

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



Overview of the project

- Name of project : Move on Project
- Brief description : **Aims:**
 - To identify through review people able/ wishing to move on to greater independence.
 - To develop short and long term plans for people living with older carers.
 - To support 3 people to move to alternative accommodation of their choice.
- Money allocated to project:£ 20,000
- Main members who have been working on it?
Carolyn Fisher (Care Manager)

Making a Difference

- Positive things?
- A) Three people moved to supported accommodation.
 - 1) Young person in longer term residential care moved to Supp Acc.
 - 2) Long term Shared lives to shared flat with partner.
 - 3) Move from residential care to Supp Acc (own flat).
- B) Planned moves
 - 1) Person with a mild learning disability & a profound physical disability moving from residential care to his own flat – this was his long term aim.
 - 2) Person moving to live into Supp Acc with brother. Also involves a residential service that is re-modelling to offer Supp Acc to five people.
- C) We have reviewed & completed compatibility assessments and have been able to identify future service need for 10 people living with elderly carers. We worked with carers to prepare, some emergency plans.

Making a Difference



- Negative things:

Communication about services: Due to length of time caring, some carers had a mistrust of services. More time needed to promote the positive benefits of move on and develop carer confidence in services.

Service users: We have very limited time to work in depth with people to support their understanding of the need to move on and benefits of independence. More time is needed along with services being available to view in order for people to be able to have a vision of what they could choose.

Future of the project

- What happens next?
- We are going to meet with Commissioning to look at types of future services needed by these individuals.

If moves are in progress work to be continued to .
Follow-up reviews to be completed.

Future of the project

- How will the benefits of the project carry on?
 - 1) Team to review protocol for cases where a planned move is needed. Consider:
 - a) separate allocations list
 - b) One worker within the team to hold cases and work with commissioning to develop services
 - 2) Improve contact with older carers – look at having more regular reviews (some telephone reviews) to keep carers/ service users engaged in process.

Learning

- **What did you learn?**
- People who are settled in their existing accommodation are less likely to move on – because they are safe.
- **Was there anything that surprised you?**
- Older carers, especially some of our oldest are very independent and often would like to continue caring until they die; this can be a problem for the people they care for.
- The amount of time this took me to work through each person options / issues / needs.

Next Steps

- **Any recommendations or comments for the board?**
- We think further work needs to be done to establish how best to meet the needs of older carers.
- We think it would be useful to consider if we need to review older carers specifically and make more regular contact with them. This might impact on other reviewing though.
- We would like to be able to be more pro-active and less reactive to the needs of older carers.
- We need better systems for keeping records of people who will want / need to move on. (possibly care assess).

Any questions?