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Extra Care Housing in Sedgemoor

A tender process is currently being undertaken to put in place new care and support contracts across the 22 Extra Care Housing schemes in Somerset. Various factors impacted on the tender process that resulted in a delay of getting contracts in place by October 2016 when the current contracts expire. New contracts are proposed to be in place from March 2017. Interim arrangements for the delivery of care and support services have been agreed across most of the schemes, but unfortunately we have not been able to agree an extension with Homes in Sedgemoor. This is the service currently provided by Homes in Sedgemoor from Monday to Friday during the daytime at Gibb House and Hilda Coles.

The wellbeing of the tenants is of upmost importance and we will ensure that the needs of all the tenants within the scheme will continue to be met. Necessary and essential care will continue to be provided by Way Ahead until the new contract starts in March 2017. However, the Monday to Friday housing related support service, which is provided by Homes in Sedgemoor is not a responsibility of SCC and will end on October 3rd 2016.

This will not impact on a tenant's ability to request help or assistance in an emergency. All tenants have access to a pull cord or alarm system as part of their accommodation. A response service will continue to be provided by an off-site staff team. These interim arrangements will be closely monitored by commissioners and operational colleagues to ensure that the needs of the tenants are continuously met during this period.

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