



Enabling independence in supported living

Opened in January 2006, Madelvic Square is a purpose-built, waterfront housing development in Edinburgh. Created by Edinburgh City Council and NHS Lothian, in partnership with Cairn Housing Association, it aims to deliver a Housing Support Service to older people with varying impairment and support needs, including dementia.

Accommodation consists of seven two bedroom flats and seven one bedroom flats – all with living room, kitchen and shower room. All flats are accessible by lift and the building enjoys a communal roof garden. A warden is on site seven days a week from 8am to 10pm, providing assistance and meals. Overnight cover is provided remotely by Edinburgh's Community Alarm Service.

Independent living for longer

The residents of seven of the flats have high care needs, such as blindness and cognitive impairment. These residents have elected directly, or through relatives holding power of attorney, to take advantage of the unique MyAmego monitoring system. "MyAmego passively monitors risks and mobility, to alert staff when assistance is required – thereby allowing these residents both to participate in community living and enjoy the full safety of their own homes," says the development's Occupational Therapist, Paddy Corscadden. "It also allows us to be proactive in identifying potential problems associated with lack of movement and lack of normal activity such as toilet visits."

With MyAmego in operation, people who otherwise were within a month of care home entry, can remain independent at Madelvic Square. "Indeed, one of our high-care residents actually came out of a care home to live with us", says Donna Fleming, Edinburgh Council's Telecare Projects' Manager. "An essential feature of MyAmego is its ability to provide activity reports, for both internal review and care commission inspection", where Donna is proud to report, "it ticked all the boxes for better care delivery."

Donna Fleming, Edinburgh Council

'MyAmego helps many residents to live independently in their own apartments but also allows us an insight into changes in their mobility and use of their homes and the communal areas.

This allows us to think about possible changes in residents' wellbeing. We are able to pick up trends over a period of time with the on-line reporting system, which means we can see how people's conditions alter. This helps us to decide how we can best support them at Madelvic.'

Margaret McGlynn
Manager, Madelvic Square



Residents and staff enjoying the Communal roof garden at Madelvic Square

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