

Analysis of qualitative and quantitative data

- Spatial allocations & configurations
- The more recent the design (house/flat), the more more compressed the spaces.
- The sharpest decline is in purpose-built housing for older people, especially in the social rented sector.
- Differentiation of spaces declines, the more special the housing.

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Design guidance for 'domesticity'

- Build in flexibility and trade-offs between service and living functions.
- Three habitable rooms for flexible use (plus kitchen and bathroom spaces).
- An adequate privacy gradient - some circulation space.
- Realistic scale and orientation of living room.

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Agency and care

- Anticipate different use patterns and sub-spaces.
- Design guidance to take account of broad range of lifestyles.
- Shift from emphasis on special needs to inclusive design.

Environment and Identity

- How older people use their home environments to maintain self:
- Strategically - to remain as centrally placed in their social networks as possible.
- To reveal and conceal aspects of themselves.

Environment and social capital

- Remaining in control
- Avoiding becoming the object of care
- Integration and re-integration
- Option recognition