



# Care & Support Awareness Month NEWSLETTER



## Focus on: Plugging the gap

As Care and Support Awareness Month draws to an end, we reflect on the future prospects for supported housing.

In an era of vastly reduced public spending, will the gap between the number of people needing supported housing and the supply of decent homes continue to widen?

The answer is that it almost certainly will. However Cosmopolitan is determined to do all it can to ensure that in the North West and beyond, good quality supported housing can continue to be provided.

Our successful ongoing partnership with property finance specialists **GB Finance Group** aims to provide around **£25m** of privately funded accommodation over the next two years to assist local authorities and NHS Trusts in plugging the gaps in their publicly funded development programmes.



The investment is expected to generate around **100 additional properties which will provide a wide range of accommodation and facilities** for people with supported housing needs that would otherwise stay on a local authority waiting list.

Cosmopolitan currently has **£10m** of privately funded supported housing in management and a growing pipeline of future schemes. These are providing specially designed housing for **99 people in 30 properties** around **Merseyside** and an increasing range of other UK locations.

The client groups include people with learning difficulties and people who have experienced homelessness, alcohol or drug dependency or prison.

We initially started out on quite a small scale about six or seven years ago, using our own funds to help our local authority partners fill the gap in their publicly funded programmes. Our partnership with GB Finance and with a range of specialist support providers has enabled us to expand that offering in response to considerable demand from strategic commissioners.

We will of course continue to build on our strong partnerships across all sectors to deliver good quality homes and services with the help of both public and private funding.



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Thank you for reading our e-bulletins this month and I hope you've found them interesting. To find out more about any aspect of Cosmopolitan's work please reply to this email or contact us on 0151 227 3716.

Best wishes,

Geoff Redhead  
Group Chief Executive



# Celebrate CASA month July 2010

NATIONAL  
HOUSING  
FEDERATION



Over **180** organisations  
provide housing support services  
in the North

In the North,  
Supported Housing provides  
more than **12,000** services



Over **166,000** people benefit  
from these services in the North

Every pound spent on Supporting People saves  
**£2.12** on other public services.

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