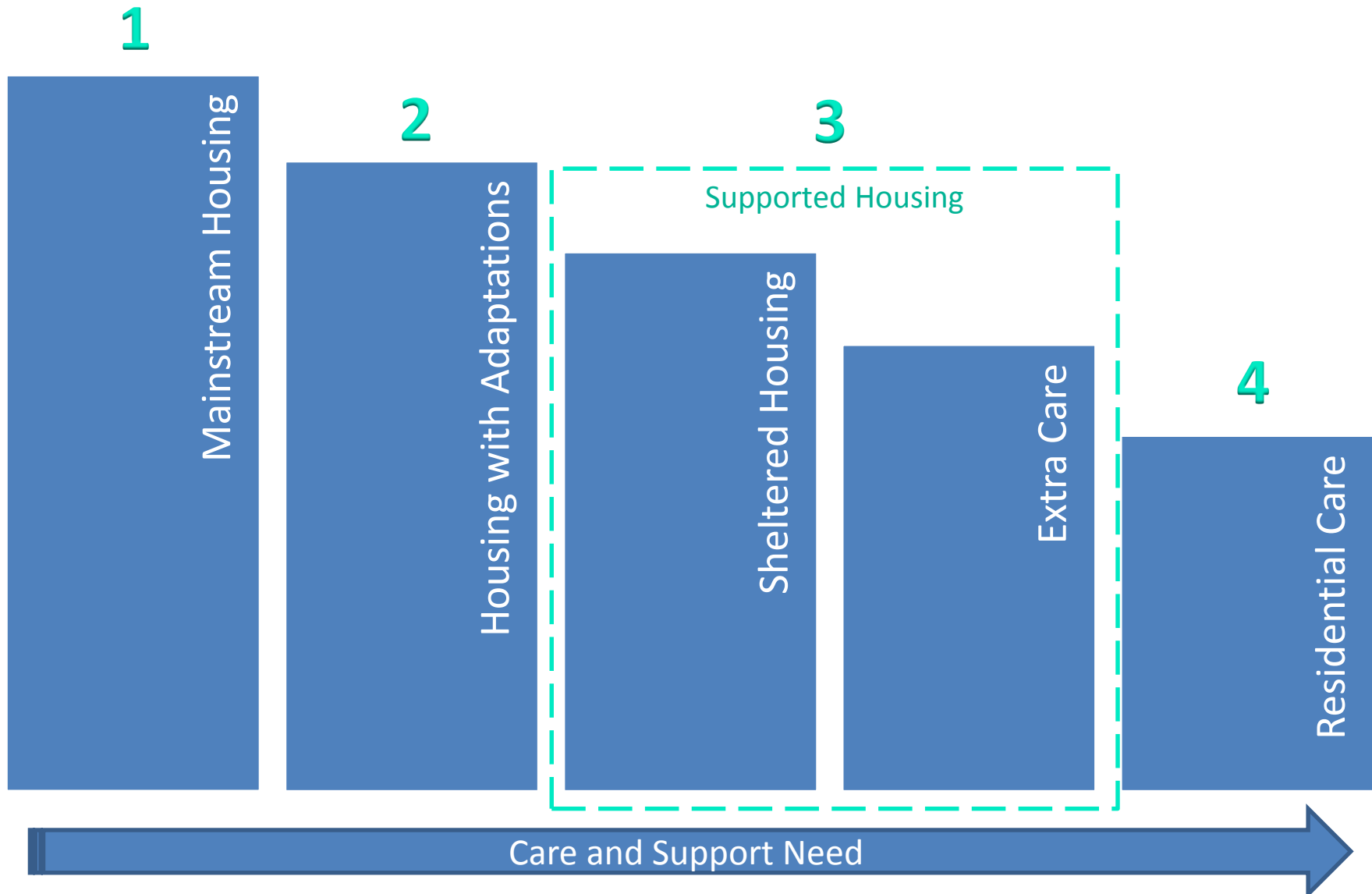


4 – Many are already **getting on with it**



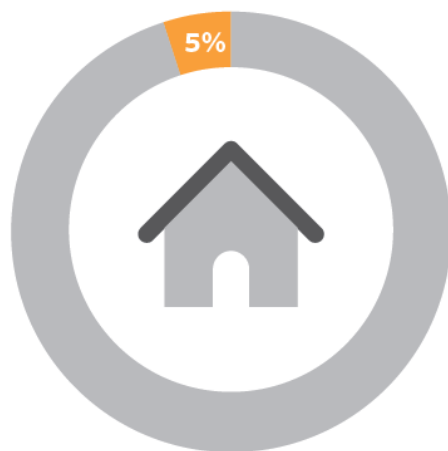
5 – There has never been a better **time to act**

# The Spectrum of Housing Options



# 1 – Mainstream Housing

In 2012, just 5% of homes had the required features needed for disabled access<sup>1</sup>



Of the remaining 95%...



