

Public Health Dorset
Princes House
Princes Street
Dorchester
Dorset
DT1 1TP

Telephone: 01305 225880
Email: r.partridge@dorsetcc.gov.uk

To whom it may concern.

Ref: Public Health Dorset Support for a Licensing Scheme within Melcombe Regis Ward

Public Health Dorset are keen to lend their support to the development of a selective licensing scheme within the ward of Melcombe Regis.

The evidence is very clear on the importance of safe, warm, appropriate and good quality homes have on people's health and wellbeing. We wholly support this initiative as a way to support the improvement of the standard of accommodation available to residents living in Melecombe Regis.

We already work very closely with the Borough and as part of the Melcombe Regis Board. As part of the multi-agency partnership board we quickly identified the need to improve the situation facing the residents in private rental sector accommodation within the ward and were made aware of a number of cases where people were living in very poor quality accommodation which had a disproportionately negative impact on their health, both physically and mentally. This is particularly of concern as it often impacts on the more vulnerable members of our community.

In addition to our continued and ongoing work with the Healthy Homes Dorset and HEAT Melcombe Regis programme, we would welcome any future involvement in this area of work. We would be happy to either help shape how this develops and indeed evaluate the impact on the health and wellbeing on the residents within the ward if this scheme is adopted.

Best wishes

Rachel Partridge



Assistant Director of Public Health

