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ADEPT President's Awards 2020

Entry form

Award category:	Category 3 – Shaping Place
Title:	Celestine Centre – Aids and adaptations demonstrator house. Supporting South Gloucestershire Residents to live and age well in their own homes.
Entrant:	South Gloucestershire Council; Private Sector Housing Team
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Partner/s (if applicable):	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bromford Residential Social Landlord• South Gloucestershire Council Children Adults and Health Team• Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group (BNSSG – CCG) -funding support• Lendology CiC (formerly Wessex Resolutions CiC)• Stannah Stairlifts UK• AKW Ltd• TVM Cheltenham Ltd• Pollock lifts Ltd.• Geberit UK• Gem Security Systems Ltd.• Medicare UK Ltd• Pearce Bros Mobility Ltd• Go Access Ltd• Stairsteady• Pressalit Care• Several local builders have installed adaptations free of charge.
Headline summary (150 characters, c. 30 words)	
Working in partnership with a Bromford RSL, South Gloucestershire Council's innovative use of a typical house demonstrates how disability, frailty and age is no barrier to independent living.	

Please attach any supporting photos separately as jpg or png files.



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Attached as required

Please paste links to any supporting video evidence here

Link 1	December 2019 Bristol Evening post story
Link 2	Well Aware website
Link 3	Relaunch
Link 4	Choices 4U Newsletter

500-word project outline (please ensure you address all the judges' criteria – for more info see [here](#))

The Celestine centre is a beacon of good practice nestled in a housing estate in Yate South Gloucestershire. The unassuming three bedroom property is a fully adapted home demonstrating how barrier free living is possible despite the effects of aging, disability or degenerative health conditions.

The house is an innovative resource developed in partnership with:

- Multiple Council Departments
- Bromford who provided the property.
- Health providers – CCG, Sirona Healthcare, care homes and GP's
- The voluntary sector/Commissioned Services – Choices for U, Well Aware, Shared Living, Carers support, Spinal injuries association etc.
- The private sector & industry – All equipment has been donated and supported by specialist suppliers.
- Neighbours and the surrounding community.
- Health/social care & medical undergraduates (UWE)

Through home modification and the use of technology, the ambition is to inform and educate residents and professionals on solutions that enable autonomy over the built environment. Showcasing equipment and adaptations and assistive technologies, the house is used to support:

1. Individual statutory health & social care assessments with South Gloucestershire residents for Disabled Facilities Grants and Care Act interventions.

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2. Impartial demonstrations advice and assessments by Trusted Assessors to people who are looking to fund adaptations privately. Equipment suppliers e.g. Stannah will provide equipment to customers at LA discounted prices.
3. Daily living and life skills training for young people in transition from children to adult services.
4. Volunteering for young adults with learning disability.
5. A unique training environment for health and social care professionals, including OT students from UWE.

The 'house' is hosted by the council's Private Sector Housing team who promote, market and manage the day to day running of the facility. It showcases commercially available equipment, technology and adaptations. Through effective networking the team influences companies to update the equipment and invest in the house.

With the ambition of transforming the traditional landscape of health and social care, people are encouraged to test bespoke solutions in a 'real' home environment. Strategically, the goal is to empower people of all ages to overcome disability, to 'age well' and to 'age in place'.

As well as influencing individual's health and wellbeing, other outcomes include:

1. Direct cost savings by finding solutions that remove the need for traditional domiciliary care and support.
2. Cost avoidance by preventing or delaying admissions to hospitals and care homes.
3. Promote social value as young people learn life skills ready for independent living.

The centre aims to empower people at a challenging time in their life through provision of objective, unprejudiced help and support. The centre gives people an opportunity to make informed and affordable choices about their future.

The challenge ahead is to further embed technology in the delivery of health and social care. To showcase bespoke & commercial technologies, demonstrating imaginative and cost effective solutions that facilitate choice and independence despite illness or disability. The possibilities for the future are limitless.

Future plans are to create a 'virtual tour of the house' which will allow people to remotely visit the centre.