

A Place to Live
06/05/11
Room 1, 2nd Floor Bartholomew House

Attending:

Aideen Jones – Southdown Housing Association
Lou Aish – B&HCC LD services
Natalya Garzon – B&HCC LD Access
Stephen Wraige – B&HCC Housing Options Manager
Sue Garner Ford – B&HCC Housing Strategy
Daniel Parsonage – B&HCC Supporting People

Apologies:

Chris Bland – Grace Eyre Foundation
Mark Hendriks – B&HCC Adult Social Care

1. Spend to Save Project

DP outlined the project which involved 30 spot contracts in a 6 month pilot and asked AP2L for feedback and comments on the way forward

- Important that it is based on needs
- Must be based on individuals rather than service
- Need to publicise that costs can go up as well as down
- Important to share formula data such as wage levels

Action: AJ to forward new data from CLG on overhead costs

2. Impact of Changes

The group was asked to feedback comments and concerns on changes in the LD market and funding:

- No consultation prior to cuts
- Need to consider proposals from providers
- Need to consider inflation
- Cuts are weighted in year one which is difficult to manage
- Loss of non-LD services means that there is a multiple impact on people with lower LD needs
- Lower needs clients may end up inappropriately housed
- Need to consider loss of bricks and mortar
- Need more information on future LD commissioning plans
- Very hard to access PRS for clients at the moment
- Need to model the impact of HB changes

Action: SW to co-ordinate report with HB

- At next stage may need further investigation of leasing initiatives with housing associations – SHA Service A could be used for move on from LD Supported Living services
- Market needs to be examined in line with changes to B&HCC Allocations Policy: changes include accepted homeless clients being in band C, no longer able to defer band A whilst in supported, after declining three offers your status will be suspended, priority given to 'working' households

Action: DP to sort out session for support staff on new allocations policy

3. Review of LD Partnership Board

- The group looked at the information sheet supplied by Karen Kingsland
- AP2L support an ongoing partnership board
- The group commended work by LDPB on health checks, monitoring, and allocating tasks to subgroups
- The group thought that the subgroups needed a opportunity to feedback into the LDPB

4. LD Accommodation Plan

The group considered the questions from the LD Commissioner on the proposal.

- Need community and voluntary sector providers involved at the meetings
- Need information on how this will be different from the LD Accommodation Strategy
- Need to know what realistic opportunities there are for new commissioning
- Feel like AP2L has already fed back on what the city needs regarding accommodation solutions for people with learning disabilities
- Is this about remodelling? In which case what progress has been made against previous plans
- Questions around the Wellington Road development – Is it still on the table? Why did it stop? Good to keep providers in the loop as the questions around size, scope, style of project in the new plan seem similar to questions asked about WR
- Need a report on the previous plans; LD Housing Strategy, LD Accommodation, Plan etc; so we can look at lessons learnt