

'A Better Life'

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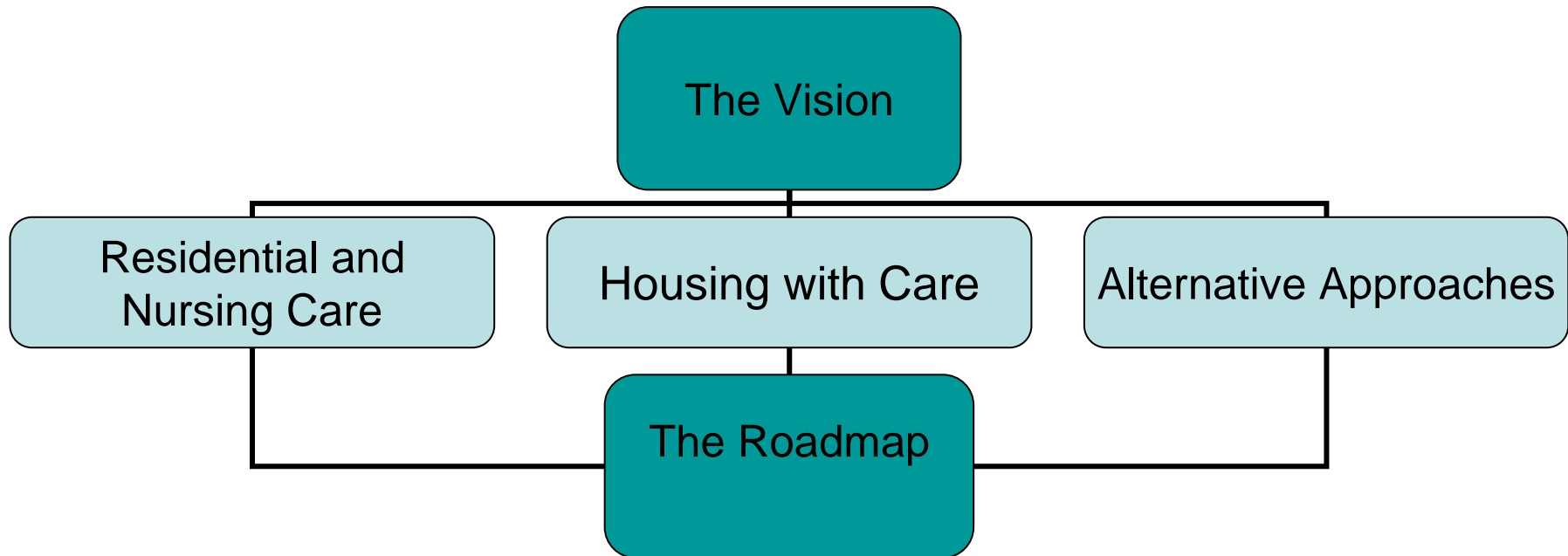
- £1.5m over 5 years
- JRF 'Empowerment' theme
- With JRHT (Housing Trust)
- Older people *with high support needs*
 - *Definitions*
 - *Own home, care home,...*
 - *Now and in the future*



What needs to change so that older people with high support needs can have 'a better *life*'?



One Programme, Five Strands



The Vision

- ‘Starting points’ to guide the programme
- What older people *with high support needs* want and value from *life*
 - Call for proposals out (ends 24 November)
 - Building on existing work
 - Ensuring older people shape the programme
- Reviews: demographic profile and trends; equality and diversity

Residential and Nursing Care

- 3 year partnership with *My Home Life* initiative (Age UK and City University)
 - Voice, choice and control of older people living in care homes
 - Leadership and culture change
 - Funding and low pay in care homes
 - Working with Joseph Rowntree Housing Trust care homes and care managers

Housing with Care

- Builds on recent JRF and JRHT work
- *If/as people (their partners, neighbours) develop high support needs*
- Reviews to inform commissioning in 2010:
 - ‘Fit’ and ‘Frail’
 - Communication and mental capacity in relation to decision-making
 - Workforce issues
 - Acceptable, accessible and affordable

Alternative Approaches

- Beyond what is commonly or traditionally available – whilst not making assumptions
- Promote a wider range of choices
- Seek imaginative UK and international models and approaches
 - Already used by older people, or adaptable
 - Group or communal settings, or in people's own or family homes
 - *Life not only care*

The Road-map

- 2012: Bringing all the evidence together
- Experts by experience:
 - Sift and review against what people want and value; acceptability, accessibility, affordability.
- Technical experts:
 - Tasked with developing clear, costed and credible recommendations for policy and practice change.

For more information...

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