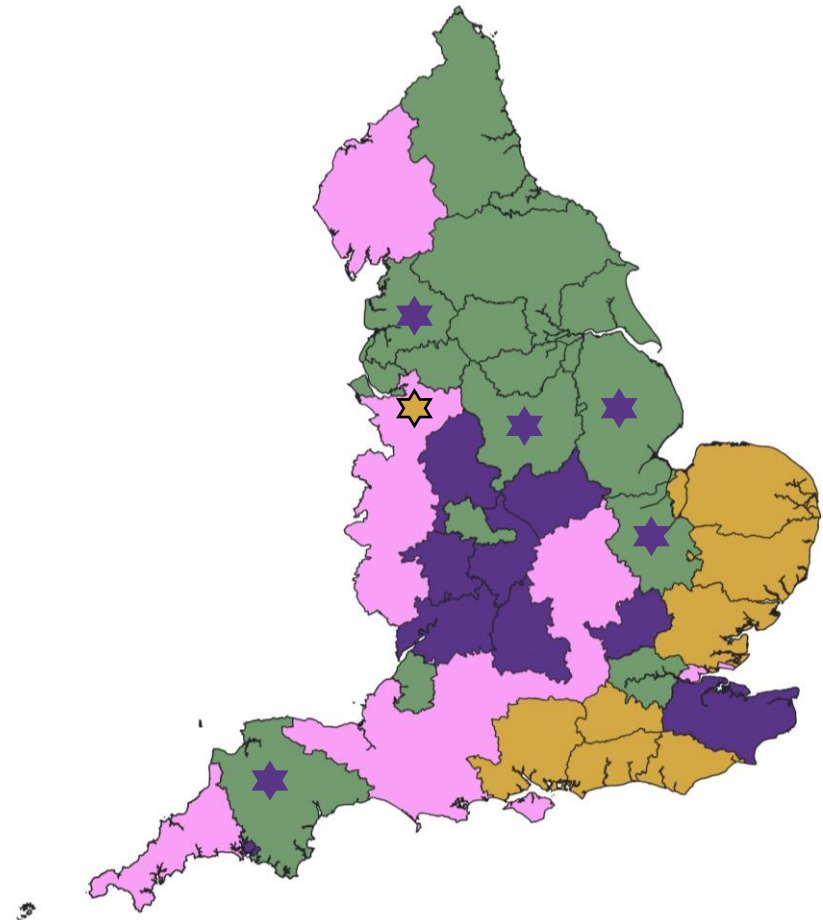


Devolution and supported housing

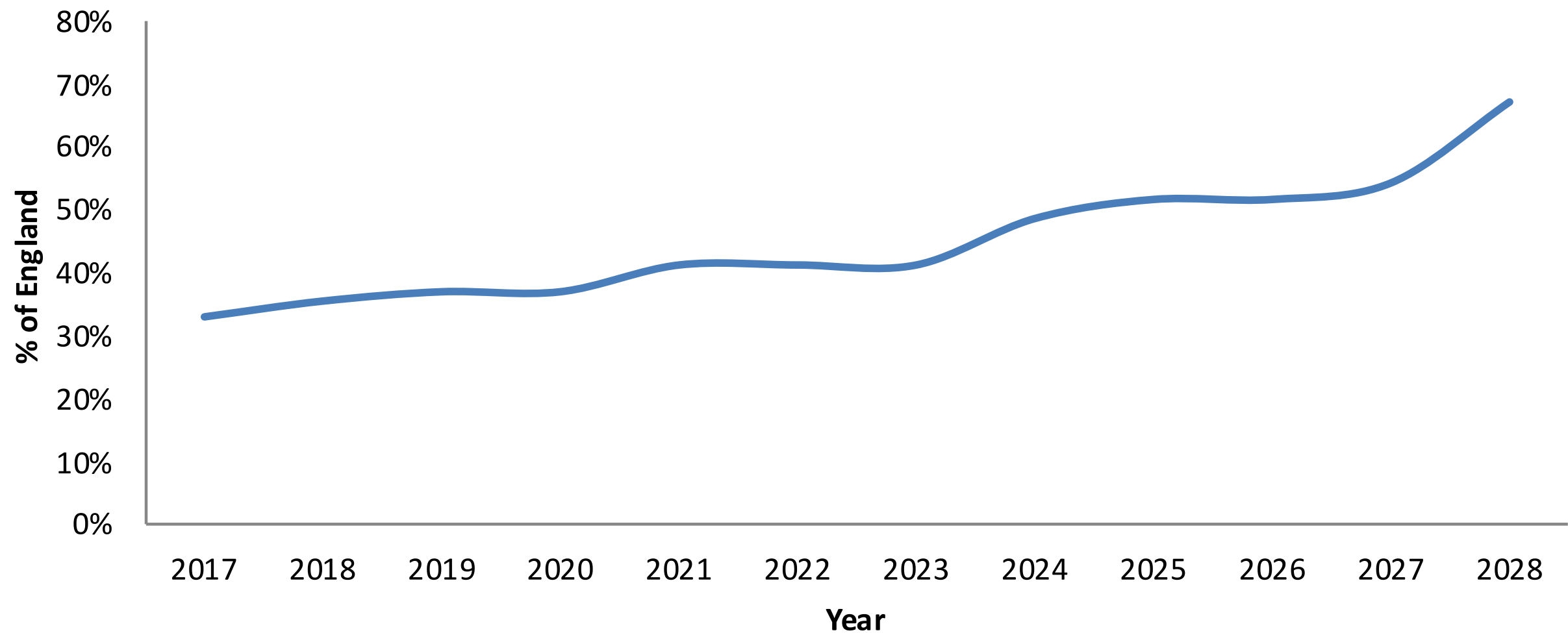


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- Elected regional mayors and strategic authorities are now an established part of the housing landscape
- There is a clear plan to 'complete the map' of devolution in England
- The success of devolution depends on strategic authorities working effectively with local authorities
- The geography of housing delivery is coalescing around devolution – Homes England reorganisation, Social and Affordable Homes Programme, Place Delivery Agreements



% of England represented by an elected regional mayor



Recent and upcoming changes



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- English Devolution and Community Empowerment Act:
 - Duty for mayors to consider public health and health inequalities
 - Extends Housing Act 1985 functions to combined authorities including powers to provide housing accommodation
 - Planning and land assembly powers for mayors
- Rewiring the state
- Devolution white paper
- Fiscal devolution



Supported housing Devolution in practice



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Strategic authorities do not have statutory homelessness duties



Their role is to provide strategic leadership



Where strategic authorities can add value – using convening powers to coordinate local authorities and supported housing providers



Funding increasingly devolved through strategic authorities – but local authorities are crucial delivery partners



Clear benefits of local authority knowledge and experience – but challenges around fair allocation, particularly in increasingly fractured local political environments