More than half require structural or major structural alterations




A quarter of these homes are not adaptable



Only 12% need minor work

...to provide reasonable access to disabled people

 HM Government

The Building Regulations 2010

Access to and use of buildings

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Volume 1: Dwellings

M4(1) Category 1: Visitable dwellings

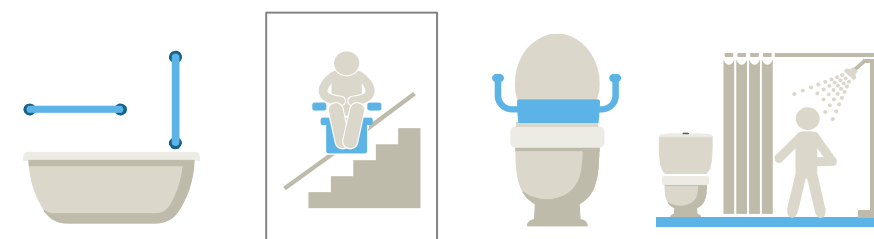
M4(2) Category 2: Accessible and adaptable dwellings

M4(3) Category 3: Wheelchair user dwellings

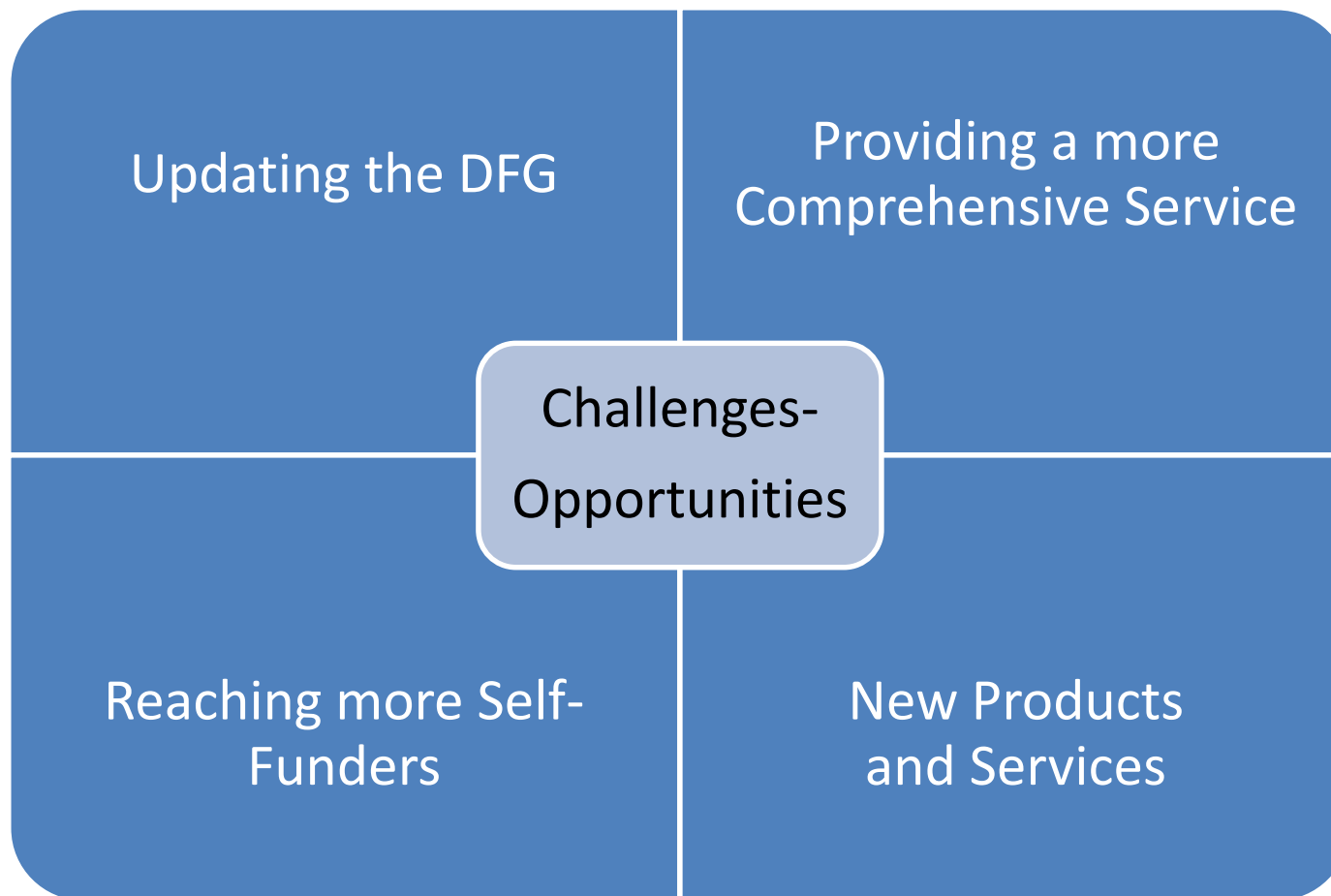
<sup>1</sup> Foresight Evidence Review, Torrington 2015, 2. Ofcom 2013, 3. ONS National Population Projections 2012

## 2 – Home Adaptations (i)

- 1.9m households in England contain people who, because of a health condition or disability, would benefit from some form of adaptation to their home.
- Of these, just over half (55%) already have an adaptation installed.  
**Leaving 45% (855k) that do not.**
- Also, in some local areas, there are **still longer waiting times**, and delays to the process.



## 2 – Home Adaptations (ii)



### 3 – Supported Housing

- Through the **Care and Support Specialised Housing (CASSH) Fund**, DH is investing over £200m to develop over 6,000 affordable homes.
- Working with DCLG-DWP to address the challenges and opportunities arising from the **Supported Housing Review**.
- Further detail due to be provided in Autumn 2017.



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Funding for Supported Housing

Consultation





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and Life to Years”*