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CARE AND RETIREMENT CENTRE



bpha is one of the UK's leading providers of high quality residential and extra care housing schemes for older people.

Our joint venture partnership with The Orders of St John Care Trust, the Oxfordshire Care Partnership, celebrated its five-year anniversary with the opening of its fifth development - the Isis Care and Retirement Centre in Donnington, Oxford.

This £6.2 million centre, which provides some of the most modern care facilities in the country, was officially opened by Housing Corporation deputy chairman Shaukat Moledina in April 2007. The Corporation has provided £325,000 towards the extra care housing element of the development.

The centre comprises Isis House and the adjoining Isis Court. Isis House has replaced the nearby care homes, Iffley House and Orchard House, and provides 60 nursing and 20 residential care beds. The spacious accommodation is divided into four wings, each with its own lounge, dining area and quiet room, to provide areas for relaxing or socialising. All the bedrooms offer stylish and flexible accommodation, and have full en-suite facilities.

Isis Court offers 20 self-contained extra care apartments, each with an en-suite shower room, kitchen, lounge and one or two bedrooms.

These apartments allow people to remain in their own home with the back-up of 24-hour support from housing, social care and health care teams, giving residents access to meals, domestic support, leisure and recreational facilities.

The full range of communal facilities includes an internet café, library, hairdressing and beauty salon, a bar/shop, and a dance floor, while outside, there is a spacious patio area and landscaped gardens.



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The Oxfordshire Care Partnership was launched when bpha acquired 19 existing homes from Oxfordshire County Council.

The partnership is a joint venture with leading care charity, The Orders of St John Care Trust (OSJCT). As the developers of the sites, **bpha** undertakes the design and building work, while OSJCT provides on-site management and care.

The emphasis is on creating schemes with high quality designs that are sensitive to the needs of a vulnerable client group so that they not only meet exacting legislative requirements but also provide a real sense of home.

Five of the planned eight new care homes are now complete, the most recent being the Isis Care and Retirement Centre in Oxford with the support of Oxford City Council. The first to open was Westgate House in Wallingford in October 2003. The Meadows in Didcot followed in early 2005, with Madley Park, Witney, later the same year. Spencer Court in Woodstock opened in August 2006. Across the five homes, Oxfordshire County Council purchases approximately 70% of the beds, with the remainder available for private clients.

Two of the remaining developments - in Thame and Bicester - are due to get underway in 2007, with a third in Banbury programmed to start on site in 2008, giving the older people of Oxfordshire some of the most modern care facilities in the UK. The ninth and final development, in Chipping Norton, is currently being finalised and is different in that incorporates an intermediate care and community hospital facility.

bpha and OSJCT have launched a similar partnership in Gloucestershire, bringing the total value of the redevelopment programme across both counties to £100 million. Following extensive consultation, work on developing the first new care home there is scheduled to start in October 2007 at Quedgeley, Gloucester.

bpha is also working with Luton Borough Council on new extra care housing for older people and in Bury St Edmunds where new extra care sheltered apartments will be built at Moreton Hall. In Luton, the local authority plan's to replace the Farley care home with 60 extra care flats and a range of support facilities will be going ahead as a result of £2.3 million funding by the Department of Health. This is in addition to Housing Corporation funding of £3.38 million which will be used to develop extra care housing on the former Elm Trees home site in Leagrave featuring 47 flats, providing a total of 107 new homes for older people in Luton.



Isis resident Joyce Weatherhead values the independence the **bpha** development brings



Housing Corporation deputy chairman Shaukat Moledina officially opened the Isis centre

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