Case Study: West Midlands



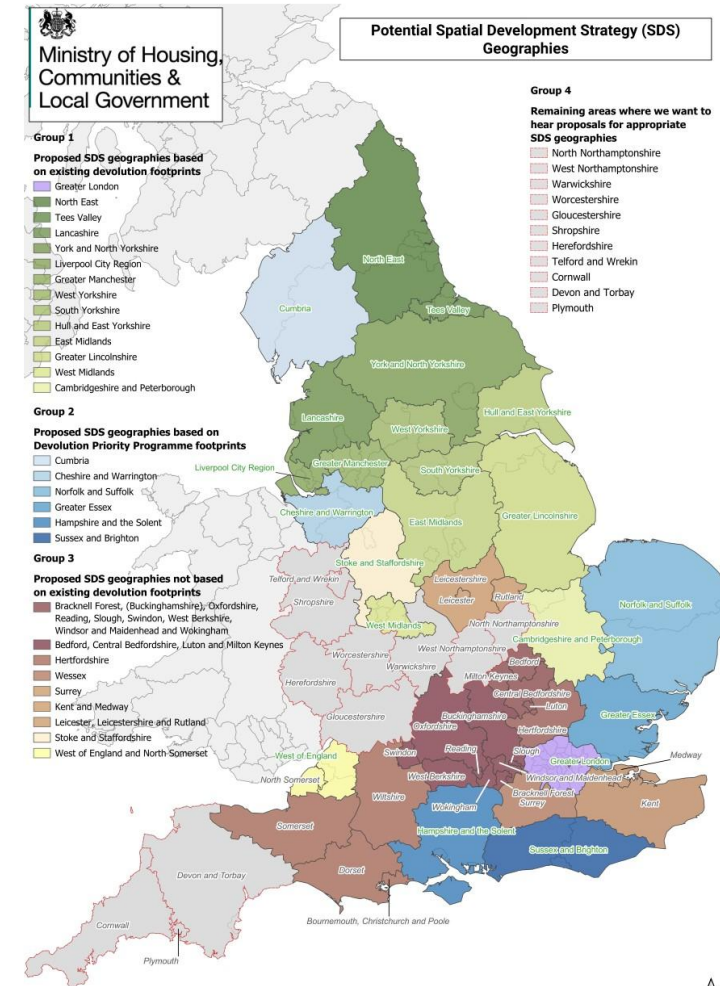
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- Supported Housing Funding Programme devolved to MSAs including WMCA
- Total £18m funding as part of three-year integrated settlement
- Aim is to “increase supply of good quality supported accommodation through the commissioning of housing-related support services”
- Targeting two areas – Birmingham and Coventry
- Funding and delivery driven through these two local authorities – WMCA has coordinating role and retains accountability



Next steps/direction of travel

- Spatial development strategies
- Changing role of Homes England: closer working with combined authorities
- Place delivery agreements
- Mayoral planning powers: call-in, development corporations, development orders
- Housing partnerships
- Fiscal devolution



