

Learning Disability Development Fund Short Term Projects 2011-2012 Final reports



Overview of the project

- Title: Housing Development Project
- This money is being used to support 5 people with challenging behaviour to find housing. The support is from Housing Options (www.housingoptions.org.uk).
- £8000 to pay for Housing Options support

Who is involved



- Alicia Wood (Housing Options)
- Diana Bernhardt (Lead Commissioner)
- Cameron Brown (Manager, CLDT)
- Max Buchanan (Manager, Behaviour Support Team)
- Mark Hendriks (Project Officer)

Making a Difference

- We have housing solutions identified for 4 people and hope to develop plans for a 5th
- We have learnt a lot more about the technical side of housing that is required and how to develop it
- We are using new ways of finding housing – using private investors, developing our own buildings and looking at shared ownership
- We have widened support to a group of providers through the new Challenging Behaviour Network

Challenges



- These are long term pieces of work and we will only see moves in time – hopefully one this year and three next year
- We have worked with our housing department, but all the solutions so far do not involve them closely and we need to do more with them

Future of the project

- We will continue to work on the plans for 5 people, with Alicia to support and advise
- We will learn from the experience and use it for future cases – making sure we have the knowledge in commissioning and assessment
- We will be looking at writing up success stories
- We will write up pathways to housing to help us with future cases
- We will talk to our housing colleagues about the solutions we found and how we can find them again with them

What have we learnt?

- We can plan really exciting, person-centred solutions for really complex people, even in times when there is not much money
- Every case takes time, commitment and cooperation – commissioning, assessment, providers, housing, private companies
- We need to bring in outside expertise to help when we need it

Messages for the board

- We need to pull together a wide range of people to make it work – from clients and families to all council services, and other public and private sector services
- We need practical know-how to back up ideas about joint working
- We need everyone focussed on the individual and what is best for them

Any questions?