



A quick word about...

Lilyhill Gardens

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13 tenants are set to enjoy their new homes at Lilyhill Gardens in Kilmarnock just over a year after the foundations were first laid.

The £1.6m supported living development on Witch Road offers accommodation for individuals with a range of support needs and is a product of co-ordinated partnership between Housing Services, the Health and Social Care Partnership and the voluntary sector.

Lilyhill works to the principles of the Scottish Government's 'Keys to Life' strategy for learning disability. The East Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership has adopted a 'human rights' approach to ensure that people with disabilities have a say and choice in their care options, and are being offered the maximum independence possible to allow them to live safely within, and included as part of, their local communities.

Features of the flats

McTaggart Construction built the bright, modern flats with funding provided by East Ayrshire Council and the Scottish Government. Amenities include:

- Wet floor showers
- Rise and fall kitchen units in wheelchair access flats
- Door entry system with fob access
- Enclosed, safe, private garden
- 24 hour on site support with additional links to the Council's Risk Management Centre
- Telecare systems installed in all flats which can be adapted to suit the individual needs of each tenant
- An "internal street" from which all flats are accessed which has a single point of public entry and exit for added security
- Energy efficiency - the internal street has been formed with full height south facing glazing panels over two storeys. Solar panels have also been incorporated to further reduce energy consumption.



New tenants Elizabeth Tindle and Gail Bowman with Support Workers Annie Hogg, Margaret Galloway and Richmond Fellowship Scotland Team Manager Katrina Skivington





Access Panel

Members of Kilmarnock and District Access Panel visited Lilyhill Gardens just after construction was completed.

Willie Hunter, Chair of the Panel, said: "We were very impressed with the whole development and were particularly pleased to see the overhead track and hoist system, rise and fall sink and rise and fall hobs in all lower apartments."

"The design of the ground floor windows will also allow the tenants to live in a bright and airy accessible apartment."



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Strategic Local Programme

Lilyhill Gardens forms part of the Council's Strategic Local Programme which supports a commitment to providing affordable housing as well as promoting town centre living.

Once completed, the Programme will have delivered 197 new-build, affordable homes over 11 sites including specially designed homes for older people, wheelchair users and adults with complex needs.

It also reflects a commitment to supporting people with additional support needs to live in their local community with sustainable assistance from health and care services, in an environment that promotes social interaction and gives the individuals and their families confidence that support will be available as and when required.

The completion of Lilyhill also brings benefits to the Council and the East Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership in terms of finance and resources. Significant resources should be released through the shared overnight support for every person moving out of intensive supported accommodation and into Lilyhill.

New tenants

People who have previously lived in alternative community settings, residential units and NHS assessment provision have been allocated flats in Lilyhill, like Gail Bowman who is enjoying living in her new home.

Gail and the other tenants have more freedom but also the security of support when they need it. By incorporating a support base within the housing complex, 24 hour care exists as a core background service. Through Self Directed Support, each tenant has the scope to make their own choices about what they do with their lives during the day and how they want their own care arranged.