Supported Housing Strategy Development in Sussex

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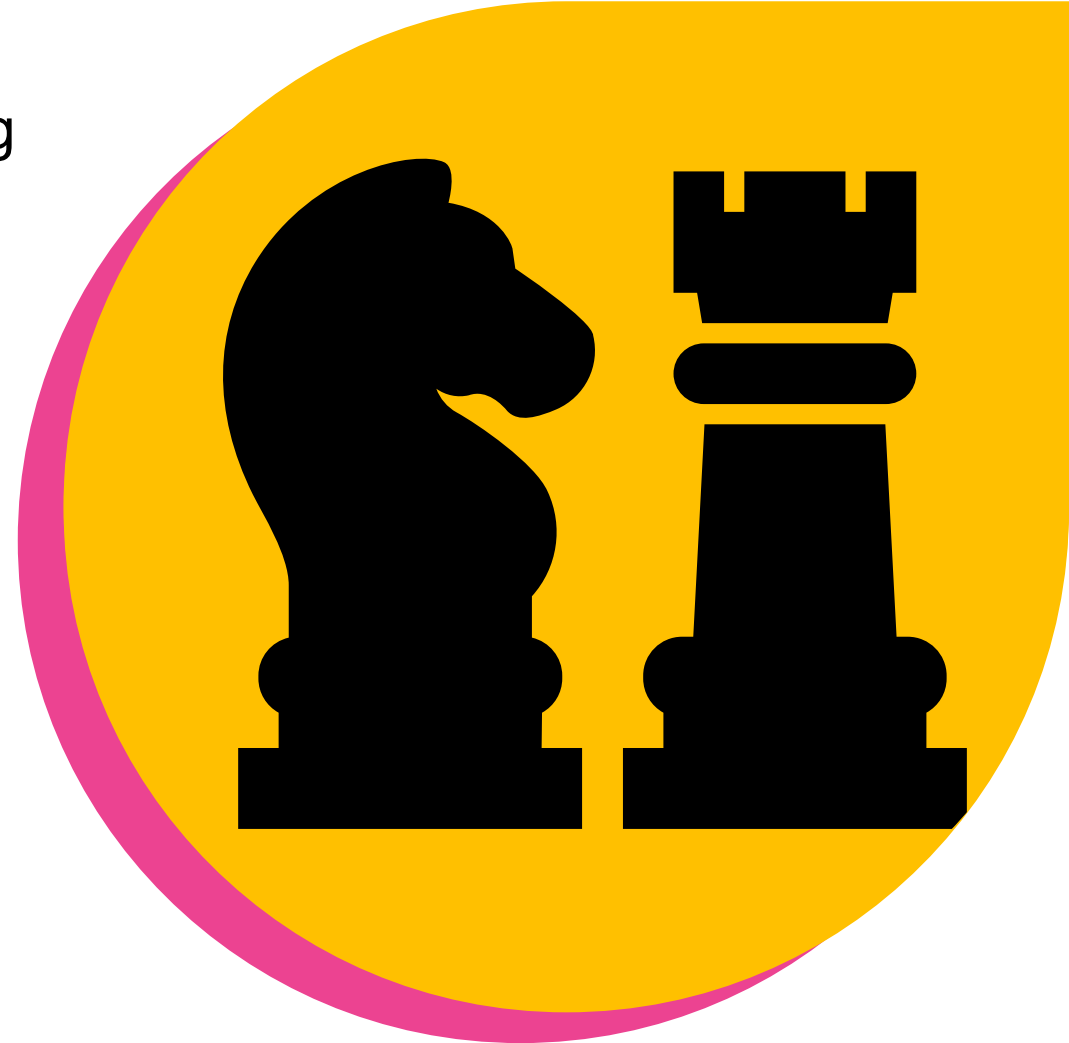
Context

- Sussex is part of the Devolution Priority Programme
- Pan-Sussex Reference Group formed to respond to the initial consultation
- Successful examples of collaboration across housing, health and care
- Cross sector partners operating in extremely challenging resource environment, impacted by a shortage of affordable housing solutions
- Many parts of the region are seeing an aging population, ahead of national averages



Our Approach

- Pan-Sussex Reference Group has continued, providing a forum for learning and information sharing
- Pooling new burdens funding
- Jointly commissioning a pan-Sussex needs assessment
- Jointly commissioned lived experience involvement
- Ensuring strategic oversight through health and mental health services
- Expanding existing mapping tools and gathering existing sources of data and insight
- Scoping opportunities to facilitate lived experience involvement



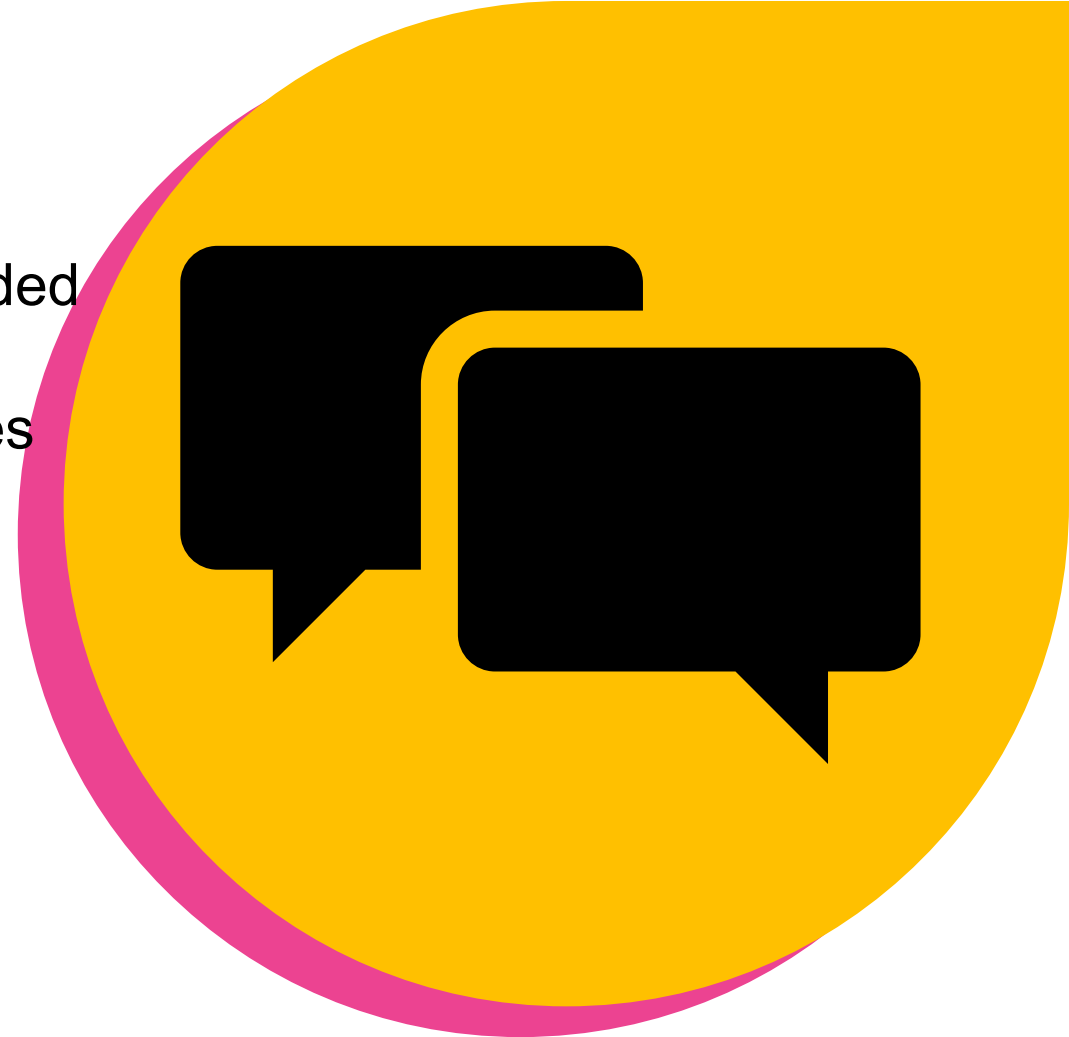
Impact of LGR Pause

- Working together through established partnerships remains a priority
- Considering the right footprint for our strategies
- Ambitious timescales to adopt the strategies
- Scoping how a multi-disciplinary approach to standards and compliance can be delivered in a 2-tier areas



Feedback from Providers

- Person-centred, strengths-based and co-produced
- Safe, high-quality homes that promote dignity and recovery
- The right support, at the right time, for as long as needed
- Clear pathways, progression and housing opportunities
- Empowerment, independence and hope
- Partnership working around the person
- Skilled, valued and sustainable workforce
- Prevention, sustainability and long-term investment



Feedback from Residents

- Dignity and respect
- Safety
- A full life
- Options that work
- Clear, accessible communication
- Smooth transitions
- Affordability and value for money



Early Findings from the Needs Assessment

- Placements are often guided by accommodation availability
- Supported housing needs are increasingly complex and overlapping
- A shortage of suitable move on options is a big constraint
- Support needs to be flexible and for some, available over the long term
- Housing services depend on effective input from the wider health and care system
- The type, design and location of accommodation affects residents safety and outcomes



Emerging Priorities

- Preparing for new standards and licensing
- Providing the supported housing our communities need
- Giving residents a stronger voice
- Providing the right support at the right time
- Supporting healthy and independent lives



Hopes for the Future

- Embedding good practice from the strategy development
- Regional collaboration to ensure a consistent approach to the new regulations
- Co-commissioning opportunities
- Strengthening relationships with providers

